



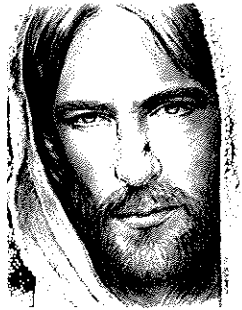
PHILIPPIANS

Living Joy!

Chapter 2 – Have the Attitude of Jesus

Partners in Christ – what does it mean? (2:1-11)

1. What blessings does Christ bring to us as we follow Him?
2. Be “like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose”
 - a. What does Paul mean with these qualities?
 - b. Why does he place such value on these qualities?
 - c. How can thinking like Christ avoid conflict and division in the church?



3. Verses 6-11 -The Example of Christ
 - a. What was his act of humility?
 - b. What was his act of obedience?
 - c. What was his act of sacrifice?
 - d. What was his act of exaltation?
4. What will God ultimately bring about because of Jesus humiliation? (vs 10-11)

Living as a follower of Jesus (2:12-18)

1. Paul writes in vs 12 “to continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling.” What does he mean? What does he not mean?
 - a. Philippians 2:13
 - b. Ephesians 2:8
 - c. 2 Peter 1:5-8



2. Paul tells them “to do everything without complaining or arguing” (vs 14). How can these two things hinder our work as His followers?
3. As a result of the faith that God has given us, we are to “SHINE LIKE STARS”.
 - a. What makes this challenging in our setting today?
 - b. How do believers appear before God as we shine like stars?

- c. What will the world see as we shine?
- 4. Vs 17-18: Paul is joyful even if he was to lose his life during his serving the Lord. Why are the sacrifices of others for the Gospel and for the benefit of other believers reason for us to rejoice?

Co-workers in Christ – Personal matters (vs 19-30)

- 1. Paul was writing this letter to let the Philippians know of his condition and his trial in Rome. Here he tells them that as soon as he knows any outcome, he will send Timothy as a messenger to them.
- 2. Vs 20-22. What were Paul's feelings and impression of Timothy?
- 3. In Acts 20:1-6, we know that Timothy was with Paul when he founded the church in Philippi. This also makes Timothy an appropriate messenger – he knows them.
- 4. Sometimes there are those who are like Timothy in the local congregation. A person who brings joy and encouragement to individuals and to the church.
- 5. Vs 25-30. Epaphroditus.
 - a. Why was Paul sending Epaphroditus to Philippi?
 - b. Special instructions in vs 29-30, concerning their reception of him.
 - c. Epaphroditus represented the Philippians in a place where they couldn't be – Rome. Today, pastors, teachers and missionaries represent us in places we can't go, and minister on our behalf. What can we do for them?

