

Chapter Two

Joy in the Church

Mindsets that contribute to Joy in the Church & the Ministry

Review:

Chapter 1 - Single Mind

(important in suffering & trials 1:27-30)

Chapter 2 - Submitted Mind

Chapter 3 - Sharp Mind

Chapter 4 - Settle Mind

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Chapter 1 - Single Mind

Chapter 2 - Submitted Mind

Note: Philippians 2:1-18

For me personally:

Is one of the most prolific, most simple yet profound and important theological sections of scripture in all the Bible, especially for what it means concerning the Gospel!

Chapter 2: Submitted Mind

- (v1) Four questions:
 - If ANY encouragement in Christ?
 - If ANY comfort from love?
 - If ANY participation in the Spirit?
 - If ANY affection and sympathy?
 - Summed up more theologically:

Have you experienced ANY shred of anything?
....from the Lord...

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- ▶ (v2) Have same mind...full accord...one mind
 - Again we see singleness of mind, this unity of the Spirit in the "anything" of the gospel
 - This complete's Paul's Joy in ministry & might I suggest will bring you joy in your walk and produces joy in the church!
- ▶ (v3-5) Key: Having the Mind of Christ
 - Secure in Identity, emptied of self & focused on others!

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- ▶ (v5-11) Jesus fully demonstrated the Submitted Mind
 - "Form" (morphe vs schema) of God - the full unchangeable, divine essence, character and nature of God including all the rights, privileges, honors and glory of deity
 - Jesus existed before the manger = John 1:1-18, Col. 1:15-19
 - Jesus was secure in his identity

"[3] He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,"

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- "grasped" He didn't hold onto these rights or consider the privileges, honors or glory of his divinity as something to be sought after like a prize or clung to or held onto in such a way that he might lose them or not possess them
- "emptied" - greek word kenosis - does not mean he gave up his deity, but he did eclipse his glory & give up rights, honors & privileges as as God for a time to take on the form of humanity outwardly

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- Meaning = Jesus is 100% God & 100% Man, subtracting nothing but adding humanity.
- He didn't take on the form of a glorified man either, but humbled himself to be a servant, giving himself to death on the cross

"[9] For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich."

What Jesus did...

- Existed.....but was born as a human
- Fully Rich.....born into poverty
- Part of the trinity.....raised in a human family
- Created with a word.....worked in a trade
- Worshiped.....Had challenging friends
- Knew all things.....not believed when he spoke
- Perfect.....still tempted, weak, hungry, tired
- All powerful.....yet chose to rely on the power of the Spirit

What Jesus did...

- Lived by His command.....Carried out the Father's commands as well as waiting for the Father's timing for ministry
- Should have been served.....came serving
- Innocent.....shamed, mocked, beaten publicly
- Eternal.....experienced the agony, death & spiritual darkness on the cross (lowest form of the death penalty at the time)
- Exalted.....waited to be glorified by the Father

"[8] Although he was a son, he learned
obedience through what he suffered.
[9] And being made perfect, he became
the source of eternal salvation to all
who obey him,"

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- Because of these things ALL will bend the knee, confess & affirm his complete Lordship over all things, in all ways!

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- ▶ (12-18) What does the Submitted Mind mean or look like for us?
 1. Humble Servants (v3-4)= Others centered not self centered, (Note: you know you're a servant when you are treated like one & respond like one) (Note: victims can appear humble but are still to be self focus)

"[5]...Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. [6] Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,"

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 2. Obedience to the Father as Jesus obeyed the Father in His plan, path & timing
 3. Not about earning salvation but working (living, walking) OUT our salvation because God worked it IN us (a gift)

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- ▶ (12-18) What does the Submitted Mind look like for us?
 - Means having the seriousness that fears failure to do the good works he desires & wills us to do! (Ph1:6) - don't stop working
- 4. No Grumbling emotionally or Disputing intellectually questioning or criticizing God on his plan, path & timing
 - How can we be lights when we complain?
- 5. Be Poured Out - As God fills you...with JOY!

"[8] I delight to do your will,
O my God; your law is within
my heart.""

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- ▶ (v19-30) Paul pointed to Timothy and Epaphroditus as examples of the Submitted Mind
 - Timothy - who is genuinely concerned for others welfare and interests of Christ in the ministry
 - Epaphroditus who was willing to give his life in ministering to Paul
 - Two Men who Paul found joy in serving with and could joyfully send!

Chapter 2: Final Thoughts

- There is no greater joy than carrying out the Father's Will because it is good every time and he prepared them in advance and he has designed us for them!
 - Eph. 2:10
- There is no greater joy than serving others over self...I am as blessed as the person/people I get to bless!

Practical Picture

John 13:3-17

"[2] looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."