

# Imitating Christ

Philippians 2

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**Because these are true:**

**encouragement in Christ**

**consolation of love**

**fellowship of the Spirit**

**affection and compassion**

**then**

**make my joy**

**complete**

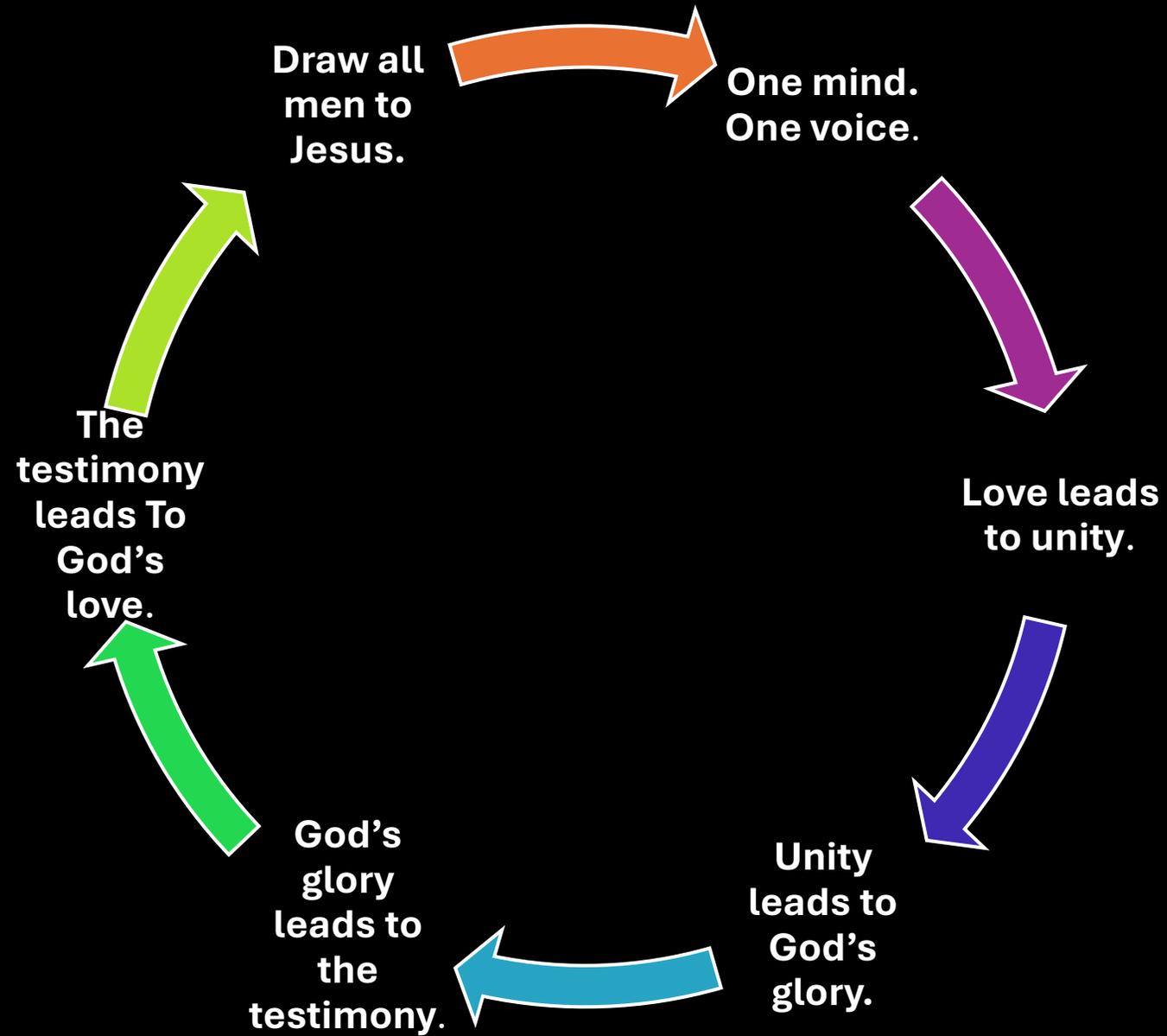
**by doing these:**

**being of the same mind**

**maintaining the same love**

**being united in spirit**

**being intent on one purpose**



## **3 basic movements of the Incarnation hymn in Philippians:**

- **the Son of God in glory before coming to earth  
(2:6)**
- **the Son of God in selfless humility on earth  
(2:7-8)**
- **the Son of God in glory after leaving earth  
(2:9-11)**

Chuck Swindoll commentary



## **Jesus set aside His privileges as God in several areas:**

- 1. Heavenly glory – while on earth, He gave up the glory of a face-to-face relationship with God and the continuous outward display and personal enjoyment of that glory. (Jn 17:5)**
- 2. Independent authority – during His incarnation Christ completely submitted Himself to the will of his Father (Mt 26:39; Jn 5:30)**
- 3. Divine prerogatives- He set aside the voluntary display of his divine attributes and submitted Himself to the Spirit's direction (Mt 24:36; Jn 1:45-49)**
- 4. Eternal riches – while on earth Christ was poor and owned very little (2 Co 8:9)**
- 5. A favorable relationship with God – He felt the Father's wrath for human sin while on the cross (Mt 27:46)**

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**Voluntary  
descent  
from  
heavenly  
glory to  
earthly  
agony  
(selfless  
humility):**

**He emptied Himself (veiling His glorious  
divine power)**

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**He took the form of a bond-servant  
(becoming fully human)**

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**He humbled Himself in obedience unto  
death (submitting to God's plan)**

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**He accepted a most humiliating death:  
crucifixion (making atonement for sinners)**

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# Philippians 2:6-11

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Glory

*Lordship will be  
acknowledged!*

Glory

Always existed as God

Decided not to hold to divine rights

Emptied Himself of these equal rights

Became a slave by being born a man

Humbled himself in obedience

Died by crucifixion



*2:6-8*

*Humiliation*

*2:9-11*

*Exaltation*

