

# Paul's Letter of Joy

**Methods For  
Christian Unity**

**Philippians 2:3 - 5**





# Story Of A Selfish Man On A Train

***Patrick Henry shouted,  
“Give me liberty or give me death.”***

***The next generation shouted,  
“Give me liberty.”***

***The present generation shouts,  
“Give me.”***

***People who live for self never succeed in  
satisfying self or anybody else. - Trumbull***

**The leech has two daughters,  
“Give,” “Give.”**

**Proverbs 30:15**

# ***Application To Philippians 2:1-8***

- v. 1** - ***Motivation for Christian Unity***
- v.2** - ***Principle for Christian Unity***
- v. 3 – 5** - ***Methods for Christian Unity***
- v. 5-8** - ***Example of Christian Unity***



# ***Methods for Christian Unity***

***Philippians 2:3***

***1<sup>st</sup> Method - “Do nothing from selfishness”***

***\* Meaning of **selfishness** is . . .***

***“one who seeks for himself”***

A large, leafy green tree stands in a field of green grass under a blue sky with light clouds. The tree's trunk is thick and grey, and its roots are exposed and spread out in the dark brown soil below the ground line. The text "Selfishness" is written in yellow, italicized font across the canopy, and "Has a Family of Sins" is written in the same style across the roots.

***Selfishness***

***Has a Family  
of Sins***



# *Christians Should Seek To Serve Christ Regardless of the Benefit*

*Phil. 1:1* - **Paul** was a slave of Christ

*James 1:1* - **James** was a slave of Christ

*2 Pet. 1:1* - **Peter** was a slave of Christ

*Jude 1* - **Jude** was a slave of Christ

*Rev. 1:1* - **John** was a slave of Christ



# ***Methods for Christian Unity***

***Philippians 2:3***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Method - “Do nothing from empty conceit”***

***\* Meaning of empty conceit is . . .***

***“empty-glory or superior”***



***I am the vine, you  
are the branches***

***Apart from Me you  
can do nothing.***



# ***Methods for Christian Unity***

***Philippians 2:3***

**3<sup>rd</sup> Method** - ***“With humility of mind regard one another as more important.”***

**\* Meaning of *more important* . . .**

***“have-over or superior to”***

**“Message  
is”**

***treat  
others as  
being  
superior  
to you***





# ***Methods for Christian Unity***

***Philippians 2:4***

***4<sup>th</sup> Method*** - ***“do not look out for your personal interests, but also for the interests of others.”***

***\* Meaning of look out means . . .***

***“exert effort to acquire new information”***



***“look out” has the idea of exerting effort to acquire new information***



# *Summary*

- **We prevent unity amongst Christians.**
- **Unity is a choice.**
- **Work of the Holy Spirit, yet, we are also told to not be selfish.**
- **In verse 5 we are told to be like Jesus.**