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## A Fresh Look (Philippians 2:1-4)

by Warren Berkley

*Philippians 2:1-4: "So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."*

The main idea of this brief paragraph is immediately clear. It is about how Christians are to think and interact with other Christians.

Why is this important? Because there is "encouragement in Christ," and there is "comfort from love." In Christ, we are equipped to encourage one another. In Christ there is joy and "comfort of love," which enables us to be of the same mind, the same good attitude with each other.

The key words here are loaded with motive, good will and unity, which ought to have very direct and practical impact on each of us, as we let this part of Scripture change us and probe our hearts.

Living under the authority and example of Christ, we are able to be "of the same mind." No. This doesn't mean we are mental clones. Rather, the center governing principle of our inner thoughts are the same. There is unity of thought among us because of our

mutual submission to Christ. We think alike because we serve the same Master. It is that simple.

Similarly, "the same love." This is not about us imitating each other, to achieve this sameness. This is about imitating Christ and following Him, resulting in the inner and outer presence of this love. It is self-will and care that reaches out actively to serve others in the best possible way.

When Christians are "on the same page" following Christ, there is this uniformity and harmony of thought and attitude, "being of full accord and of one mind."

The negative of this teaching is: "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves." Any words or actions which are driven by selfish ambition or conceit should be resisted, rejected and internally rebuked by followers of Christ. It is not who we are.

Rather, "in humility," we are inclined to "count others more significant than" ourselves. If it can be said that we look out for Number One, that One is Jesus the Christ, not us, not self, not a group or network of close, limited friends.

To be even more specific: "Let each of you look not only to his own interest, but also to the interests of others."

## Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends.

**We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.**

## Important Dates

**San Marcos** - gospel meeting, February 25-27 with David Watson.

**San Antonio** - Grissom Road is having a gospel meeting March 4-6 with Alan Wood.

*If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.*

Are you on the “look out” for yourself or for others? Is your interests of heart self-centered? To whatever extent that is true of you, you are not aligned with the Savior.

## Prayer Requests

**Jack Wilson** has improved some but still has limited mobility.

**Jerry Richardson** is still undergoing cancer treatments.

**Karen Hallmark** has improved but is still struggling with her health and her eyes, as well as asthma.

**Dinah Williams** is home but still has very limited mobility.

**Don Simmons** is home and still struggling with his breathing; he is on oxygen at all times.

**John Miller (Dyanne Turner’s brother)** is undergoing treatment for liver cancer.

**Mark Braddock** has stage 4 cancer and is not going to seek treatment. He is starting to feel poorly from it.

**Debbie McMurray** is undergoing chemo.

**Randall Vanaman** is having problems with one of his feet. He has a procedure scheduled for March 4

**David Beckley** is having health problems but has improved some.

**Jim Trammel** is having heart issues and is waiting for tests (scheduled for Feb 22)

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,”  
(Ephesians 6:18 ESV)

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord’s body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord’s will.

We are not a part of any larger organization - we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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