**Philippians 2: 1 – 5**

**Review**

Paul’s first challenge to the church – 1: 27 -30

**Focal truth: Believer’s must live a life that honors the gospel of Christ**

Paul’s second challenge to the church – 2: 1 – 5

**Focal Truth: Believer’s must live in humility of mind like Jesus Christ**

**Observations**

1. **When believers live to honor the gospel they live in spiritual unity! – 2:1 - 2**
   1. Since God gives encouragement in Christ live in unity – 2:1

John 14:6 – I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper = encourager, that He may be with you forever

* 1. Since God gives consolation of love in Christ live in unity – 2:1

2 Cor. 1: 3 -5 – blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For just as the suffering of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ

* 1. Since God gives fellowship of the Spirit in Christ live in unity – 2:1

1 Cor. 12:4 – 7 – now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons

* 1. Since God gives Christlike affection and compassion for others live in unity – 2:1

Phil 1:8 – how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus

Col 3:12 – so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience

1. **Paul’s joy would be complete if the church would live in humility of mind with one another 2:2**
2. Heb. 13:17 – Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you
3. 2 Cor. 2:3 – this is the very thing I wrote you, so that when I came, I would not have sorrow from those who ought to make me rejoice, having confidence in you all that my joy would be the joy of you all
4. Phil. 4:1 – therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown
5. 1 Thess. 2:20 – for you are our glory and joy
6. 3 John 1:4 – I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth
7. **Believers live to honor the gospel when they live in humility of mind like Jesus Christ – 2:2 – 5**
   1. Humble mindedness is same mindedness – 2:2
   2. Humble mindedness maintains mutual love for one another – 2:2
   3. Humble mindedness unites in spirit – 2:2
   4. Humble mindedness is intent on one purpose – 2:2
   5. Humble mindedness does nothing out of selfishness – 2:3
   6. Humble mindedness does nothing out of pride – 2:3
   7. Humble mindedness regards others as more important than themselves – 2:3
   8. Humble mindedness looks out for the interests of others – 2:4
8. **Believers live like Jesus Christ when they have an attitude of humility – 2:5**

**Things to Remember**

1. Believers are united to Christ & to each other by the Holy Spirit
2. Believers share the blessings of God’s grace in Christ
3. Believer’s mutual commitment to the gospel advances the gospel
4. There is no greater joy for a pastor than when God’s people live in humility of mind toward God & one another
5. Believers must focus most on others and last on themselves
6. Believers watch out for the spiritual condition of their brothers and sisters in Christ
7. Believers kill pride & selfishness

**Daily Use**

1. **Clothe yourself in humility** – 1 Pet. 5:5 – you younger men, likewise be subject to your elders, and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble
2. **Humble yourself before God –** James 4:10 – humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord and He will exalt you
3. **Maintain a humble attitude –** 1 Pet. 3:8 – to sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted and humble in spirit