

## Philippians 2 Summarized

### Sentences

2:1-2, therefore if *there is* any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

2:3-4, *let* nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

2:5-7, let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men.

2:8, and being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross.

2:9-11, therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

2:12-13, therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

2:14-16, do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

2:17-18, yes, and if I am being poured out *as a drink offering* on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me.

2:19, but I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state.

2:20-21, For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.

2:22, but you know his proven character, that as a son with *his* father he served with me in the gospel.

2:23-24, therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me. But I trust in the Lord that I myself shall also come shortly.

2:25-26, yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need; since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.

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2:27, for indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

2:28, therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful.

2:29-30, receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem; because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me.

### Paragraphs

2:1-4, [In light of Paul asking the Philippians to band together and give up their lives for the sake of the Gospel as Paul has done and is now doing from prison] Paul wants the Philippians to use all the resources they have in Christ and His Spirit so that they can transform their minds into selfless minds who look out for the interests of others not just their own.

2:5-11, the mind they need is Christ's: He was equal with God but did not cling to His divine glory. Instead, He set it aside and took the form of a man, a slave who humbled Himself and gave up his life in a brutal crucifixion. Therefore, God exalted Him above every name, that at His name everyone should bow and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.

2:12-18, [In light of Paul's and especially Christ's selfless example who both worked out their own salvation and laid down their lives for the Gospel by leaning on God's power] the Philippians need to tap into God's power and work out their own salvation. God will enable them not to complain or argue and stand as God's blameless lights in the midst of a perverse world, so that Paul can rejoice when Christ returns that he did not labor in vain. And if Paul ends up giving his life for the Philippians, he's glad and he wants them to be glad with him.

2:19-24, Paul is confident that the Lord will allow him to send Timothy to check on the Philippians' wellbeing. Timothy is another one who gave up his life for the Gospel. Paul doesn't have anyone else like him; everyone else seeks their own and not the things of Christ. He'll send Timothy soon, though Paul expects to see the Philippians shortly too.

2:25-30, in the meantime, Paul is sending Epaphroditus who also gave up his life for the Gospel, almost losing it in the process. The Philippians heard that he was sick and he truly was but God spared his life and Paul further sorrow. Therefore, Paul tells them to receive him in the Lord with gladness and to hold such men in high esteem.

### Whole Chapter

[In light of Paul asking the Philippians to join together in laying down their lives for the Gospel as Paul is now doing from prison] the Philippians need to tap into every resource they have in Christ so that they can have the same selfless mind that Christ had: He set aside His divine glory and become a lowly man, a slave who gave up His life in a brutal death which is why God exalted Him above every name. At His name everyone will bow and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, the Philippians need to work out their own salvation as Paul and Christ did by leaning on God; He will enable them to be blameless lights who shine in a perverse world. And if they die in the process as Paul might, he wants them to rejoice. Finally, Paul points to two others who laid down their lives for the Gospel and whom the Philippians will see shortly: Timothy worked alongside Paul in the Gospel and is now going to care for the Philippians. Epaphroditus personally ministered to Paul providing what the Philippians could not and almost died in the process of serving Christ.