

Joy in Submission: Philippians 2:12-16

- I. Joy in Prayer 1:1-11
 - A. The Praise for Men :3-8
 - B. The Petition for Men :9-11
- II. Joy in Prison 1:12-30
 - A. The Declaration of the Gospel 1:12-14
 - B. The Discord Among the Preachers of the Gospel :15-18
 - C. The Dilemma of Paul :19-26
 - D. The Direction of Paul for Suffers :27-30

The Joy in Submission 2:1-30

- III. Joy in Submission 2:1-30
 - A. The Exhortation to Submission 2:1-4
 - 1. The Reason for the Appeal 2:1
 - 2. The Request of the Appeal 2:2-4
 - Unity :2 Humility :3 Courtesy :4
 - If we have *unity* and *humility* it is evidenced by *courtesy* to others

**A mature Christian and a mature Church is manifested by this attitude and action.
Paul now gives the supreme example of this attitude and action.**

Two ways of dividing the section:

- 2 Sections The Example :5-8 and The Exaltation :9-11
- 3 Stanzas- 1. The Pre - Earthly Existence of Christ :5-6
 - 2. The Earthly Existence of Christ 7-8
 - 3. The Post earthly Existence of Christ 9-11

Option 1

- A. The Example of Submission 2:5-8
 - 1. The Person of Christ- Who Christ Is :5-6
 - 2. The Person of Christ- Who Christ Became :7-8
- B. The Exaltation of Christ :9-11

Option 2

- A. The Pre - Earthly Existence of Christ :5-6
 - B. The Earthly Existence of Christ :7-8
 - C. The Post Earthly Existence of Christ :9-11
 - 1. Christ's Privileged Position and Prestige
 - 2. Mans Proclamation
 - 3 Gods Possession of Glory :11b
- The Kurios as Theos is Doulos.

Paul desires the Philippians and us to understand that our Lord desires us to live as servants toward others. The greatest are the servants of all. It seems strange that many of those who serve as the leaders- (ministers=servants) of the church actually do less ministry outside of the "job" than normal believers. In fact, many do less of a job as part of the job. Hypocrisy will one day be revealed. (Phil. 1:15-16) Paul desires us to live as servants for others and for the King.

The Expression of Submission 2:12-16

A. The Responsibility 2:12-13

1. The Mandate :12

a. The Relationship- Beloved

b. The Reality- As then (past) so now (Present)

c. The Request- Work out your Salvation

Work out- (to bring about a goal, to achieve an end)

Salvation: Justification- Sanctification- Glorification

Sanctification = Positional—Progressive—Perfective

d. The Reverence- Fear and Trembling (I Pt1:17 2 Cor 7:11)

Point- The Christian life is to be lived intentionally and intensely. This is not a game.

2. The Means :13

The Christian life is lived by the power of the HS in you. 1:21, 4:13

Gal 2:20, 5:16

Rom 8:2, 6-14

2 Cor. 3:4-6 12:9-10

The Will of God is for us to Trust His word His will and His way each day

Point- The power to live the Christian life is not “let go and let god” or to legalize your life. It is to obey the Word of God as the HS leads you into that word. Know the Scriptures- Live by the Scriptures through the power of the Spirit.

B. The Requirements 2:14-16

1. Proper Attitude :14

No Grumble (1Pt 4:9) or Dispute (Remember 2:2-4)

2. Proper Authentication :15

Our straight life is a testimony to the crooked (Scolios) world

Our life style does not prove we are Christians since Mormons are not & some Christians live poorly I Cor But a good life can manifest God Mt 5:16

Blameless & innocent in moral realm above reproach: elders I Tim 3

3. Proper Ambition :16

Day of Christ = Bema seat of Christ 2 Cor 5:9-10, Rom 14:10, I Cor 3-4, I Jo 2:28 Philp 2:12 fear and trembling, 3:11-13? Later!!

Paul desires that his efforts with the people in past and present will be fruitful for him & them as they stand before the Lord at the Bema.

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Point- Will you stand before the Lord and be found faithful? Did you or are you toiling in vain with your life? Right now counts forever! “Well done good and faithful servant.”