

Phil 2:1-4

THE CHARGE TO THE CHURCH — START

THE REALITY OF OUR UNITY WITH CHRIST —
(1:26-27)

STANDING FAST — IN ONE SPIRIT —
ONE MIND — STRIVING TOGETHER

SHOULD ESTABLISH — (2:1-4)

THE REALITY OF OUR UNITY AS CHRISTIANS —

IF THERE BE THEREFORE ① — THEN ^{NO} ~~NO~~

PAUL'S APPEAL — ① "FOUR FOLD"

IF ANY — CONSOLATION — COMFORT —
COMMUNION — COMPASSION —

"APPEAL FOR UNITY & HUMILITY"

"IF" — DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THERE
"MIGHT NOT BE" — BUT MEANS —
THESE ARE: "FOUR EXISTING FACTS"

"IF" CAN BE TRANSLATED — "SINCE"

THIS IS A "FOUR FOLD" EXPERIENCE
OF ALL "BELIEVERS"

① CONSOLATION - ①

"IN CHRIST" - HIS GENTLE ~~ENCOURAGEMENT~~
ENCOURAGEMENT

THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN US IS A
FELLOWSHIP - NO "JARS"

NO "JEALOUSY" - NO "STRIFE"

HIS PRESENCE - GIVES NEW MEANING
TO - EVERY "PURSUIT" - "ENGAGEMENT"
"AFFECTION" OF LIFE -

HIS PRESENCE - IS A NEW WEALTH

OF "BEAUTY" & "COMPLETION" OF LIFE -

② COMFORT - "OF LOVE" ②
IN "OUR HEARTS":

- COMFORTS US & PRODUCES A -
HARMONIZED RELATIONSHIP -

"HIS TENDERNESS FOR US" - SHOULD BE
EXPERIENCED IN "OUR TENDERNESS FOR
EACH OTHER" -

- THIS IS A "SACRIFICIAL LOVE" -

IF CHRIST'S LOVE - "HAS A HOLD ON
YOU" - BE LIKE MINDED -

③ COMMUNION - (OF THE SPIRIT)

→ WE KNOW WHAT THE COMMUNION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS

① NO SELFISHNESS OR PRIDE -
(JUST A MUTUAL BOND OF FELLOWSHIP)

② LIKE-MINDNESS - (TOTAL AGREEMENT)
"SPIRITUAL UNION", "CO-PARTNERS"

③ YOUR BODY - A TEMPLE - (1 COR 6:19)
"YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN"
"WE ARE ONE BODY" "IN CHRIST"

④ COMPASSION - "BOWELS" + "MERCIES"

MERCY - BECAUSE WE ARE "HUMAN"
"WE MAKE MISTAKES" - WE NEED
"COMPASSION" - FROM OUR
"DEPENDANTS" + "SUBORDINATES"

"EMOTIONALLY COMMITTED TO FORGIVE"
AS WE ARE FORGIVEN

LIVING IN CO-OPERATION - AS
THE "BODY OF CHRIST"

II] PAUL'S APPROACH - (2)

— (YOU CAN CAUSE MY HEART TO REJOICE) —

(A) BE LIKE MINDED -

— "THINKING THE SAME THINGS" —

"SET THE SAME GOALS" — — CONTEMPLATE
THE SAME THINGS — BE UNANIMOUS
(IN YOUR DECISIONS)

(B) HAVING THE SAME LOVE -

(THE VERY COMMENCEMENT OF UNITY)

R. L. LAURIN — "FRIEND OF BILLY GRAHAM"

"GREAT EXPOSITOR" — SAYS:

LOVE, RATHER THAN KNOWLEDGE —

AS A STARTING POINT FOR UNITY —

HE SAYS: THE LEADERS OF THE REFORMATION
WERE OF GREAT INTELLECT & UNFALTERING
COURAGE — BUT FAILING IN LOVE — THIS
PRODUCING A GROUP OF DIVIDED THEOLOGIANS

(GOD'S WORKMEN — GOD'S WORK — MUST HAVE
UNITY OF AFFECTION — WITH GOD —)

