



## Part 7: Joyful Unity

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All scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted.

**Christian Joy** is the emotional response of the soul from the Holy Spirit which produces supernatural spiritual strength for life. (Galatians 5:22, Nehemiah 8:10)

### REVIEW

#### **Marks of a Worthy Life**

Standing Firm on the word of God against evil.

Striving Together to further the kingdom of God.

Living Fearlessly as we stand firm and strive together.

Suffering For Jesus as we live differently in this world.

### Study Verse Section

Philippians 1:1-2 (ESV)-**So** (οὖν) *Therefore* **if** (εἰ) *since, because* **there is any encouragement** (παράκλησις) *relief felt during affliction* **in Christ** (ἐν Χριστῷ) **any comfort** (παραμύθιον) *comfort felt while being consoled* **from love** (ἀγάπης), **any participation** (κοινωνία) *we get our word* **fellowship in the Spirit** (πνεύματος), **any affection** (σπλάγγνα) *deepest feelings* **and sympathy** (οἰκτιρμοί) *mercy; compassion*, **complete** (πληρώσατέ) *fill up* **my joy by being of the same mind** (αὐτὸ φρονῆτε) *same thought, to set ones mind on*, **having the same love** (αὐτὴν ἀγάπην), **being in full accord** (σύμψυχοι) *united in one spirit* **and of one mind** (ἐν φρονοῦντες) *one thought, to set ones mind on*.

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# A Unified Church

## 1. THE MOTIVATION

Philippians 1:27-28 (ESV)- 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. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

John 17:20-21 (ESV)-“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

## 2. THE MEANS

Philippians 2:1 (ESV)- So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,

## 3. THE MARKS

Philippians 1:27 (ESV)- 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.

Philippians 2:2 (ESV)-complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

*A unified church is one that reflects the standards, values, transformation, and importance of the gospel.*

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Unity is not conformity!

**Here is the Point:** Our joyful unity points to an amazing God!

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