

Imitating Christ's Humility

(Philippians 2:1-11)

Sunday 24th August 2025



Philippians 2:1-11, NKJV

Unity Through Humility

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.



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The Humbled and Exalted Christ

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.



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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.



(A) Encountered with Christ (2:1-2)

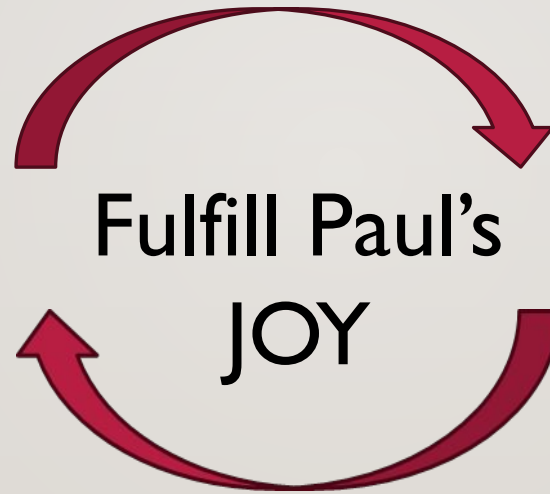
If we have gotten anything at all out of following Christ...

(1) If His love has made
any difference in our lives

(2) If being in a
community of the Spirit
means anything to us

(3) If we have a heart

(4) If we care



★ **Being like-minded**

★ **Having the
same love**

★ **Being of one accord,
of one mind**

UNITY = Togetherness

- Close ranks
- Teamwork

‘Mind’ was mentioned 4 times within the first 5 verses:

1. Being like-**mind**ed (v.2)
2. Being of one accord, of one **mind** (v.2)
3. In lowliness of **mind** (v.3)
4. Let this **mind** be in you which was also in Christ Jesus (v.5)

Like-minded

= mind of Christ

= same mindset as Christ Jesus

= mindset of humility

**Metanoia = the journey of
changing one’s mind, heart,
self or way of life (repentance,
spiritual conversion)**

(B) Expected Outcomes (2:3-4)

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit...

- Selfish ambition refers to actions driven by personal gain or advancement
- Vain conceit (Greek Kenodoxia)
empty pride, excessively proud of oneself
often manifested as an inflated sense of self-importance

Comparison between Expected Outcomes and Reality to Overcome

	Expected outcomes	Reality to overcome
1	unity	division, conflict of interest
2	selflessness	selfishness
3	meekness, modesty	empty conceit, vain glory
4	humility	arrogance, self-righteousness
5	others more important	self-importance
6	look out for others' interest too	self-interest only

HUMILITY is not thinking less of yourself;
It is thinking of yourself less.

Humility is thinking more of others.
Humble people are so focused on serving others,
they don't think of themselves.

(Rick Warren – The Purpose-Driven Life)



(C) Emptied Himself (2:5-8)

God the Son

Jesus Christ

He emptied Himself

- **Outward expression of divine attributes**
- **Rightful dignity and glory**

Jesus took on the status of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men

He became completely human but was without sin, being fully God and fully man.

He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the Father to the point of death on the cross.

Isaiah 53
The Suffering Servant

(D) Exalted as the Lord of all (2:9-11)

Jesus Christ is LORD

- The Name which is above every name
- 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,
- And that every tongue should confess
Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God the Father.

For “whoever
calls on the name
of the LORD shall
be saved.”
(Rom.10:13)

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