

**The Third Part in the Series “The Choice to Rejoice!”  
Having Unity with Others (Philippians 2:1–4)**

“I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord.” (Philippians 4:2)

“Since you have encouragement from being united with Christ, comfort from his love, fellowship with the Spirit tenderness and compassion ...” (Philippians 2:1)

“Make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose [*sympsychoi*].” (Philippians 2:2)

**HOW TO HAVE UNITY WITH OTHERS**

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*“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.”* (Philippians 2:3)

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*“In humility consider others better than yourselves.”* (Philippians 2:3)

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*“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”* (Philippians 2:4)

**For next week:** Read Philippians 2:5–11 and answer these questions:

1. The Nicene Creed describes Jesus, in part, with these words, “God of God, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father.” How are these words a summary of these verses?
2. What is so shocking about “death on a cross”?
3. Describe the joy that will radiate from your heart when, at Christ’s Second Coming, you confess with all the faithful, “Jesus Christ is Lord.”