(C) BE IN ONE ACCORD & MIND -

KNITTED TOGETHER — MUTUALLY CONSTRAINED
BY THE SAME "URGES" & "DESIRES"

III] PAUL'S APPLICATION - (3-4)

(A) NO STRIFE - (3)

[AT NO TIME - UNDER NO CONDITIONS
"SHOULD BELIEVERS" HAVE CONTENTION
"AMONG THEMSELVES" -]

(2 TIM 2:24) "THE SERVANT OF THE LORD
MUST NOT STRIVE BUT BE GENTLE" -

"LOWLINESS OF MIND" - "ESTEEM"
OTHERS - -

— (HAVE A MODEST OPINION OF OURSELVES) —

(B) NO SELF-SEEKING - (4)

[DON'T BE TAKEN UP WITH YOUR OWN
INTEREST -]

— IF WE LOOK OUT FOR THE INTERESTS OF
OTHERS... GOD WILL LOOK OUT FOR US —

(LUKE 17:33) "WHOEVER SHALL SEEK TO
SAVE HIS LIFE SHALL LOSE IT" AND --
WHOEVER LOSE HIS LIFE SHALL
PRESERVE IT"

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— THE MAGNIFICENT CHRIST —

— THESE VERSES "PICTURES" THE "DESCENT OF CHRIST" — "FROM THE HIGHEST POSITION" — "TO HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS" — THEN BACK "TO HIS THRONE" — AT FATHER'S HAND —

— THE "LOWEST POINT" OF THE "JOURNEY" — DEALS WITH CHRIST'S DEATH —

— THE CROSS IS THE FOCAL POINT OF CHRISTIANITY — "OUR FAITH" — "WITHOUT THE CROSS" — THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION "IS AN EMPTY HOPE" —

NOTICE: THE ORDER OF HIS NAMES —

"CHRIST JESUS" ⑦ "EMPHASIS" — THE "EXALTED ONE" — WHO "EMPTIED HIMSELF"

"JESUS CHRIST" ① "DESCRIBES" — THE "DESPISED" + "REJECTED" — ONE WAS AFTERWARDS "GLORIFIED" —

EVERY "DIVINELY-ORDERED" VIRTUE IS "ENJOINED" UPON "GOD'S CHILDREN" — IS "EXHIBITED" IN "CHRIST JESUS" — AS HE "EMPTIED HIMSELF" —

THE APOSTLE PAUL — REVEALS — THE
"TWO EXTREMES" — OF OUR SAVIOUR'S —
"MAJESTY" + "HUMILITY" — CHRIST'S
"VOLUNTARY" "SERVITUDE + SACRIFICE"
FOR MANKIND —
"CHRIST"

WENT FROM "SOVEREIGNTY" TO "SHAME"

NOTE: THE "MIND OF CHRIST" =
WILLING TO "STOOP" TO THE "LOWEST"
"HUMILITY" THAT LEAD TO CRUCIFIXION —
(FOR)

[THE GLORY OF GOD — AND —
THE GOOD OF OTHERS —]
"WHAT A MIND-SET"

PAUL SAYS: LET THIS BE YOUR
MIND-SET

LOOK AT: "THE MAGNIFICENT CHRIST"

I] THE SOVEREIGNTY OF CHRIST - (6)

(A) DIETY - WAS ALWAYS A PART OF HIS
VERY "BEING" -
("IN THE FORM OF GOD")

HIS "DIETY" PREDATED HIS EARTHLY
EXPERIENCE = (JOHN 1:1)

(1-TIM 3:16)

"GOD MANIFESTED IN FLESH"

(JOHN 8:58) "BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS ...
"I AM"

THE "FORM" (VS 6+7) DOES NOT MEAN
"OUTWARD" - "APPEARANCES" AND
CHARACTERISTICS - ~~BUT~~

- ① THE VERY "NATURE" OF GOD (6) +
- ② THE VERY "NATURE" OF A SERVANT (7)

