

## Repeated Words, Themes, and Ideas

1. Jesus Christ, in light of the selfless behavior Paul is asking of the Philippians—which God will complete until the day of Christ and which Paul personally modeled—Paul urges them to tap into all of the encouragement they have in Christ, 2:1. Paul urges the Philippians to think the way Jesus did: He was God, but He humbled Himself and became a bondservant who gave up His life in a brutal death to save us, 2:5-8. Because Jesus gave up His life in the service of mankind, God exalted Him above everything in the universe, 2:9-11. Paul is confident that Christ will allow him to send Timothy to see how the Philippians are doing, 2:19. Out of those Paul could send to check on the Philippians' welfare, Timothy is the only one who is not selfish but seeks the things of Christ, 2:21. Paul believes that Jesus will allow him to see the Philippians again, 2:24. The Philippians should receive Epaphroditus as you would receive someone who is part of the Lord, Jesus Christ, 2:29. Epaphroditus almost gave up his life in the service of Christ, 2:30 (other places this appears: 1:1, 2, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15-18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26, 27, 29).
2. Love, Paul wants the Philippians to tap into the comforting love they have in Christ to fulfill his command to be selfless, 2:1. Paul wants the Philippians to have mutual love for each other, 2:2. The Philippians were beloved to Paul, 2:12 (other places this appears: 1:9, 17).
3. Holy Spirit / spirit, Paul wants the Philippians to tap into the closeness that the Spirit provides them in relationship with each other so that they can fulfill his command to be selfless, 2:1 (other places this appears: 1:19, 27).
4. Joy / Rejoice, Paul wants the Philippians to fulfill his joy by them having the same selfless mind, 2:2. Paul will rejoice if he ends up giving his life for the Philippians and he wants them to be glad with him, 2:17-18. Paul sent Epaphroditus to see the Philippians so that they could rejoice when they saw their old friend, 2:28 (other places this appears: 1:4, 18, 25, 26).
5. One mind / Like-minded, Paul wants the Philippians to have the same selfless mind which means that they have to look out for the interests of others not just their own, 2:2-4. Paul wants the Philippians to have the same selfless mind that Jesus had: He was the God of the universe but He became a bondservant who gave up His life for mankind in a brutal death, 2:5-8. Timothy had the selfless mind of Christ; he was willing to take care of the Philippians instead of his own interests, 2:20-21. Epaphroditus also had the selfless mind of Christ; he was willing to give up his life to serve Paul and the Lord, 2:25-30 (other places this appears: 1:27).
6. Unity, Paul wants the Philippians to be united around the same selfless mind that Jesus had, 2:2-8 (other places this appears: 1:27).
7. Selflessness, Paul wants the Philippians to tap into everything they have in Christ and His Spirit so that they can obey his charge to be selfless, 2:1-4. Paul urges the Philippians to copy the greatest example of selflessness: Jesus Christ, 2:5-8. Paul is glad at the prospect of giving up his life for the Philippians and he wants them to be glad with him, 2:17-18. Timothy is another example of someone who has the selfless mind of Christ, 2:19-24. Epaphroditus is another example of someone else who has the selfless mind of Christ; he almost gave up his life serving the Lord, 2:25-30 (other places this appears: 1:1, 3-7, 9-10, 12-18, 19-26, 27-30).

## Philippians Chapter 2

8. God, Jesus, being God, did not cling to the glory of His deity. Instead, He made Himself a sacrificial slave in order to save mankind, 2:6-7. Because Jesus was willing to give up His life for mankind, God exalted Him above every name, 2:9. Jesus' exalted glory, which will be recognized by all, will be to the glory of God the Father, 2:11. We must work out our own deliverance with fear and trembling but it is God who enables us to work it out, 2:12-13. God spared Epaphroditus' life and Paul further sorrow when He let Epaphroditus live, 2:27 (other places this appears: 1:2, 3, 8, 11, 28).
9. Bondservant, Jesus, being God, humbled Himself by becoming a sacrificial bondservant who died a brutal death for mankind, 2:6-8 (other places this appears: 1:1).
10. Glory, Jesus will be exalted above every being—in heaven, on earth, everywhere—and it will be to the glory of God the Father, 2:11 (other places this appears: 1:11).
11. Deliverance / Salvation, Paul urges the Philippians to work out their own salvation with fear and trembling, though it is God who will enable them to do so (as He enabled Paul, as He enabled Christ), 2:12-13 (other places this appears: 1:19, 28).
12. Blameless / Without fault, God will enable the Philippians to work out their own salvation, i.e., to be blameless and without fault, which means to shine as lights in a perverse and dark world, to hold fast the word of life, 2:12-16 (other places this appears: 1:6, 10, 27).
13. Confident, Paul is confident that he will be able to send Timothy to see how the Philippians are doing, 2:19. Paul is confident that he himself will see the Philippians, 2:24 (other places this appears: 1:6, 14, 19, 20, 25).
14. To partner together, Timothy is one who was selfless and partnered with Paul in looking after the Philippians' welfare, 2:19-24. Epaphroditus is another one who was selfless and partnered with Paul in doing the work of Christ, almost losing his life in the process, 2:25-30 (other places this appears: 1:5, 6-7, 27).
15. Gospel, Timothy served alongside Paul, as a son alongside a father, in service of the Gospel, 2:22 (other places this appears: 1:5, 7, 12, 15-18, 27).