

08 Philippians 2:1-8

The One Mind of Christ

1. Phil 2:1-2 – One Accord, One Mind

- a. Phil 2 and Rom 15 and Corinthians go together: they deal with the mind of Christ.
- b. There is not only suffering in Christ, there is consolation - 2Ti 2:9-12, 2 Cor 1:5-7
- c. *“fellowship of the Spirit”* - this is doctrinal, it is recorded - 1 Cor 2:12-16, 12:13
 - i. The unity of the Spirit concerns doctrine - 2 Cor 13:14, Eph 4:3-5, 6:9
 - ii. Paul spoke of it concerning their duty and ministry - Phil 1:19, 27
- d. *“fulfil ye my joy”* - This is something that would be joyous, but is not a reality.
 - i. Paul desires, as should we, to eliminate divisions - 1 Cor 1:10
 - ii. Divisions are eliminated by correction, getting doctrine right - 1Co 4:16, 11:1
 - iii. With the right Bible, the right heart, rightly divided, we become likeminded
- e. *“one accord”* - Not the accord that was in Acts 2:1, 2:46, 5:12; 1 John 2:27
 - i. Now, accord comes from maturity in doctrine - Eph 4:1-3, 5:15-21
 - ii. The same love of Christ, one accord in the doctrine of Christ = one mind

2. Phil 2:3 – Esteem Others

- a. *“nothing through strife”* - there should be no competition or self-glory in ministry
 - i. This is why we do not vote on things - which only causes strife (division)
 - ii. This strife and vainglory goes back to Phil 1:15-16 and perhaps 1 Cor 1:11-14
 - iii. Nothing is more partisan than religion and politics, both are vainglorious
- b. *“lowliness of mind”* - Also good for marriage if your marriage is a ministry Eph 5:21
 - i. Does not mean ignorant, simpleminded, or anti-spiritual → Rom 12:3, Ti 3:3
- c. *“esteem others”* - The Bible does not talk about self-esteem, except in Gen 3 & Isa 14
- d. *“others better than themselves”* - Not an excuse, but a motivation for ministry
 - i. Many people do not minister because they do not think they can. You can.
 - ii. Ministry is done by this principle, otherwise nothing gets done. It is charity.

3. Phil 2:4 – Look to Edify Others

- a. *“look ... on the things of others”* - taken out of context breaks commandments
 - i. Not false humility, which can also be a burden and fleshly - Col 2:18-23
 - ii. Looking on the spiritual things of others is your purpose - Romans 15:1-4
 - iii. Who you were in the flesh is not the focus, don't let it be - 2Co 5:16, Phi 3:13
 - iv. Look on are their ability to strive, stand, and suffer - Phil 1:25-27
 - v. Instead of boasting in being right, why not help the other be right

4. Phil 2:5-8 – The Mind of Christ

- a. *“let this mind be in you”* - The Corinthians needed this mind but they were carnal
 - i. Christ could've lived a long life doing more earthly good, why did he die?
 - ii. The reason God was manifest in the flesh and died is in 1 Cor 2:7-16
 - iii. Mind of Christ = esteeming our circumstances to favor God, others, and their reconciliation; which is our ministry - 2 Cor 5:18-20