

# **Paul's Letter to the Philippians**

**Philippians 2:1- 8**

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- I. Introduction
  
- II. Unity through Humility
  - A. Verse 1 – 4 Reasons (“If’s”)
    - 1. Encouragement
    - 2. Comfort
    - 3. Fellowship
    - 4. Tenderness and Compassion
  
  - B. Verse 2 – Unity Described
    - 1. Same Mind
    - 2. Same Love
    - 3. Full Accord
    - 4. One Mind

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### C. Verse 3 – Two Negatives to Avoid; Two Positives to Follow

1. Negatives
  - a. Selfish Ambition (Rivalry)
  - b. Vain Conceit
2. Positives
  - a. Humility
  - b. Count Others More Significant

### D. Verse 4 - One Negative, One Positive

1. Not Only Own Interests
2. Interest of Others

## III. The Example of Christ

### A. Even though He was God, He did not cling to His rights as God (2:5–6)

1. He laid aside his glory (2:7a)
2. He took upon Himself the nature of a human servant (2:7b)
3. He humbled Himself (2:8a)
4. He became obedient and died on the cross (2:8b)

## IV. Conclusion