

REASONS FOR CHURCH HARMONY

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

PHILIPPIANS 2

1 Therefore if there is any **encouragement in Christ**, if there is any **consolation of love**, if there is any **fellowship of the Spirit**, if any **affection and compassion**, ² make my joy complete by being of **the same mind**, maintaining **the same love**, **united in spirit**, intent on **one purpose**.

Qualities to reflect on as belonging to each of us.

If there are any;

- encouragement in Christ
- consolation of love
- fellowship of the Spirit
- affection and compassion

Qualities our fellowship times, strive for.

By being of;

- the same mind
- maintaining the same love
- united in spirit
- intent on one purpose

ROMANS 12

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, so that **you may prove** what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

EPHESIANS 4

¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the **building up of the body of Christ**; ¹³ until we all attain to the **unity of the faith, and of the knowledge** of the Son of God, to a **mature** man, to the measure of the **stature** which belongs to the **fullness** of Christ.

SAME LOVE

Jn 3:16 “For God so **loved** the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, **but have** eternal life.

Rom.5: 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. ⁸ But God **demonstrates His own love** toward us, in that while **we were yet sinners**, Christ died for us.

Rom.8: 28 And we know that God causes all things **to work together for good to those** who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

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<http://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/glory-god-alone/>

“I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.” - [Isa. 42:8](#)

“Today we will look at the final *sola* of the Reformation, the one that sums up the point of all the others. The truth that the Reformers were most concerned to promote and what can be seen as the central theme of Scripture is *solus Deo gloria* — to God alone be the glory.”

5 'Solas' of REFORMATION

Sola Scriptura:

The Scripture Alone is the Standard

Soli Deo Gloria!

For the Glory of God Alone

Solo Christo!

By Christ's Work Alone are We Saved

Sola Gratia:

Salvation by Grace Alone

Sola Fide:

Justification by Faith Alone

CHRISTIAN BENEDICTION

2 Corin. 13:14

The **grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,**
and the **love of God,**
and the **fellowship of the Holy Spirit,**
be with you all.

HEBREWS 12

¹ Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and **let us run** with endurance the race that is set before us,

² **fixing our eyes on Jesus**, the author and perfecter of faith, who **for the joy** set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ For **consider Him** who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that **you will not grow weary and lose heart.**

1 THESSALONIANS 4

¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

¹⁸ Therefore **comfort one another** with these words.

ROMANS 8

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us, who is against us?** ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? ³³ Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; ³⁴ who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ **Who will separate us from the love of Christ?** Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

SHARING THE SPIRIT

Ac. 10:47 “Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit **just as we did**, can he?”

1 Cor. 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know **the things freely given to us by God**,

Rom.8:⁹ However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone **does not have the Spirit of Christ**, he does not belong to Him.

PHILIPPIANS 2b

³ Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; ⁴ do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. ⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.

PHILIPPIANS 2c

⁸ Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

⁹ For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.