

Sermon Text: Philippians 2:1-11

Sermon Title: How Humble Unity Overcomes Gospel Enemies

Opening Readings:

- Philippians 2:1-11
- Philippians 1:27-30

Main Question: How does humble church unity overcome opposition to the gospel?

1. By living out spiritual realities (1)

Application: Be what you are in Christ

- Remember what we share as family in Christ
- Ask yourself what you will really care about in 10,000 years as you are sharing eternity with your church
- Have an eye for evidences of grace in others

Humble church unity overcomes opposition to the gospel by:

2. Adding joy to the lives of spiritual leaders (2)

Application: Add joy to my life by focusing on each other

- Bless and serve others in ordinary ways
- Show hospitality to one another
- Linger for fellowship on Sundays
- Stay for meals and meetings
- Show hospitality to neighbors
- Invite friends to worship

Humble church unity overcomes opposition to the gospel by:

3. Imitating Jesus Christ (3-8)

Application:

The humility of Christ will look like:

- Serving rather than self-interest (4,7)
- Obedience to God (8)
- Willing to suffer (8)

Watch out for pride

Quote: "There is no fault which makes man more unpopular, and no fault which we are more unconscious of in ourselves. And the more we have it ourselves, the more we dislike it in others...If you think you are not conceited, it means you are very conceited indeed."

“Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man he will be what most people call humble nowadays: he will not be a sort of greasy, smarmy person, who is always telling you that, of course, he is nobody. Probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful, intelligent chap who took a real interest in what you said to him. If you do dislike him it will be because you feel a little envious of anyone who seems to enjoy life so easily. He will not be thinking about humility; he will not be thinking about himself at all.”

Be encouraged: This mind is yours in Christ (5)

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4. Anticipating Christ (9-11)