

## One Mind

### Philippians 2

Philippians is a unique epistle of the apostle Paul. Every other epistle that Paul wrote to a church or churches was always written as a means to correct false doctrine. In Philippians however, Paul does not challenge them or correct them but rather gives some encouragement and instruction.

Read Philippians 2:1-8. What are the ways the Paul describes unity? How does unity help the church?

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In John 17:20-23 Jesus prays for all those who would believe. He prays for two types of unity for believers. He prays that they would be one with each other and that they would be in Him. How does this relate to what Jesus said in Matthew 22:37-40?

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Read I Peter 3:8, 1 Corinthians 1:10, Jude 1:19, and Romans 16:7. List some key differences between unity and division.

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A siphonophore is a colony of living organisms that all live so closely together they look like one organism. Each part of the siphonophore is dependent on another for survival. Some organisms trap and kill food, others digest and process the food, others aid in movement, and some help defend the colony. What a great picture of what the Church should look like. Read Romans 12:1-10 and I Corinthians 12:12-27. Think about the specific body of believers at ABC. How do the different members all work together with one common goal and how can you be a part of that? What roll can you or your family or your connection group play in using what God has blessed you with to help ABC reach its full potential.

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According to Romans 15:5-6 why is unity so important?

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Ultimately being of one mind, being unified, living in harmony has one goal and one purpose. To bring glory to God and shine as a light to the world. ABC is all about encouraging people in a real, personal relationship with Christ and being a unified body is an excellent way of accomplishing that goal.

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