

Philippians 2

Imitating Christ's Humility

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 servant¹ 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.

In the letter to the Philippians, Paul offers a powerful encouragement to believers enduring severe trials.

The Setting: Paul is writing this letter from prison.

- **The Philippians have sent Epaphroditus to encourage Paul**
 - **The generosity of the Phillipian church is the catalyst for the writing of this book.**
- **The letter is a series of vignettes that find their “CENTER OF GRAVITY” around “The Messiah Poem” Vs. 6-11**
 - **KENOSIS PASSAGE-Self Emptying**
 - **Paul wants Jesus followers to see their story as a lived expression of the Christ story.**

?HOW DID JESUS BRING PEACE TO THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE?

Counterintuitive: Opposite of self protectionism and comfort seeking.

COMFORT

- **ParaklEsis:** A feminine noun implying a legal calling to be nurtured.
- **Paramuthion** consolation (comfort) produced by using *soothing* words.
 - **John 14:26** But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

A call to participation in the BIG 3 Koinonia, Pneumatos, Agape

Vs. 1b any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy. **Vs. 2** Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

- **Koinonia:** Contributory help, Fellowship and Unity
- **Pneumatos:** The breath of the Spirit
- **Agape:** Highest form of love

Breaking Down Jesus Path To Comfort and Exaltation (Gen 3 and Isaiah 53)

- Jesus did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped.
- Jesus took on the form of a servant

Challenge: Now is our moment. Will we take it?

HEBREWS 10:39

But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.

Ever Be

Verse 1 Your love is devoted like a ring of solid gold Like a vow that is tested like a covenant of old Your love is enduring through the winter rain And beyond the horizon with mercy for today

Pre-Chorus Faithful You have been and faithful You will be You pledge Yourself to me and it's why I sing

Chorus Your praise will ever be on my lips Ever be on my lips Your praise will ever be on my lips Ever be on my lips (REPEAT)

Verse 2 You Father the orphan Your kindness makes us whole You shoulder our weakness And Your strength becomes our own You're making me like You Clothing me in white Bringing beauty from ashes For You will have Your bride Pre-Chorus Free of all her guilt and rid of all her shame And known by her true name and it's why I sing

Bridge You will be praised You will be praised With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord You will be praised You will be praised With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord (REPEAT) And it's why I sing

This I Believe (The Creed)

Verse 1 Our Father everlasting The all creating One God
Almighty Through Your Holy Spirit Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

Chorus 1 I believe in God our Father I believe in Christ the
Son I believe in the Holy Spirit Our God is three in One I
believe in the resurrection That we will rise again For I believe
in the Name of Jesus

Verse 2 Our judge and our defender Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You Descended into darkness You rose in
glorious life Forever seated high Bridge I believe in You I
believe You rose again I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

Chorus 2 I believe in life eternal I believe in the virgin birth I
believe in the saints' communion And in Your holy Church I
believe in the resurrection When Jesus comes again For I
believe in the Name of Jesus

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Take Courage

Verse 1 Slow down take
time Breathe in He said
He'd reveal what's to come
The thoughts in His mind
Always higher than mine
And He'll reveal all to come

Chorus Take courage my heart stay
steadfast my soul He's in the waiting He's in
the waiting Hold onto your hope as your
triumph unfolds He's never failing He's never
failing

Verse 2 Sing praise my
soul Find strength in joy
Let His words lead you
on Do not forget His great
faithfulness He'll finish all
He's begun

Bridge You who hold the stars
Who call them each by name Will
surely keep Your promise to me
That I will rise in Your victory

Be Thou My Vision

Verse 1 Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me Save that Thou art Thou my best thought By day or by night Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Verse 2 Be Thou my wisdom Be Thou my true Word I ever with Thee And Thou with me Lord Thou my great Father I Thy true son Thou in me dwelling And I with Thee one

Verse 3 Be Thou my battle shield Sword for the fight Be Thou my dignity Be Thou my might Thou my soul's shelter And Thou my high tow'r Raise Thou me heav'nward O pow'r of my pow'r

Verse 4 Riches I heed not Nor man's empty praise Thou mine inheritance Now and always Thou and Thou only Be first in my heart High King of heaven My treasure Thou art

Verse 5 High King of heaven When vict'ry is won May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun Heart of my own heart Whatever befall Still be my vision O Ruler of all