

Choose Joy: The Book of Philippians

Part 5 (Philippians 2:1-12)

Philippians 2:1-11 (NKJV)

- (1) Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,
- (2) fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.
- (3) Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.
- (4) Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.
- (5) Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,
- (6) who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,
- (7) but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.
- (8) And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.
- (9) Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,
- (10) that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,
- (11) and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

I. Be Like-minded. (2:1-2)

- A. ¹ Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,**

Because both he and the Philippian saints face persecution, Paul made an appeal to the excellence of following the gospel way. He said, if there is any:

- i. _____
- ii. _____
- iii. _____
- iv. _____ and Mercy.

- B. ² fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.**

Paul wanted the saints in Philippi to fulfill his joy by:

- i. Being like-minded.
- ii. Having the _____ love.
- iii. Being of _____ accord.
- iv. Being of _____ mind.

II. Be Selfless in a Selfish World. (2:3-4)

A. ^{3a} Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit,

What causes division and disunity at a congregation? They are caused by:

- i. _____. This is the idea of creating factions or dirty politicking to put oneself above others.
- ii. _____-conceit.

B. ^{3b} but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

What is the cure for division and disunity among believers? The cure is:

- i. _____.
- ii. _____.

III. Be Like Christ-Have a Mind Like This. (2:5-11)

A. ⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

- i. He commands them to have the _____ of _____.
- ii. Although Christ being by nature God and equal to God, the Father, did not think it to be something to use for His on benefit.
- iii. Christ willingly gave up this status to:
 1. Become a _____.
 2. Come in the _____ of men.
- iv. As a man, Christ lived in:
 1. _____.
 2. _____.
 - a. To the point of laying down His life for sinners.

b. To the point of suffering and dying on the cross.

B. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- i. Because Christ humbled Himself to God's will, God has:
 1. _____ Him.
 2. Given Christ a name above every name.
- ii. Everyone _____ to the exalted king, Jesus Christ.
- iii. Every tongue _____ that Jesus is Lord.

IV. Summary

A. What is the cure for disunity and division among us?

- i. By being humble in our minds.
- ii. By looking at the interest of others.

B. How do we do it?

- i. We must understand the mind of Christ.
- ii. We must have the mind of Christ.