



GULF SHORES
CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY NIGHT SERIES

REASON TO REJOICE #3

Unshakable Unity (Philippians 2:1-18)

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Introduction: We live in a world filled with sorrow, trials, and turmoil. God never expected us to get comfortable in this world, but He does hope we will find contentment in Him. Jesus said, “*These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full*” (**John 15:11**). On Sunday nights we are considering Paul’s letter to the Philippians. Each week we are noticing some of the reasons he gave them to rejoice. So far in this series we have noticed how he told them to rejoice over unshakable fellowship and unsinkable faith. Tonight I want us to see the benefits of unshakable unity. Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. Unshakable Unity in the Holy Spirit (2:1-2)

John 16:7, I Corinthians 2:12-16, II Timothy 3:16-17, Romans 8, Philippians 2:2, Ephesians 4:3, Acts 2:40-47

II. Unshakable Unity in the Family (2:3-4)

I Corinthians 3:16-17, I Corinthians 6:9-11, Ephesians 2:19, John 1:12, I John 3:1-2, John 3:3-8, Acts 2:38-39, Romans 8, Galatians 6:10, I Timothy 3:15, Matthew 7:12

III. Unshakable Unity in the Son of God (2:5-8)

John 3:16, John 10:10, John 11:25, John 14:6, I Corinthians 6:14, I Corinthians 15:19, I Thessalonians 4:13-18

IV. Unshakable Unity in the Heavenly Father (2:9-14)

Matthew 6:9-13, James 4:10, Acts 11:26, Acts 26:28, I Peter 4:16

V. Unshakable Unity in Yourself (2:15-18)

Leviticus 19:18, Matthew 19:19, Matthew 22:39, Mark 12:31, Luke 10:27, Romans 13:9, Galatians 5:14, James 2:8, James 1:2

Conclusion: Paul is challenging us to keep unity among God’s people. He is urging us to have unshakable unity. Remember the prayer of Jesus in **John 17**? What did Jesus hope for among His people? Unity. He wants us to stand united for the kingdom of God. Will you keep unity in the body of Christ? Will you allow Paul’s message to change your heart? Have you experienced the joy of salvation? Have you been added to the family of God? The Lord is has great plans for you! Will you stand in His way?