

Philippians 2

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Imitating Christ's Humility

- 1** If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,
 - 2** Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.
 - 3** Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
 - 4** Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.
 - 5** Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
 - 6** Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
 - 7** But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
 - 8** And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
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- 9** Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
 - 10** That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
 - 11** And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Working Out Salvation

- 12** Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.
- 13** For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.
- 14** Do all things without murmurings and disputings:
- 15** That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;
- 16** Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.
- 17** Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.
- 18** For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me.
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Timothy and Epaphroditus

- 19** But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.
- 20** For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.
- 21** For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.
- 22** But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.
- 23** Him therefore I hope to send presently, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me.
- 24** But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly.

- 25** Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.
- 26** For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick.
- 27** For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.
- 28** I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.
- 29** Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation:
- 30** Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.
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HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Faith — πίστις (Pistis)

Faith, belief, trust

The Greek **pistis** (πίστις) denotes faith, belief, or trust—confidence in God's character and promises. It's both intellectual assent and relational trust, central to justification (Romans 5:1).

God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

Gospel — εὐαγγέλιον (Euangelion)

Good news, gospel

The Greek **euangelion** (εὐαγγέλιον) means good news or gospel—the message of salvation through Christ's death and resurrection. It's 'the power of God unto salvation' (Romans 1:16).

Lord — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

Love — ἀγάπη (Agape)

Divine love

The Greek **agape** (ἀγάπη) denotes self-sacrificial, unconditional love—the highest form of love, characterizing God's nature (1 John 4:8) and the love Christians are called to demonstrate.

Sacrifice — θυσία (Thusia)

Sacrifice, offering

The Greek **thusia** (θυσία) means sacrifice or offering. Christ offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice 'once for all' (Hebrews 10:10), ending the need for repeated animal sacrifices.

Salvation — σωτηρία (Soteria)

Salvation, deliverance

The Greek **soteria** (σωτηρία) denotes salvation, deliverance, or preservation—rescue from sin's penalty and power. It encompasses justification, sanctification, and glorification.

Spirit — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

Word — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

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