



PHILIPPIANS
REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS

Philippians 2

I. A Call to Unity Through Humility (vv. 1-11)

A. The Call to Unity (vv. 1-4)

- a. Basis for the appeal: consolation in Christ, comfort of love, fellowship of the Spirit, affection and mercy. (v. 1)
- b. The appeal: be like-minded, have same love, be of one accord and mind. (v. 2)
 - i. Do not act through selfish ambition or conceit, but esteem others better than yourself. (v. 3)
 - ii. Look out for the interests of others in addition to your own. (v. 4)

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B. The Example of Christ (vv. 5-11)

a. Have the mind of Christ in you: (vv. 5-8)

i. Though God, He did not consider it robbery to be equal with God. (v. 6)

ii. He made Himself of no reputation and took the form of a bondservant and man. (v. 7)

iii. As a man, He humbled Himself to the point of obedience to the death of the cross. (v. 8)

b. God exalted Him and gave Him the name above every name. (vv. 9-11)

i. At the name of Jesus all should bow. (v. 10)

ii. Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to God's glory. (v. 11)

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II. The Call to Work Out Their Own Salvation (2:12-18)

A. Their Work and God's Work (vv. 12-13)

- a. They are to work out their salvation with fear and trembling by obeying as they always have. (v. 12)
- b. God works in them to will and do for His good pleasure. (v. 13)

B. The Way They are to Obey (vv. 14-18)

- a. Do all without complaining and disputing. (v. 14)
 - i. To become blameless and harmless. (v. 15a)
 - ii. Faultless children of God among a crooked and perverse generation among whom they shine as lights. (v. 15b)
 - iii. Holding fast the word of life so Paul can rejoice that his labor was not in vain. (v. 16)
- b. If Paul is being poured out on the sacrifice and service of their faith... (v. 17a)
 - i. ...He is glad and rejoices. (v. 17b)
 - ii. They should be glad and rejoice with him too. (v. 18)

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III. Plans Involving Timothy and Epaphroditus (2:19-30)

A. Timothy to be Sent Shortly (vv. 19-24)

- a. He trusts to send Timothy shortly to be encouraged by their state. (v. 19)
- b. No one is as like-minded to Paul as Timothy. (v. 20a)
 - i. He will sincerely care for them. (v. 20b)
 - ii. All seek their own, not things of Christ Jesus. (v. 21)
 - iii. Timothy is proven in character by serving in the gospel with Paul. (v. 22)
- c. Paul hopes to send him when he sees how his own circumstances play out but is confident to come himself. (vv. 23-24)

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A. Timothy to be Sent Shortly (vv. 19-24)

B. Epaphroditus to be Sent Immediately (vv. 25-30)

a. It was necessary to send their messenger, Epaphroditus, who ministered to Paul's need. (v. 25)

i. He longed for them and was distressed because they heard he was sick. (v. 26)

ii. His sickness was almost to death, but God had mercy on him. (v. 27)

iii. Paul sent him that they could rejoice and not be sorrowful. (v. 28)

b. They are to receive him and hold him in esteem because he almost died for the work of Christ. (vv. 29-30)