

True Christian Fellowship

Philippians 2:5-11

True Christian fellowship requires ...

1. A selfless attitude.

Philippians 2:5 | ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

2. A servant's heart.

Philippians 2:6-7 | ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

A. He set aside his personal privileges.

Philippians 2:7a | ⁷ but emptied himself,

B. He set aside his preeminent position.

Philippians 2:7b | ⁷ by taking the form of a servant,

C. He set aside his personal prominence.

Philippians 2:7c | ⁷ being born in the likeness of men.

3. A sacrificial spirit.

Philippians 2:8 | ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

A. We must embrace humble submission.

Philippians 2:8a | ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,

B. We must endure humiliating shame.

Philippians 2:8b | ⁸ even death on a cross.

Conclusion:

The way to joy is through sacrifice.

Philippians 2:9-11 | ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.