

EMBRACING JOY

A Submissive Joy

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“ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

*Though he was God,
he did not think of equality with God
as something to cling to.
Instead, he gave up his divine privileges;
he took the humble position of a slave
and was born as a human being.
When he appeared in human form,
he humbled himself in obedience to God
and died a criminal’s death on a cross.*

*Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor
and gave him the name above all other names,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹ and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.”*

– Philippians 2:5-11

PAUL’S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIAN CHURCH REMINDS ME OF THE JOY IN...

1) _____ ONE ANOTHER _____.

“Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.” – Philippians 2:1-2

“How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony!” – Psalm 133:1

2) ADOPTING THE _____.

Memory Verse:

“Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.” – Philippians 2:3-4

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3) WORKING TO _____ THROUGH _____.

“...Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.”
– Philippians 2:12-13

- Do everything without _____.
- Live clean, innocent lives.
- Hold firmly to the _____.
- _____.

“Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.” – Ephesians 4:1

4) _____ FOR CHRIST.

“But you know how Timothy has proved himself. Like a son with his father, he has served with me in preaching the Good News. I hope to send him to you just as soon as I find out what is going to happen to me here. And I have confidence from the Lord that I myself will come to see you soon.”
– Philippians 2:22-24

“Meanwhile, I thought I should send Epaphroditus back to you. He is a true brother, co-worker, and fellow soldier. And he was your messenger to help me in my need. I am sending him because he has been longing to see you, and he was very distressed that you heard he was ill. And he certainly was ill; in fact, he almost died. But God had mercy on him ... Welcome him in the Lord’s love and with great joy, and give him the honor that people like him deserve. For he risked his life for the work of Christ, and he was at the point of death while doing for me what you couldn’t do from far away.”
– Philippians 2:25-27, 29-30.

5) LIVING _____ IN _____ TO CHRIST.

“Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
– Philippians 2:9-11

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- ☐ Memorize Philippians 2:3-4.
- ☐ Ask God to shape true, Christ-like humility in me, starting today.
- ☐ Look for opportunities to submissively serve others this week.
- ☐ Learn more about letting God use me to serve in this church, specifically in the following ministry areas:
 - ☐ 1st Impressions ☐ Audio/Video Team ☐ Property/Space
 - ☐ Kitchen Committee ☐ GC Students ☐ GC Kids

* Join us next Sunday, August 16, at 11:00am, as we have a special message from Pastor Stephen on the Book of Colossians. Pray about a friend or family member who you might invite to attend with you!



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