

Philippians 2:1-11

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Humility: The Key to Our Unitedly

Advancing the Gospel

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As Paul encourages us, he desperately wants us to see that each of us being genuinely humble is the key to our being united in our devotion to advancing the gospel in all circumstances. No matter what comes our way, together we will lift up Jesus.

- 1) Unity is essential to promoting the gospel.
- 2) Each of us living humbly is the key to our being united.

Jesus is our example of humility

- Jesus didn't cling to His rightful position for His significance.
- Jesus willingly assumed a role beneath His status.
- Jesus voluntarily bore punishment which was completely undeserved.
- Jesus is exalted above everyone else because of His humility.

Notes:

Life Group Discussion Questions:

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What does it mean?

1. What has been Paul's flow of thought from 1:3-30?
2. How is Paul continuing the big idea from Philippians 1:27-30 in 2:1-11?
3. What are the foundations or benefits that Paul lists for our Christian unity? What do you think these things mean?
4. What does Paul mean when he says, "complete my joy"?
5. How does Paul define humility? How do we see Jesus pictured in v5-11 as the primary example Paul uses for humility?
6. What does it mean that Jesus emptied himself?
7. How is Jesus being exalted? What is the name that is above every name? What does this say about Jesus? (cf. Isaiah 45:23)
8. How would you summarize Paul's big idea of Philippians 2:1-11?

How does it apply?

1. How does the expression of humility get misinterpreted?
2. How does the humility of Jesus empower you to serve the best interest of those that claim to treasure Christ? Those yet to believe? How does that get expressed?
3. What gifts or talents do you possess that cause you the greatest frustration when they aren't recognized or valued?
4. How is humility foundational in the development and maintenance of unity?
5. Is being exalted in death a motivator in you life? Explain.