

Dessert for Those Who Are Still Hungry!

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1 Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort provided by love, any fellowship in the Spirit, any affection or mercy, 2 complete my joy and be of the same mind, by having the same love, being united in spirit, and having one purpose. 3 Instead of being motivated by selfish ambition or vanity, each of you should, in humility, be moved to treat one another as more important than yourself. 4 Each of you should be concerned not only about your own interests, but about the interests of others as well. Philippians 2, NET

1. If all we had to go on was Philippians 2:1-11, what problems would you assume the church at Philippi was experiencing?
2. Read over the verses at the top of this page as you think back through your experience in the various churches you've attended. Circle the blessings you experienced. Put rectangles around the difficulties you've experienced.
3. In verse one Paul reminds his readers of three supernatural resources we have that are the basis for unity in the church:
 - a. Encouragement and comfort because we are in **Christ**
 - b. The loving comfort **God the Father** gives through life's trials
 - c. The promise of fellowship with and through the **Holy Spirit**

Think back through this past week, month, year. How have you experienced any of these in your life? In your family's life? In your life as part of South Hill Bible Church?

Take a few moments to thank our triune God for His available and abundant resources.

4. Who are the Christians in your life that you are "out of step" with because of "selfish ambition" or "vanity" or lack of concern for the "interests of others" (either on your part or theirs)? In view of what this passage teaches, what would the Lord have you do to heal this division? This week, "take it to the Lord in prayer."