

Philippians

Chapter 2:1-4

- I. **Philippians 2:1** ¹If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,
- a. “If” begins an argument similar to Colossians 3:1-2
 - b. “therefore”
 - i. Goes back to Philippians 1:27-30...specifically 27
 - ii. **Philippians 1:27²⁷**Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;
 - c. Consolation of Christ
 - i. Consolation- Greek word *paraklesis*- Strongs Con.- imploration, hortation, solace:—comfort, consolation, exhortation, intreaty.
 - ii. The idea of calling near or alongside. Consoling supporting others.
 - d. Comfort of Love
 - i. Comfort- Greek word *paramythion*- Strongs Con.- consolation (properly, concretely):—comfort.
 - ii. Gives the idea of calling near or alongside to instruct.
 - iii. Usually *paraklesis* except this one occurrence.
 - iv. **I Corinthians 1:3-7** ³Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; ⁴Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. ⁵For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. ⁶And whether we be afflicted, *it*

is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation. ²And our hope of you *is* stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so *shall ye be* also of the consolation.

v. Speak the truth in love

Ephesians 4:15 ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

I Thessalonians 4:9 ⁹But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

Galatians 5:13-14 ¹³For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. ¹⁴For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

e. Fellowship of the Spirit

i. Fellowship- Greek word koinonia- Strongs Con.- partnership, i.e. (literally) participation, or (social) intercourse, or (pecuniary) benefaction:- (to) communicate (-ation), communion, (contri-distribution, fellowship.

ii. Partnership- in common

f. These first three are all followed by a preposition

i. Of Christ

ii. Of Love- God is love (I John 4)

iii. Of the Spirit

g. Bowels and mercies

i. **Philippians 1:8** ⁸For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.

II. **Philippians 2:2** ²Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

a. Fulfill my joy

i. “My Joy”- used twice in Philippians- both times are in the context of unity. Paul’s personal joy was connected to the body of Christ being in unity.

ii. **Philippians 4:1** ¹Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, *my* dearly beloved.

b. Likeminded

i. One mind

c. Same Love

i. Was some love lacking in 1:9?

ii. **Philippians 1:9** ²And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and *in* all judgment;

d. One Accord

i. Joined as one soul

e. One Mind

f. All of this describes “unity”

i. United in Christ

ii. **Psalms 133:1** (A Song of degrees of David.)

Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!

iii. **I Corinthians 12:12-14**¹²For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ. ¹³For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. ¹⁴For the body is not one member, but many.

iv. **I Corinthians 12:18-20**¹⁸But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. ¹⁹And if they were all one member, where *were* the body? ²⁰But now *are they* many members, yet but one body.

v. **I Corinthians 12:22-27**²²Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: ²³And those *members* of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely *parts* have more abundant comeliness. ²⁴For our comely *parts* have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that *part* which lacked:²⁵That there should be no schism in the body; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another. ²⁶And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. ²⁷Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

vi. **Ephesians 4:3-5** ³Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴*There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; ⁵One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

vii. **Euodias and Syntyche**

1. **Philippians 4:2-3**²I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord. ³And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and *with* other my fellowlabourers, whose names *are* in the book of life.

III. **Philippians 2:3** ³*Let* nothing *be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

a. Don't

i. Strife eritheía, perhaps as the same as G2042; properly, intrigue, i.e. (by implication) faction:—contention(-ious), strife.

1. Faction or rivalry

2. Strife makes the work of the flesh list

a. **Galatians 5:20** ²⁰Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

3. Strife different but similar word, contention used

a. **Philippians 1:16** ¹⁵Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: ¹⁶The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:

4. Remember the Corinthians and Apollos

a. **I Corinthians 1:10-12** ¹⁰Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. ¹¹For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them *which are of the house* of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. ¹²Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

ii. Vainglory- Greek word kenodoxia- Strongs Con.; from G2755; empty glorying, i.e. self-conceit:—vain-glory.

1. **Proverbs 27:2** ²Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

2. Only God's glory should be sought

a. **I Corinthians 10:31** ³¹Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

iii. Strife and Vainglory

1. Rooted in self, not in others

b. Do

i. Lowliness of mind

1. **Acts 20:19** ¹⁹Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:
 - a. **Not just people but the Lord with humility of mind**
2. **Ephesians 4:2** ²With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
3. **Colossians 3:12** ¹²Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

ii. Esteem other better than themselves

1. Esteem- Greek word- *hegeomai*- **Strongs Con.** middle voice of a (presumed) strengthened form of **G71**; to lead, i.e. command (with official authority); figuratively, to deem, i.e. consider:—account, (be) chief, count, esteem, governor, judge, have the rule over, suppose, think.
2. Only used one other time as esteemed
 - a. **I Thessalonians 5:13**¹³And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. *And* be at peace among yourselves.
3. Used as “thought”, “supposed”, “count”, “counted” elsewhere in Philippians. See Philippians 2:6, 2:25, 3:7, 3:8.

iii. **Romans 12:10** ¹⁰*Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

iv. **I Corinthians 15:10** ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which *was bestowed* upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

IV. **Philippians 2:4** ⁴Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

a. The things of others

i. **Galatians 6:1-3** ¹Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. ²Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. ³For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

b. Also- not neglecting self

i. **Ephesians 5:29** ²⁹For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: