



## 12. United we stand Philippians 2:1-4

- The church is God's family & The church is full of sinful people
- Therefore **unity** amongst Christians is both beautiful and essential

### 1. **The Threat: We seek our own Enriching**

- Why do people fight? Paul isn't talking about issues of truth
  - a) **We resent others 'riches'**
    - "Selfish ambition" – we want what someone else has
    - Inclined to squabble because others have got their way
  - b) **We want our own glory**
    - "vain conceit" = "groundless glory"
    - Thinking we are better, wanting things to revolve around us
- Question for friction: Do they really owe me what I think they owe?
- Question for friction: Has my quest for glory taken a knock?

### 2. **The Solution: We are enriched by Christ**

- Instead of seeking our status/riches/glory from other humans we are to realise what we have got through Jesus (v1)
  - a) **United to Christ**
    - On the winning side, accepted, righteous, forgiven, secure
    - Grasp this, and worry less about being successful in this world
  - b) **Loved by God**
    - From before time, in spite of my sins, forever
    - Grasp this, and stop trying to feel good at others expense
  - c) **Fellowship with the Holy Spirit**
    - The Holy Spirit improving me, making me more Christlike
  - d) **God's tenderness and compassion**
    - Sometimes we just want someone to care – He does

### 3. **The Outworking: We are to enrich others**

- Since we have constant supplies of riches, we can keep enriching others
  - a) **A loving unity of purpose – v2**
    - "like minded" not clones, but with the same goals/purpose
    - "the same love" – same as God's love for them, but for each other
  - b) **Humility of opinion – v3b**
    - Others are worthy of your serving, since Christ died for them
  - c) **Service of others – v4**
    - Looking at others needs, what is best for them, for everybody



Sunday 11th October 09

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### Notices

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| Sun                  | Evening service at  | 8pm    |
| Tues                 | Bible Study at @ Robert & Judith's  | 8pm    |
| Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> | Leaflet distribution in Derry for church planting work there<br>Please speak to me if you are able to go<br>Presbytery Youth event - Faughan RP Church (Drumahoe) - Sat evening | 9.30am |
| Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> | Services back in the day centre   |        |
| Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> | Come and hear about our mission work in France. Convoy RP Church  | 8pm    |
| Wed 11th             | Presbytery date change - 11th November  |        |

### Presbytery Psalm Singing Practices

Oct 11th - Faughan 8.15pm; Oct 18th - Bready 8.15pm.

### getting to know the WIDER CHURCH

Congregation: Faughan  
Presbytery: Western  
Location: Drumahoe, outside Derry  
Pastor: Steven Robinson, married to Zita, 3 sons:  
Daniel (10), Adam (8) and Mark (5)



### Prayer points:

- Youth club. Pray that more people from the congregation would be willing to help. Pray that young people would put their trust in Jesus Christ.
- Monthly door-to-door work. Pray that those spoken to will become Christians.
- 6 Chinese people at morning services. Pray that they would grow in their understanding of English and understand the gospel as they hear it preached.
- Pray for the outreach work in Derry. Pray for the upcoming leaflet distribution and meetings. Pray that a church will be established there.

Sunday 18th - Philippians 2:5-11

Opening Psalm: 106:17-21

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