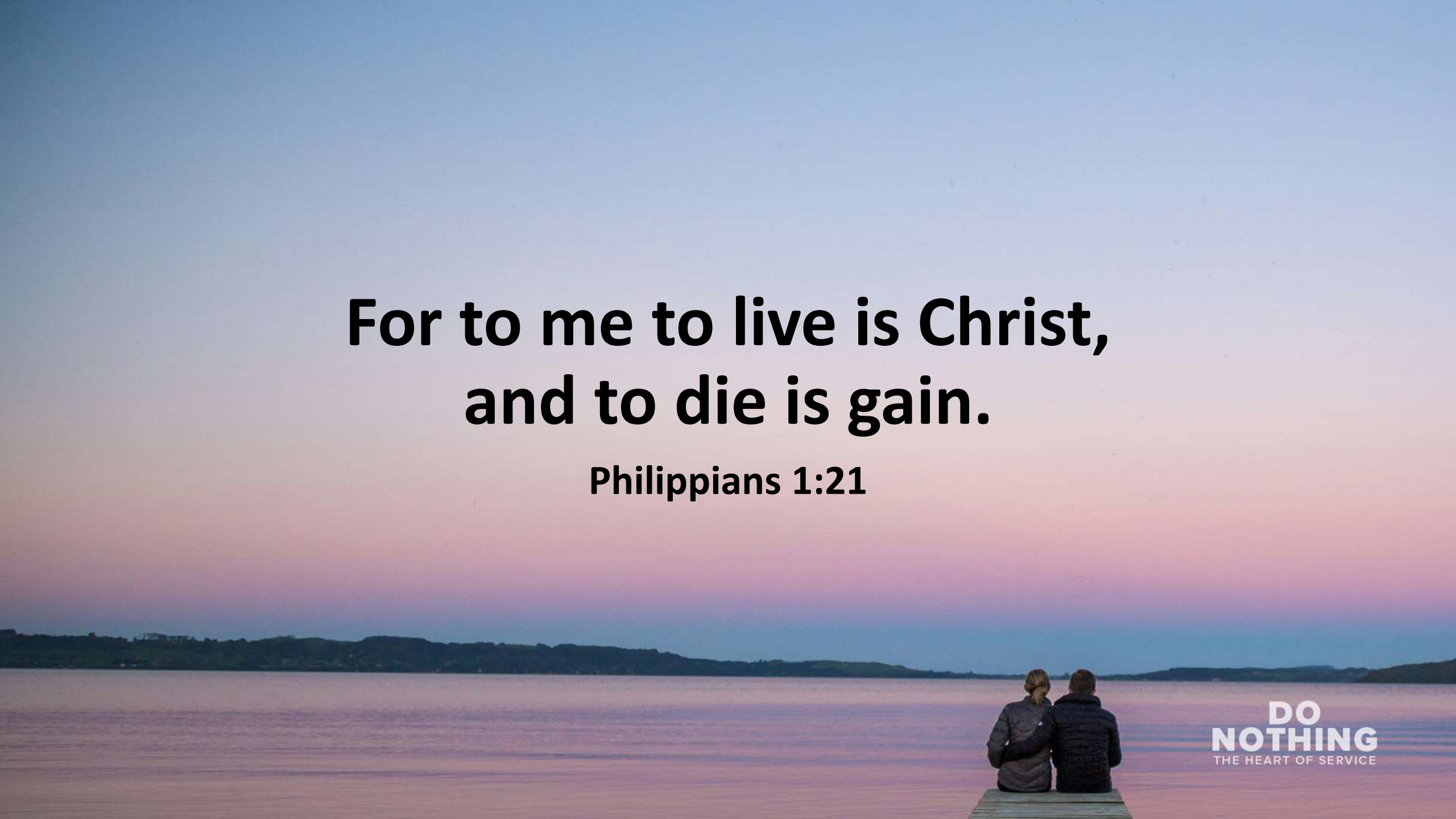


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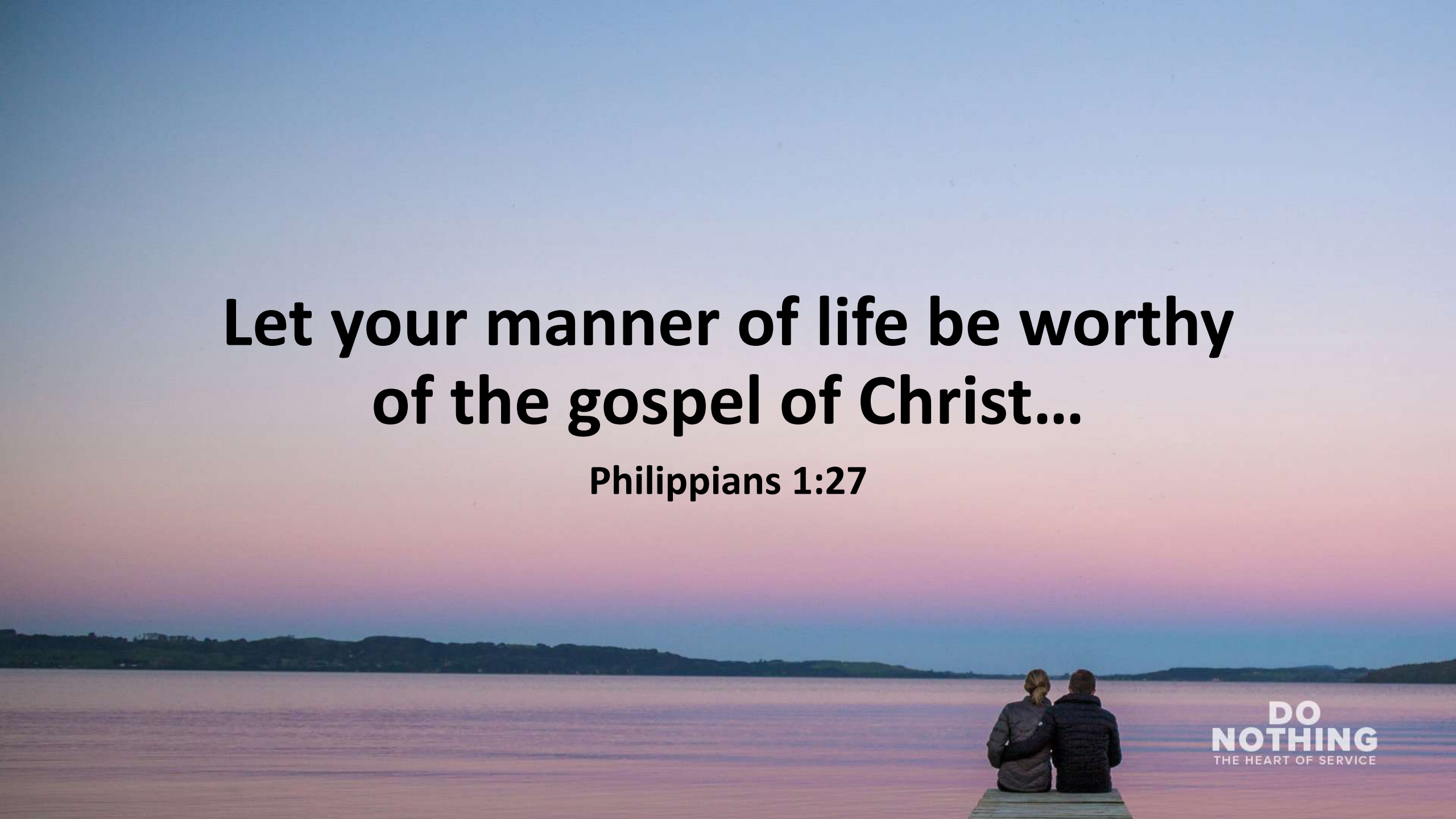


A couple is seen from behind, sitting on a wooden dock and looking out over a calm body of water towards a distant shoreline. The sky is a mix of soft pinks, purples, and blues, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The water reflects the colors of the sky.

**For to me to live is Christ,
and to die is gain.**

Philippians 1:21

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**Let your manner of life be worthy
of the gospel of Christ...**

Philippians 1:27

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**How do we live worthy
of the gospel?**

**... so as to walk in a manner worthy of the
Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in
every good work and increasing in the
knowledge of God;**

Colossians 1:10

1. Seeking to please the Lord in all respects.
2. Bearing spiritual fruit.
3. Increasing in knowing God.



**... so that whether I come and see you
or am absent, I may hear of you that
you are standing firm in one spirit,
with one mind striving side by side
for the faith of the gospel**

Philippians 1:27

4. Humble, sacrificial unity among believers.

What unifies Christians?

We share the same:

A. Savior

We share the same:

B. Love

A couple is seen from behind, sitting on a wooden dock that extends into a calm body of water. They are looking out at a vast lake under a sky with a soft sunset or sunrise glow in shades of pink, orange, and blue. The horizon is marked by a dark, silhouetted shoreline with some distant buildings. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

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We share the same:

C. Holy Spirit

We share the same:

D. Affection and sympathy

**What is our response to
being united with Christ
and each other?**

A. Have the same mind.

B. Have the same love.

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C. Have the same spirit.

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D. Have the same purpose.

