

# Living Like a Church Family (Part 1)

Philippians 2:1-4

I. To experience true Christian unity, we must build upon some common Christian experiences.

*So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, (v.1)*

The word so is translated therefore  
in the NIV.

*Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. (1:27-28a)*

*I entreat [urge, plead with] Euodia and I  
entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. (4:2)*

*encouragement in Christ*

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*any participation in the Spirit,*

*any affection and sympathy (or compassion)*

II. To experience true Christian unity, we must develop a common Christian mindset.

*complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. (v.2)*

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*Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.*

*(1 Cor.13:4-8a)*

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C. We need to be in *in full accord and of one mind*.

NASB: *united in spirit, intent on one purpose*.

Some of the ways God changes us:

1. We will be united.

*you are standing firm in one spirit,  
with one mind striving side by side for the  
faith of the gospel, (v.27b).*

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*- Acts 2:42-47*