

Phil 2:1–2**The challenge of being one as a church**

“Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy” Phil 2:1

NB...clusters of words

1. Gal 5:22,23... use of comma
2. Phil 2:1...use of “ifs”

Powerful reasons for us to be one**1. Consolation in Christ**

- a. παράκλησις ... paraklesis... come alongside, comfort, exhort (2 Cor 1)
- b. Exhortation in Christ
- c. Christ is central to all

2. Comfort of love

- a. παραμύθιον... paramuthion... consolation, comfort
- b. ἀγάπης... agape...love...
 - i. Paul has the brethren in his heart (Phil 1:7)
 - ii. He demonstrated love and consolation to the brethren...love from the Lord

3. Fellowship of the Spirit

- a. κοινωνία ... koinonia... fellowship, sharing
- b. Fellowship of the Spirit
 - i. Fellowship between Paul and the brethren from the first day until then (Phil 1:5)
 - ii. In fellowship, the Father and the Lord Jesus are involved (1 John 1:3)
 - iii. The Holy Spirit is involved in deep and meaningful fellowship.

4. Affection

- a. σπλάγχνα...splangna...affection, inner most feeling
- b. A reference to the affection of Jesus... (Phil 1:8)

5. Mercy

a. οἰκτιρμοί... oiktirmoi... mercy, compassion, pity...

i. eleeo ... to show mercy, compassion... (Phil 2:27)

ii. oiktirmoi... a deeper and more tender kind of mercy than eleeo

b. The challenge to show mercy to others

The personal plea of Paul for oneness

“fulfil my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.” Phil 2:2

1. The plea to fulfil his joy

a. πληρώσατέ... plaroeo...fulfil

b. χάραν... chara...grace, joy

2. The exhortation to be one

a. Same mind

i. τὸ αὐτὸ ...the same

ii. φρονῆτε... phroneo...think, mindset

iii. To have the same thinking as Paul

b. Same love

i. τὴν αὐτὴν... the same

ii. ἀγάπην ... agape...love

iii. Having the same love

c. One spirit

i. σύνψυχοι... sumpsuchos... adjective...same spirit, likeminded

ii. Being of one accord

d. One mind

i. φρονοῦντες, ... phroneo... exercise the mind

ii. Think only one thing