

## **Philippians 2 Outline**

**1A** A fervent call to unity and humility, vv.1-16:

**1B** The basis for the call, 1: Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, if any solace from love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affections and tender mercies,

**2B** The call, vv.2-4:

**1C** Toward unity, 2 fulfill my joy, that you might think the same, having the same love, soul-joined, thinking as one;

**2C** Toward humility, vv.3-4: 3 nothing in the pattern of selfish ambition or vainglory, but in lowly-thinking deeming one another as superior to himself; 4 let each one look out not for his own matters, but also each for the matters of others.

**3B** The example of Christ, vv.5-8:

**1C** Call to think like Christ, 5: For let this thinking be in you, which also is in Christ Jesus;

**2C** Example of Christ in His equality with God and decision to become man, vv.6-7:

**1D** No pride in His deity, 6: Who though He was in the form of God, did not deem it a prize to be equal with God,

**2D** Transition to humanity, 7: but He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, becoming in likeness of humanity.

**3C** Example of Christ in the humiliation of His crucifixion, 8: And being found in visible form as a man, He lowered Himself, becoming obedient until death, and the death of the cross.

**4B** The conclusion to Christ's humility: exaltation, vv.9-11:

**1C** The fact of the exaltation, 9a: Therefore God also exalted Him,

**2C** First, the Name above all, 9b: and has freely given to Him the name which is above every name;

**3C** Second, universal acknowledgement of Lordship, vv.10-11:

**1D** Physical acknowledgement, 10: that at the name of Jesus every knee might bow, of those in heaven and those upon the earth and those under the earth,

**2D** Verbal acknowledgement, 11: and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

**5B** The intended result of the example of Christ in the lives of the readers, vv.12-13:

**1C** Working out salvation, the human side, 12: So that, my beloved, just as you always obeyed, not only as in my presence, but now much more in my absence, with fear and trembling work out your own salvation.

**2C** Explanation of the divine side, 13: For God is the one who works in you both to will and to work for the good pleasure.

**6B** Separation from relationship sins for the purpose of testimony, vv.14-16:

**1C** Separation, 14: Do everything apart from grumbling and arguing,

**2C** The purpose of separation in holy character, 15a: that you might become blameless and undiluted, unblemished children of God

**3C** The arena of the testimony, 15b: in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation,

**4C** The nature of the testimony, 15c: in which you shine as heavenly lights in the world,

**5C** The manner of the testimony, 16a: holding out the Word of life,

- 6C Impact on Paul at the day of Christ, 16b: for a celebration for me into the day of Christ, that I did not run in vain, or labor in vain.
- 2A Paul and Philippi, vv.17-30:
  - 1B The present relationship of sacrifice and service, vv.17-18:
    - 1C Paul's present sacrifice and service, 17a: But if indeed I am being poured out upon the sacrifice and service of your faith,
    - 2C Attitudes, 17b-18: I rejoice, and I rejoice together with all of you; 18 And the same also you rejoice and rejoice together with me.
  - 2B The messenger Timothy, vv.19-24:
    - 1C The certainty of sending him, 19a: But I am certain in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy quickly to you,
    - 2C Paul's motivation to send him, 19b: that also I might have courage, knowing the situation concerning you.
    - 3C The shortfall of caring workers, vv.20-21:
      - 1D No one like Paul, 20: For I have no one equal in soul, who will legitimately care for the situation concerning you.
      - 2D The at-large attitude, 21: For everyone seeks his own matters, not the matters of Christ Jesus.
    - 4C The character of Timothy in the Gospel endeavor, 22: But you know His proven character, that as a son with a father, he served with me in the Gospel.
    - 5C The certainty of sending Timothy, 23: Therefore I am certain to send, when I have paid attention to my own matters, right away;
    - 6C Paul's confidence in his own arrival at Philippi, 24: but I am confident in the Lord, that also I myself will come quickly.
  - 3B The messenger Epaphroditus, vv.25-30:
    - 1C The identity of Epaphroditus and necessity of sending him, 25: But I consider it necessary to send to you my brother and fellow-worker and fellow soldier Epaphroditus, but your messenger and minister of my need,
    - 2C The reason for the necessity, 26: since he was longing for you all, and dismayed, because you heard that he was sick;
      - 1D The nature of his illness and recovery, 27: For indeed he was sick at the verge of death, but God had mercy on him, and not only him, but also me, lest I have grief upon grief.
      - 2D Recovery as reason for sending, 28: Therefore I send him more urgently, that, seeing him again, you might rejoice, I might be less grieved.
    - 3C Recovery and reason for illness as cause to receive him in joy, vv.29-30:
      - 1D Command to receive him with joy, 29: Therefore receive him in the Lord with all joy, and hold such men in honor;
      - 2D Reason for the reception, 30: because for the work of Christ he came near to death, disregarding life, that he might supply what was lacking in your service to me.