

“Unity in the Midst of Generations”

Celebrating the Generations

Philippians 2:1-11

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Ingredients needed to maintain unity at CBC:

Ingredient 1 **Confront our selfishness and
pride. (Philippians 2:3-4)**

Application: How is selfish ambition and pride reflected in my life?

Ingredient 2 **Value the needs of others.
(Philippians 2:3-4)**

Application: What does it mean for me to value the needs of others above my own?

Ingredient 3 **Follow the example of Jesus.
(Philippians 2:5-11)**

Application: How will the attitude of Jesus impact how I relate to others?

“We see now what it meant for the Son of God to empty himself and become poor. It meant a laying aside of glory (the real kenosis); a voluntary restraint of power; an acceptance of hardship, isolation, ill-treatment, malice and misunderstanding; finally, a death that involved such agony—spiritual even more than physical—that his mind nearly broke under the prospect of it.”

J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*,
Intervarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 1973, p. 63.

“‘The Word became flesh’ (John 1:14); God became man; the divine Son became a Jew; the Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, unable to do more than lie and stare and wriggle and make noises, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child. And there was no illusion or deception in this: the babyhood of the Son of God was a reality. The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets. Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as is this truth of the Incarnation.”

J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*,
Intervarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 1973, p. 53.

“The *incarnation* was the act of the preexistent Son of God voluntarily assuming a human body and human nature. Without ceasing to be God, he became a human being, the man called Jesus. He did not give up his deity to become human, but he set aside the right to his glory and power. In submission to the Father’s will, Christ limited his power and knowledge. Jesus of Nazareth was subject to place, time, and many other human limitations.”

The Life Application Study Bible,
Tyndale Publishers, Wheaton, IL, 1991, p. 2148.