

# a Christian Christmas

Philippians 2:1–11

**We must embrace Jesus' servant attitude and serve each other out of love.**

*Who should do this?*

***If you are a Christian... (v. 1)***

- If we enjoy the encouragement of being in Christ
- If we enjoy the comfort of being loved by Christ
- If we enjoy the Spirit's indwelling presence shared by all who belong to Christ
- If we have received God's tender mercy and compassion in Christ

***...This is how you must live with other Christians (v. 2; cf. 1:27):***

- Having one goal
- Having one love
- Having one focus

*How can we do this?*

***Don't live selfishly; rather, humbly honor others (v. 3).***

***Don't think only of your own world; rather, consider the world of others (v. 4).***

*Why would we do this?*

***Consider and imitate the example of Jesus Christ (v. 5).***

- His humbling: He willingly gave up his heavenly glory and became a man—and a servant (vv. 6–7).
- His sacrifice: He willingly obeyed the Father and died—a cruel and painful death (v. 8).
- His exaltation: God honored and rewarded his servant's heart—exalting him to the highest place (vv. 9–11; cf. Isa 45:22–23).