

Christ Supreme

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Philippians 2:1-5.
- B. Love for one another is the sign of discipleship.
- C. Christians are supposed to live together in love.
- D. A problem with the church is a lack of unity.

II. The first key of unity is the remembrance of certain doctrinal facts.

- A. Every Christian received Christ into his life.
- B. Every Christian responded to the love of God.
- C. Every Christian was regenerated by the Spirit.

III. The second key to unity is exposure to spiritual influences.

- A. This is firstly the encouraging influence of Christ.
- B. This is the confident influence of love.
- C. This is the unifying influence of the Spirit.
- D. This is the breaking influence of mercy.

IV. The third key to unity is personal conduct.

- A. Think the same thing.
- B. Have the same love.
- C. Have your soul with another person's soul.

V. Conclusion.

Applications questions:

1. Read Philippians 2:1-5. Why is unity so important for Paul?

2. Why must unity first be a matter of doctrine and spiritual influence before personal conduct?

3. What can you do to bring more unity to your group in light of the message? Explain.