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**Practically, how do we love
others with God's heart, soul,
mind, and strength?**

A. Do nothing!

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- From conceit.

B. Start counting!

- In humility, count yourself as nothing.

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- In humility, count yourself as nothing.
- Count others as more significant than yourself.

C. Look out!

- Look not only to your own interests.

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- Look to the interests of others.

**“Sin causes us to be more committed
to ourselves than to anyone else. ...
Sin causes us to be more concerned about
our own welfare than anyone else’s.
Such self-centeredness destroys
relationships and does great harm.”**

How People Change



D. Think different!

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The mind of Christ

A. Jesus had rights and privileges.

B. Jesus set aside his rights and privileges.

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- He emptied himself.

C. Jesus became a slave.

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- A slave FOR us (thereby serving his Father).

D. Jesus humbled himself.

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E. Jesus was obedient to his Father.

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**What was God's response to
Christ's sacrificial obedience?**

A. God exalted Christ.

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B. God does all things for his glory.

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Application:

A. Jesus is our example.

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Romans 8:29

Application:

B. Jesus is our power.

*For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded
this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died*

2 Corinthians 5:14

*(Jesus said) If you love me, you will keep
my commandments.*

John 14:15



For further study on loving Christ more:



The Gospel Primer

by Milton Vincent



***The Expulsive Power
of a New Affection***

by Thomas Chalmers



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