

Phil. 2:1-4

# *Complete My Joy: Harmony and Humility*

Sermon Notes from Pastor Dennis Tuuri for the Feast of the Circumcision, January 1, 2012

**Intro:** 8th Day Circumcision, New Man, Significance of Unity, Significance of Today's Text

## **Center of Barach/Leithart Philippians Outline**

F. Conduct: unity (1:27-30) "**salvation**"

G. Having the "in Christ Jesus" thinking (2:1-11)

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## **Philippians 2:1–3; 5-8**

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

**5** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours **in Christ Jesus**,

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

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**3** Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility **count** others more significant than yourselves.

**6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not **count** equality with God a thing to be grasped,

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**7** but **emptied** himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

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**8** And being found in human form, he **humbled** himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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### Grounds, Motivation of Christian Unity

**1 So** if [since - 37%] there is any encouragement in Christ,  
any comfort from love, [Father - 2 Cor. 13:14]  
any participation in the Spirit,  
**any affection and sympathy,**

### Results, Marks, Expression of Christian Unity

**2 complete my joy** by being of the **same mind**,  
having the same love,  
being in full accord [co-souled, together in spirit]  
and of **one mind [purpose]**. [See Phil. 2:5-11]

### Means of Christian Unity

- 3** Do nothing from selfish ambition [rivalry] or conceit,  
**but** in humility count others more significant than yourselves.  
["count" Phil. 2:6; 3:7,8; 1 Th. 5:13; 1 Tim. 6:1; James 1:2' Lk/ 22"26]
- 4** Let each of you look not only to his own interests,  
**but** also to the interests of others.

### How To Develop an Other-Centered Mindset Source: Internet Book by Alan Shafer

1. Find out about the needs and concerns of others.
2. Attempt to be a positive influence on other people.
3. Learn to pray for others more than you pray for yourself.
4. Ask yourself if getting your way will be best for the church.
5. Forfeit a goal of your own now and then for the sake of unity.
6. Deny yourself something for the sake of someone else.
7. Learn the joy of ministering to others.
8. Lose an argument now and then.
9. Don't always strive to have the last word.