

Humility and Joy - July 23, 2023

Philippians 2:1-11

Philippians 2:1-11 1Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

We attain joy by being like-minded.

Philippians 2:2 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

Acts 28:30 30 Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him

We attain joy through humbly serving others.

Philippians 2:3 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Christ thinks of others, not himself (2:5-6)

Philippians 2:5-6 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

If anyone had the right to boast about his accomplishments, it was Jesus Christ, yet he humbled himself and became a man. He was thinking about us above all else!

Luke 18:10-12 10Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' 13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Christ Serves (2:7)

Philippians 2:7 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

John 13:17 NKJV - 17 "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. The King James version translates the word blessed with the word happy.

Christ Sacrifices (2:8)

Philippians 2:8 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Christ Glorifies God (2:9-11)

Philippians 2:9-11 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.