

**HOW TO MAINTAIN UNITY IN THE CHURCH:
THINKING LIKE CHRIST JESUS
Philippians 2:5-8**

I. WE ARE COMMANDED TO CONTINUALLY THINK LIKE CHRIST (5)

I. THE MIND OF CHRIST IN REGARD TO OUR POSITION WITH OTHER BELIEVERS:

Although existing in the form of God (He is God), **Christ didn't regard His rightful equality with God a thing to be held onto**, but **He emptied Himself** becoming like us, **taking the form of a servant** (one who submits to a master to do His will) **(6-7)**

A. HIS EXAMPLE: Although existing in the form of God (He is God), **Christ didn't regard His rightful equality with God a thing to be held onto (6)**

B. OUR APPLICATION: Looking at His example, although we are equal in Christ, we are to not think of equality with each other as something to hold onto

C. HIS EXAMPLE: But rather **He emptied Himself** becoming like us, **taking the form of a servant** (one who submits to a master to do His will) **(7)**

D. OUR APPLICATION: Thinking like Him, we are to rather become servants of God and thus each other

II. THE MIND OF CHRIST IN REGARD TO OUR PRACTICE WITH OTHER BELIEVERS:

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(Next week)

III. THE RESULT OF TRUE HUMILITY, EXALTATION AT THE PROPER TIME: Jesus is rightfully exalted (9-11)