

“Paul’s Plea for Spiritual Unity”

Philippians 2:1

I. The Motives for Unity

A. The Encouragement We Have in Christ

B. The Love We Share in Christ

C. The Fellowship We Have in the Spirit

Fellowship – partnership, community, and sharing.

Our motivation:

To please the Spirit and give Him what He wants.

What He wants is UNITY.

D. The Affection and Compassion We Have in the Spirit

1. Affection

A living relationship with a Savior who encourages exhorts, and ministers to us.

2. Compassion

Paul used the word compassion four times in his epistles.

Twice it is translated “mercies”

The compassion God shows us ought to result in unity in the church.

That’s what He desires.

E. The Spiritual Relationship We Have with Our Church Leaders