

# Unity Through Humility

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, May 10, 2020; Steve Thiel

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**Sermon Theme: Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are able to stand firm in the faith by putting the good news of the gospel first in every area of their lives, which requires them to follow Christ's example of humbly sacrificing and serving others, knowing that God will exalt them at the proper time!**

## **I. Call to Unity – Philippians 1:27-2:2**

- A. What is Paul's greatest desire for the Philippians (1:27-30)? What do you think it looks like to live as a citizen of the Kingdom of God and not just as a citizen of the United States?
- B. What do you make of the military language in this passage? How is the Christian life like a war? Do you think the Roman battle formation is a helpful picture of believers laboring for the gospel?
- C. What motivations does Paul give for the church to serve one another with compassion (2:1-2)?
- D. As you think of your relationships in the church, what issues, disagreements, or differences of opinion can prevent you from being unified with your brothers and sisters in Christ?

## **II. Call to Humility – Philippians 2:3-11**

- A. Do you find it challenging to avoid rivalry and to put the needs of others ahead of your own? How would the church be different if everyone faithfully lived out Philippians 2:3-4?
- B. Why does the Apostle Paul highlight doctrines like the incarnation of Christ and the humiliation of Christ in these verses? What is it about the details of these doctrines that make the Lord Jesus Christ the greatest example of humility (2:5-11)?
- C. How would you like to grow in humility? How will that help us to stay united as a church?
- D. The passage ends by saying that Christ's work was done "to the glory of God the Father." How does this encourage you to live a humble, others-oriented life for the glory of God the Father?

## **III. Call to Work – Philippians 2:12-13**

- A. How is it possible that we are working and God is working at the same time (2:12-13)?
- B. What are some practical things you can do to work at being self-forgetful and others-oriented?
- C. 1 Peter 5:6-7 declares that God will exalt all true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ at the proper time. Why is it critical to remember that God is One who exalted the Lord Jesus Christ and God is the One who will exalt us? How does that future exaltation motivate you in the present time?