

PHILIPPIANS
Like Minded to Honor Jesus
Lesson 3
Chapter 2:4-2:31

Lesson 2 Review: Even through tough circumstances (prison) and opposition, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is being "advanced". Through standing together and working side by side, the church (the members) can UNIFY and glorify Jesus through the gospel.

Christ's Humility and Exaltation

⁵ Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus, (HCSB)

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: (NIV)

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, (NKJV)

⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.(NLT)

In vs 1-4, Unity comes from believers have one mind or being like minded, true Unity comes from being _____ minded! To exhibit the same _____!

vs 6-11 – Possibly an early hymn (if it was, Paul probably wrote it) vs 6-8 1st stanza

DOWN DOWN DOWN

⁶ who, existing in the **form** of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be used for His own advantage.

existing (always being) – similar to the _____. John 1:1-2; 8:58

form (morphe) – greek means the very nature/essence not shape

Jesus "gave up" his _____ (advantage)

⁷ Instead He emptied Himself by assuming the form of a slave, taking on the likeness of men. And when He had come as a man in His external **form**,
(*African well story*)

emptied (kenosis)-"What has come to be called "Kenotic theology" attempts to understand the [incarnation](#) of the second person of the [Trinity](#) in light of the kenosis of Phillippians 2:7. Its aim is to solve some of the supposed paradoxes arising from [Jesus](#) having both a divine nature and a human nature. For example, how could an [all knowing God](#) become a baby, how could God be tempted, or how could Jesus (being God) not know the time of His return?" <http://www.theopedia.com/kenosis>

Slaves had no rights. They were the _____ in society. John 13:3-5

"He who was always God, became something he was not, a human being." CCE, p.98

form (schema) – greek, the external form/shape

⁸ He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death— even to death on a cross.

(1) his life was humble feeding trough/carpenter/etc (2) humble obedience to die, but not just death but (3) death on a cross! In that time the cross was? Isaiah 53

vs 9-11 2nd stanza
UP UP UP

⁹ For this reason God highly exalted Him and gave Him the *name* that is above every *name*, ¹⁰ so that at the *name* of Jesus every knee will bow— of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth—¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

highly exalted – i.e. _____ exalted.....

“the *name*” – Jesus was his humble name...his magnified, post crucifixion/resurrection name? _____!

Everybody will _____ and _____ What? Why?

Lights in the World

¹² So then, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence, but now even more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. ¹³ For it is God who is working in you, enabling you both to desire and to work out His good purpose.

Not work for your salvation, but work _____ your salvation. (strive to be like Christ)

Paul *commends*, *commands*, then *comforts* the Philippian believers.

¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling and arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may be blameless and pure, children of God who are faultless in a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine like stars in the world. ¹⁶ Hold firmly to the message of life. Then I can boast in the day of Christ that I didn't run or labor for nothing.

grumbling/arguing versus blameless/pure faultless/shining stars versus g/a

Another word for grumbling - _____

¹⁷ But even if I am poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and *rejoice* with all of you. ¹⁸ In the same way you should also be glad and *rejoice* with me.

Paul is glad/ _____ to “poured out”

Timothy and Epaphroditus

T & E – living _____

¹⁹ Now I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon so that I also may be encouraged when I hear news about you. ²⁰ For I have no one else like-minded who will genuinely care about your interests; ²¹ all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know his proven character, because he has served with me in the gospel ministry like a son with a father. ²³ Therefore, I hope to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. ²⁴ I am convinced in the Lord that I myself will also come quickly.

TIMOTHY'S (PAUL'S) TIME LINE and FACTS

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| Born AD 17 | Damascus Conversion AD 31-37 | First Mission Trip Timothy's Conversion? In Lystra AD 46-48 | Second Mission Trip Timothy's Circumcision AD 49-52 | Ordained and Begins Traveling with Paul AD 49 | Third Mission Trip AD 52-57 | Timothy in Rome with Paul AD 59-62 | Wrote 1 Timothy Timothy begins ministry at Ephesus AD 62-67 | Wrote 2 Timothy Executed by Nero AD 67 | Killed in Ephesus AD 80-97 |
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Paul says that Timothy genuinely _____ about others.

Basically, Timothy is an _____ of Paul himself!

²⁵ But I considered it necessary to send you Epaphroditus—my brother, coworker, and fellow soldier, as well as your messenger and minister to my need—²⁶ since he has been longing for all of you and was distressed because you heard that he was sick. ²⁷ Indeed, he was so sick that he nearly died. However, God had mercy on him, and not only on him but also on me, so that I would not have one grief on top of another. ²⁸ For this reason, I am very eager to send him so that you may *rejoice* when you see him again and I may be less anxious. ²⁹ Therefore, welcome him in the Lord with all *joy* and hold men like him in honor, ³⁰ because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up what was lacking in your ministry to me.

Epaphroditus: probably a gentile who brought a financial offering (ch 4) from Philippi to Rome. He got deathly sick at some point but recovered.

Men like "him"?