

CHRIST'S MIND IN THE BELIEVER

Introduction: The church at Philippi was a good church, but there was some disunity among its members. In particular, Euodia and Syntyche needed to be reconciled to each other (4:2). Their differences destroyed the harmony of the church, which was a concern to Paul (1:27; 2:1-4, 14). To solve the problem, he exhorted them to have the mind of Christ (2:5). This was illustrated by Christ's humble willingness to leave Heaven and take the necessary steps to finally die on the cross for the sins of everyone (2:6-8). A person who has the mind of Christ is both humble and helpful (2:3-4).

Lesson Aim: Challenge the believers to have the mind of Christ in caring for the welfare of others.

Verse: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (2:5).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:**I. Exhortation of Paul - 2:1-4**

1. What are the four attitudes that believers should have to promote unity in a church? 2:1
 - a. _____ in Christ
 - b. _____ in love
 - c. _____ in the Spirit
 - d. _____ and _____
2. How could this church bring joy to Paul? 2:2
 - a. Be _____ - _____
 - b. Have the _____
 - c. Being of _____
 - d. Being _____
3. How should we esteem other believers? 2:3
4. How are we to treat the concerns of other believers? 2:4

II. Example of Christ - 2:5-8

5. How should believers train themselves to think? 2:5
6. What did Jesus think when His Father chose Him to pay for the sins of all people? 2:6-8
 - a. He did not hold on to the _____ of God to appear _____ with God in His glory. 2:6
 - b. He emptied Himself of His of glory and took on the appearance of a _____ and was made in the _____ of _____. 2:7
 - c. He became obedient unto _____, even the death of the _____. 2:8

III. Exaltation of Christ - 2:9-11

7. What did God give to Christ for His obedience to Him? 2:9
8. What would happen to Christ as a result? 2:10
9. What would every tongue confess to the glory of the Father? 2:11

IV. Experience of Believers - 2:12-16

10. What did Christ's example lead Paul to tell these believers about their disunity? 2:12
11. What encouragement did Paul give them to do this work? 2:13
12. What were they to avoid in doing this work? 2:14
13. Why were they to do this work? 2:15-16a
14. If they did their work well and became unified, how would this affect Paul? 2:16

V. Expression of Leaders - 2:17-30

15. What leaders showed that they had the mind of Christ?
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