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**THE CHRISTIAN MINDSET (IN THE CHURCH)
Philippians 2:1-11**

*Philippians 2:1 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.
5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:
6 Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
7 rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!
9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.*

Today, we're in Part 4 of the Christian Mindset within the church based on Philippians 2:1-11,

**We've already done Strive for 1. UNITY, Treat each other with 2. HUMILITY
By God's grace, today we'll start with
Serve one another 3. SACRIFICIALLY**

We won't be able to finish this because today by God's grace, we will appoint the elders and then do the Lord's Table

Reminder again, that these are interconnected based on how Paul wrote it.

What do I mean by this?

The church must strive for Unity but it can only happen if we treat each other with Humility and we can only treat each other with Humility if we serve one another Sacrificially just like our Lord Jesus Christ did.

(Pray first)

Quick review:

I. Strive for UNITY

Philippians 2:1 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Reminder again why unity in the church is important? It's because it is the prayer of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 17: 20 "My prayer is not for them alone (talking about the disciples). I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, (talking about all future believers which include us) 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Why is unity important to our Lord Jesus Christ?

Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.
It's because our unity affects our witness.

But how can we be united? Remember, this are all connected.

HUMILITY IS THE SECRET INGREDIENT TO UNITY.

2. Treat each other with HUMILITY.

Here's how we practice humility : Forget self and Value others. (Repeat)

3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

A person who is others-focused, forgets one-self.

And based on the text, we value others by treating them more important than us and by taking a real interest in who they are and their needs.

And as I said earlier, we can only treat each other with humility if we

3. Serve one another SACRIFICIALLY.

STORY : Have you heard the story about the chicken and the pig who wanted to contribute to the church breakfast program?

So one time, the chicken and the pig were walking together and they passed by a church. There was a big sign in the church that says that they were looking for volunteers or donations in the church breakfast feeding program – specifically, they were looking for donations for bacon and eggs.

The chicken stopped and said to the pig. “Oh, we can contribute to this.” The chicken said to the pig, “I will contribute the eggs and you contribute the bacon.” The pig said, “To you, that’s only a contribution, for me that’s a sacrifice.”

Verses 5-8 shows that as part of the church, we need to serve one another SACRIFICIALLY.

You may ask, what does it mean to serve one another SACRIFICIALLY? What does the word “sacrifice” entail?

The best explanation I can give you is this story from 2 Samuel 24.

Biblical Illustration : Long story short, God sent a plague to Israel because David asked Joab and his commanders to count his fighting men which was 800,000 in Israel and 500,000 in David. So over-all, it was 1.3M. After they gave him the count, David immediately was struck by his conscience knowing that he sinned against the Lord. Why? It’s because of pride. He thought that his kingdom is strong and has expanded simply because of their own might!

(Note : And this is sometimes we need to be careful as a church, we can sometimes be proud of what we have – like, the number of people who attend the church, or the number of years we have as a church, or in a number of cases, the amount of money we have in the bank. I preached in this one church because I learned later, the reason they were inviting preachers is because they “fired” their pastor (and they were even proud of it). After preaching, they were convincing me to become their pastor and one of the elders boasted to me that they have \$900,000 in the bank as a church. My first question was, “Why do you have \$900,000 in the bank?” We shouldn’t be hoarding God’s money and be proud of it simply because you’re getting your security as a church from it.)

Anyways, back to the story....

So God gave David 3 choices as the consequence of his pride – 3 years of famine or 3 months of fleeing from their enemies or 3 days of plague. So David chose 3 days of plague because he’s rather fall in God’s hand than the enemy’s hand because he knows that God is full of mercy. So, the plague came and 70,000 people died.

Note : We have to remember, this is God showing to David that the reason why they are strong is because God was protecting them. It is God showing David that this is what happens when His protection is taken away.

But when the angel of the Lord was about to destroy Jerusalem, (Remember, in the story of 2 Kings 19 one angel killed 185,000 enemy soldiers in a single night.) God stopped the angel and David saw it stopped in the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

David wanted to thank the Lord by wanting to offer a sacrifice there. David told Araunah that he wanted to buy his threshing floor and build an altar there. Araunah said to David, I will just give it to you and even the oxen and even the wood that can be used to burn an offering to the Lord.

But here's the reply of David:

2 Samuel 24: 24 But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing."

This means to serve others sacrificially, **it needs to cost us something!**

Illustration : I remember the story of a proud rich man who said to another church member, "I gave \$1000 to the church and it didn't affect me." He was saying that it's nothing to him, he can easily give away \$1000. So the church member said to him, "Then give \$2000, 3000, \$5000 or until it affects you."

Our Lord expects us to serve others sacrificially because that's what He did.

Let's look at the verse :

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

I love the original Greek in this. It literally translates to this.

Anglicized : Touto phroneite en hymin ho kai en Christ Jesus »

"This think in you which also in Christ Jesus."

It means, "How we think should be the same on how the Jesus Christ thinks." That's why other translations, say, "

Philippians 2:5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. (NLT)

In short, these should be our mindset! A SACRIFICIAL MINDSET!

And you know what is one of the thing that hurts when you give up something for the sake of unity... It hurts our pride... that's why AGAIN, HUMILITY IS THE SECRET INGREDIENT TO UNITY.

So what was the Sacrificial Mindset of our Lord Jesus Christ?

HOW DID OUR LORD SHOW IT?

- **He sacrificed His own STATUS**

Look at this :

*6 Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
7 rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.*

- **He sacrificed His own SELF.**

*8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!*

And with this I pause because we will appoint the elders and do The Lord's Table. We'll continue on June 21 after Father's Day.

I encourage you Beloved of Christ, if there's a sermon you shouldn't miss, it is this.

Why? You will see the Greatness of our Lord Jesus Christ and how Great is His love for us.

After this series, you will sing differently the songs
"How Great is Our God"

Or the song by Chris Tomlin "You are my King"
He has a line in that song that says,
"Amazing love, how can it be
That You, my King, should die for me?"

After that sermon series, by God's grace and with the power of the Holy Spirit, you will sing that differently if you understand truly the love of God for us.

We will now go to the appointment of elders.

By God's grace, we had our first elders meeting yesterday.

Quick summary : We acknowledged that Jesus is the head of the church and He was with us during the meeting.

Highlights of the meeting

- Finalized the vision of the church and the doctrine of faith which I'll show later.
- We will rename the church – ironing out details in the coming days

- We have chosen the deacons and I'll start talking with those people.
- We've already set the direction on how we're going to unify the prayer meeting and the Bible studies.

Exciting days ahead by God's grace. Please continue to pray for the church.

VISION AND MISSION :

A Spirit-filled Church equipped with the Word to equip other believers and evangelize the lost.

OUR PURPOSE AS A CHURCH

The Great Commandment

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it : Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Laws and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:37-40

The Great Commission

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

Remember, my teaching about unity where I said, Quote from Greg Laurie.

In the essentials; unity.

In the non-essentials; liberty.

In everything; charity

This is the essentials and we must be united on this and this shouldn't be compromised, altered and must be defended.

PRESENTATION OF DOCTRINE OF FAITH

OUR DOCTRINE OF FAITH

This Doctrine of Faith is declared by this church to be the tenets of truth in which we base our beliefs as revealed by the one and only true God through the Christian Bible.

We understand that what he has clearly revealed through His Word must never be altered nor compromised. (Revelations 22:18-19; Mark 13:31)

The Truth About God

There is only One, True, Unchanging and Sovereign God who has no beginning and no end and has existed eternally as a Triune Being – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is the creator and ultimate owner of everything and every being in the universe. God is the only one who is Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient. He is just and loving and thrice holy in all his motives, revelations and actions.

Genesis 1:1, 26, 27; Psalm 24:1; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; Acts 17:28; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Isaiah 6:3; Titus 1:2; James 1:17; 1 Chronicles 29:11-12

The Truth About Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is God, the Son of God who existed eternally with God. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit. He became flesh and was born by a virgin. He is fully God and fully man who led a sinless life. He was crucified on the cross. Through the shedding of His blood, the penalty for sin has been paid once and for all and for all time. He died on the cross and was buried and on the third day He rose from the dead. He ascended to the Father in Heaven and reigns actively as the true Head of His Church interceding for His body. He is coming again bodily and visibly to set up His Kingdom on earth as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5, 14; Hebrews 4:14-15; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 1:3-4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13; Ephesians 1:22; Hebrews 7:25.

The Truth About The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is God and possesses all the attributes of God. He indwells all believers and baptizes at the moment when Jesus Christ is believed and received as their only Lord and Saviour. It is through His work that people are illuminated by God's Word, convicted of sin, convinced of their need of a Saviour and controls the lives of true believers who are given power to live a life of obedience, confession of sins and submission to Him.

Romans 8:9-11; 2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18.

The Truth About the Bible

The Bible with all its 66 books (39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament) is the Word of God. It is supernaturally inspired and is the basis of our faith that is given once and for all. It is inerrant and infallible. It is the only supreme authority in all matters of belief, doctrine and conduct. It is sufficient and clear and is a necessity for true Christian living.

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Psalms 119:105; Psalms 19:7-11; Proverbs 30:5. Jude 1:3

The Truth About Salvation

Salvation is a free gift from God for the forgiveness of sins, impartation of new nature and for life eternal. It is received when a person puts his trust in Jesus Christ as His Lord and Saviour alone. It is only by God's grace and can never be earned by good works or by any other means.

Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6; John 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1

(There are four other truths/doctrine we read and if you need a copy, please reach out to me and we will also place it in our future social media pages and our future website by God's grace)

The Truth About Man's Depravity

The Truth About The Church

The Truth About Ordinances

The Truth About Angels

We'll go now to the

APPOINTMENT OF ELDERS

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as our Lord Jesus Christ was the one who established His church and continues to be the Head of the church, He has set upon His Word that elders should be appointed in each church.

Today, by God's grace, we will appoint the following men to be His elders in this church.

(Call elders one by one and stand in front)

Antonio Frias, Jerry Borillo, Melchor Frias, , Saldy Latosa Sebastian Pinnavaria, Vir Raras (Noel Gallora, Roger Malunes are out of the country right now, we will appoint them once they come back)

(Addressing the elders)

(The Three Vows)

To the elders, you were chosen within the qualifications found primarily in God's Word as written in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9.

Do you vow, by God's grace and with the power of the Holy Spirit to continue to live a life that is above reproach; self-controlled; not addicted to alcohol, nor to be violent, not

greedy, hospitable and gentle, faithful to one wife, manage your household well, hold and teach sound doctrine and have a good reputation with outsiders?

Elders : I do.

As a fellow elder, do you vow to adhere to the duties of an elder according to 1 Peter 5:1-4, *Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.*

Looking forward to the greatest reward we can get is when our Chief Shepherd appears who is our Lord Jesus Christ, He will give us a crown of glory that never fades?

Elders : I do.

Do you also vow to adhere, teach and defend the Doctrine of Faith mentioned in the Bible regarding the truth about God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, The Bible, Salvation, Man's Depravity, the Church, Ordinances and Angels?

Elders : I do.

(Addressing the church – ask them to stand up)

To the church, do you vow to adhere in what God's Word says regarding our elders according to Hebrews 13:17 *“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.”*

Church : We do.

(Pastor lays hands on the elders and asks the church to surround them and also lay their hands on them)

Prayer: Our Father in Heaven, we acknowledge your Son, Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is the Head of this church and we thank You for appointing us elders who will direct, guide and protect Your church with the power of the Holy Spirit. We now commit these elders to you Oh Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that they will continue to fulfill the duties that You have set for them and give them the power to live a life that is pleasing to You according to Your Word. We also pray that You will give them a servant's heart and do their duties with love for You and Your church, remembering that the primary purpose of everything that we do is to give You all the glory and honor looking forward to the greatest

reward that they can ever have is to hear you say, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”
We pray this in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, who is our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD (will need a hand microphone)

(Ask Sebastian, Saldy, Jerry and Met to distribute the elements, after distributing the elements, they go back in front)

(Pastor reminds the church on why we are doing this and asks the church to examine themselves)

We talked earlier about having a sacrificial mindset and sacrifice means, it costs us something to offer or give it.

Our Lord Jesus Christ cost him his own Son – life.

God sacrificed His own Son in order for us to be saved.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His own Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

(Prayer)

Tony leading the partaking of the bread from 1 Corinthians 11:23-24

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

(Tony asks the church to partake of the bread)

Vir leading the partaking of the wine from 1 Corinthians 11:25-26

25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

(Vir asks the church to partake of the wine)

(Pastor prays)

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