



# Working Out What God Has Worked In Us

Philippians 2:1-13

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## INTRODUCTION:

Paul called on the Philippian Church to “complete his joy.” What could they do to bring the Apostle Paul joy? He was calling for a lifestyle of *unity, humility, and service* to other believers. You can listen to the sermon by clicking [here](#).<sup>1</sup>

## SCRIPTURE:

Turn to Philippians 2:1-13 in your Bible or [click here](#).



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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is the significance of Paul’s if/then statement in Phil. 2:1-2? Note that Paul did not doubt that there is encouragement from being united in Christ, comfort from Christ’s love, etc. Why does he list these qualities as a condition when he could have just charged the Philippians to live in unity?
2. In what specific way could you reach out to someone within our congregation in a manner that promotes unity? Consider how you have displayed humility within the context of interacting with other members of the congregation. Is there room for you to grow in humility, and if so, in what way? What is one thing you can do this week to serve another believers, particularly someone in our congregation?
3. Have you tried to live in unity, humility, and service to other believers and found it difficult? If so, that’s okay because it can be difficult. Consider how Jesus came to serve us and how difficult we can be as a people! Yet he never gives up on us. Remember that when we find living in unity, humility, and service to other believers difficult we must draw close to Christ, praying for help from the Holy Spirit. Christ is not only our example, but our source of strength. Let us draw near to him and near to each other.

## PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE:

*God calls us to display our Christ-centered faith by living an others-centered life.* We are to live in **unity, humility, and service** to other believers. We do this by adopting the mindset of Christ, who was himself God, but humbled himself by taking the form of a servant. Living in unity, humility, and service is an intentional choice we make and is accomplished through God’s power as a demonstration of our salvation. Instead of fighting to hold on to our own rights, let’s decide to strive to present everyone as mature in Jesus Christ.

## AT A GLANCE: Philippians 2:1–2 (NIV)

“Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.”

<sup>1</sup> <http://firstcentralbaptist.com/images/06-05-16.mp3>