

Philippians 2:1-30

At the Name of Jesus Every Knee Should Bow and Every Tongue Will Confess that Jesus is Lord

1. Be of the same mind
2. Do nothing out of selfish ambition
3. Look not only at your self interest
4. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
5. Work out your salvation with fear and trembling
6. Do all things without grumbling or complaining
7. Be blameless and innocent children of God
8. Be glad and rejoice

As a people who know we are sinful and have trusted in Jesus as our Lord, we know that we are saved by Jesus and that we are helped in our life now by King Jesus. This means that we can rest in Him, look to Him, and ask Him to help us in our day to day struggles.

Do you tend to think of yourself or others more? Do you tend to grumble or complain in your mind or with your mouth? Are you full of joy?

If you struggle in some of these areas, pray for Jesus to change your heart and mind.

Ephesians 4:-7 I I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. 7 But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Vs 1-11 Paul says that if you have Christ, he and King Jesus want us to be unified with each other.

Do you bring people together in church, or do you cause division in church? Or, neither?

God wants us to have the same mind to love Him and others.

God wants us not to be prideful or selfish. He wants us to put others first. If you struggle with this, ask Jesus to help you. He will!

God did not make us just to take care of ourselves. God made us for Himself and for others. Are you spending time with God? Are you taking your marching orders and help from Him? Do you see yourself or others as more important? Are you pouring into others? Who has God put on your heart to share Jesus with and love?

Jesus is God and yet submitted to God the Father, we can lower ourselves and serve God and others!

God wants you to pour yourself out for Him and others. Is your day marked by that ambition?

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If Jesus lowered Himself for others, then we can too. He sets the example for us in how to live!

We naturally serve ourselves and want to be God. God wants us to lower ourselves and serve Him and others.

Whether people have faith in Jesus or not, they will bow down and confess that Jesus is Lord. For the Christian, it means that we bow and serve Him now and for eternity. Ask Him what He wants you to do right now. When He answers, listen and obey.

Phil 2:10 is a life changing verse! Who is Jesus? He is God. He is eternal. He is Savior! He is King! He is the boss! He is the one who can help us and the one who we should seek out and listen to.

Vs 12-18 We are saved by faith. If we are saved, it will show in our life and our actions. It is impossible to seek Jesus in your life and not have your life changed.

Everything we do, God knows about. We are saved by our faith in Jesus. We should fear God in our actions more than we fear worldly consequences. A mark of your salvation is your character and godly actions.

Why does God want us to be blameless, innocent and without blemish? God saves us by faith, but it honors Him and impacts others if our life is marked by God and godly actions.

How can we be poured out like a drink offering? Imagine you spend your whole life serving and loving and pouring out worship, service, and godly actions until you die. You poured yourself out in life for God and others until you passed into heaven. This is sacrificing your life to God. He sees it and loves it and cares. This type of life pleases our Heavenly Father.

Vs 19-30 God's church and God's people should be constantly helping the church, other churches, and the lost. This is our Goal in life. We are to give glory to God and make disciples of Christ.

It is good for others to know who has been vetted by the church to minister and teach.

James 1:2-27 *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. 9 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, 10 and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. 11 For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. 12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. 14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. 19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for the anger of*

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man does not produce the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. 26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Christian, let your manner of life be worthy of Jesus! What do you need to get rid of now for Jesus because it holds you back?

Stand firm in one spirit of Jesus, have one mind with each other, serve side by side, for the faith of the Gospel! Love yourself a little less and love God and others more.

Don't be scared! You are going to live for Jesus and die in Jesus. Non-Christians can see this in you!

You are to serve Jesus and others, and you are to suffer just like Jesus did so more can be saved.

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