

Philippians 4:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Two women, likely leaders (worked with Paul in gospel, v. 3), have conflict. To auto phronein en kyriō ("think the same in the Lord") echoes 2:2. Unity requires Christ-centeredness. This verse contributes to Philippians chapter 4's themes of joy, peace, contentment, and gratitude—Paul's prison epistle climax showing joy transcending circumstances through Christ's sufficiency.

Historical Context

Philippians chapter 4 concludes Paul's most joyful letter, written from Roman imprisonment (c. AD 60-62). The Philippian church, Paul's most faithful financial partner, sent support via Epaphroditus. Paul's gratitude, exhortations to joy and peace, and contentment teaching modeled Christ-centered living regardless of external circumstances—a powerful witness in the Roman world.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does this verse challenge your perspective on Resolve church conflict?
2. What specific application can you make from this teaching this week?
3. How does this verse point to Christ's sufficiency in all circumstances?

Interlinear Text

εύωδίαν παρακαλῶ καὶ Συντύχην παρακαλῶ τὸ αὐτὸ^ν
Euodias I beseech and Syntyche I beseech τὸ the same
G2136 G3870 G2532 G4941 G3870 G3588 G846
φρονεῖν ἐν κυρίῳ^ν
mind in the Lord
G5426 G1722 G2962

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 12:14 (References Lord): Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

1 Corinthians 1:10 (References Lord): Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Mark 9:50 (Parallel theme): Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltiness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.

Genesis 45:24 (Parallel theme): So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way.

1 Thessalonians 5:13 (Parallel theme): And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

Philippians 3:16 (Parallel theme): Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

