

Joy in Salvation
Lesson 11
Philippians 1:27 - 2:18

Paul's attitude, no matter what the circumstance, was one of hope and joy in his salvation. For Paul *"to live is Christ and to die is gain."* (Philippians 1:21)

Paul's Counsel - Philippians 1:27-30

1. Not knowing his future, what was Paul's counsel to the Philippians? (Philippians 1:27a)

2. Whether Paul was able to visit or only get a report on their progress, what did he want to know about them? (Philippians 1:27b)

3. Verses 28-30 give insight into the situation in Philippi. From these verses, what can you determine about the believers there?

Call To Unity - Philippians 2:1-4

4. In this section, Paul began with what the Philippians already have because they are united with Christ. Make a list of the four realities in Philippians 2:1, each begins with the word *"if."*
 - If:

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5. What was Paul's *"then"* based on the *"if"* realities? (Philippians 2:2a)
 - How? (Philippians 2:2b)

- **Reflect:** What was Paul asking them?

6. Using verses 3 and 4:

- What wrong motives did Paul warn them to stay away from?

- What should their attitude be toward others?

Christ's Obedience - Philippians 2:5-11

7. Who was to be their role model for the right attitude? (Philippians 2:5)

8. What fact about Christ did Paul begin with? (Philippians 2:6a)

- What was Christ's attitude as a result of this fact? (Philippians 2:6b)

- Define the word "grasp".

9. How was this attitude carried out in the life of Christ? (Philippians 2:7)

10. What was the result? (Philippians 2:8)

11. "Therefore" or because of Christ's obedience, what has God done? (Philippians 2:9)

12. What is God's plan regarding that name? (Philippians 2:10 - 11a)

- Who receives the glory? (Philippians 2:11b)

The Believer's Response - Philippians 2:12-18

13. Verse 12 begins with the word "therefore" so we always have to stop and see what it is there for. What was Paul referring to? (Philippians 2:5-11)

14. Paul said they obeyed (his teaching) while he was with them - "but now much more in my absence." What did he want them to continue to do? (Philippians 2:12)

15. **Reflect:**

- When you work out physically, what are you doing?

- Why does one work out; what is the purpose?

16. When it comes to spiritual work out, what is God's role through His Spirit? (Philippians 2:13)

17. What was one example Paul gave of this spiritual work out? (Philippians 2:14)

18. Why is that important? (Philippians 2:15-16a)

19. **Reflect:** Do you think that same reason would apply today? Explain your answer.

20. Why was Paul concerned that they continue in this? (Philippians 2:16b)

21. Using Philippians 2:17:
 - What did Paul feel might be happening to him?

 - Because of their faith, what was his attitude?

22. Keeping in mind Paul's current circumstance, what did he want the Philippians to do? (Philippians 2:18)