"FASHION" (8) "WHAT WAS PUT ON HIM"
"HIS GARMENT" -

"FORM" = "WHAT HE WAS" (EQUAL WITH GOD)

FASHION = "WHAT HE LOOKED LIKE" -
(A BOND-SERVANT)

⑥ HIS DEDICATION - ⑦

HE "LAID ASIDE" "TEMPORARILY"
HIS "SOVEREIGN" - AND BECAME A
"SERVANT" -

"NO REPUTATION"

MEANS: HE "EMPTIED HIMSELF"

"NOT OF DIETY" - BUT - "CERTAIN
RIGHTS" - ("TEMPORARILY") -

"TO BE ENROBED IN FLESH"

⑦ THE DECLARATION OF PAUL - ⑤

"LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU"

A "LOWLINESS" & "HUMILITY"

(IN THESE BELIEVERS)

MANY TIMES:

① WE EXALT OUR KNOWLEDGE &
UNDERSTANDING (TO IMPRESS OTHERS)

② WE ASSUME A ROLE WE ACTUALLY
ARE NOT - (TO IMPRESS OTHERS)

③ WE STRUGGLE FOR REPUTATION. - -
HE MADE HIMSELF OF NO REPUTATION

"LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU"

II] THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST - ⑧

"DEATH": THE ULTIMATE POINT OF OBEDIENCE

- IT WAS A "LONG ROAD" FROM "HEAVEN'S THRONE" - TO CALVARY'S CROSS - - -

"SUCH SACRIFICE"

"LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU" - ⑤

FROM DIETY TO FLESH TO DUST
TO DELIVERANCE TO DIETY

"WHAT A JOURNEY" - "FOR US" - HE DID
"SUBMIT TO DEATH" - - - (EVEN) - - -

"THE DEATH OF THE CROSS"

① THE PHYSICAL TORTURE -

BEARD PLOWED - THORNED CROWN -

NAILS - TAREING FLESH - STAB WOUND -

SUFFICATION - (FORSAKEN BY GOD)

② THE PUBLIC SHAME -

(HANGING NAKED + EXPOSED)

③ THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SIN -

"BECAME SIN, WHO KNEW NO SIN"

THAT WE "MIGHT BECOME" THE

"RIGHTEDOUSNESS OF GOD" -

III) THE SUCCESS OF CHRIST - 9-11

A) EXHALTED - 9-10

SOME CHURCHES --- TO KEEP THE
COMING & SUFFERING OF CHRIST

KEEP HIM IN THE "CRADLE" OR
ON THE "CROSS"

(BUT) "HE IS EXHALTED" TO DEITY
TO TOTAL "GOD" "INDEED"

① EVERY KNEE WILL BOW - ⑩

(IN HEAVEN)
"OF THINGS IN HEAVEN"

- WHAT PERTAINS TO "OR" IS IN
HEAVEN -

THE ACTIVITY IN
EXISTENCE ABOVE

(IN EARTH)

(THE CHRIST-REJECTING MILLIONS)

(UNDER THE EARTH)

THE DEVIL - HIS ANGELS

THE UNSAVED DEAD

③ ENTOLLED - ⑪

① BY UNIVERSAL CONFESSION -
(EVERY TONGUE)

CONFESS = "OPENLY", (TO AGREE WITH)

CHRIST EXPOUNDED - AS THE
SON OF GOD -- SAVIOUR OF WORLD
"JESUS IS LORD"

② THE UNIVERSAL CONSEQUENCE - ⑪
(TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER)

THIS IS A "CONSISTENT HERMENEUTIC" OF
SCRIPTURE -

- THE "FACT" THAT GOD DOES ALL THINGS
FOR "HIS GLORY" --- ALL JESUS DID ---
WAS FOR "GOD'S GLORY." ---

"O" DEAR BROTHER --- "ALLOW!"

"THIS MIND TO BE IN YOU"

STOP

Phil 2:12-16

- WORKING OF SALVATION -

IN THIS CH "SO FAR" =

④ THE PLEA - (1-4)

TO STAND TOGETHER - (ONE SPIRIT)

TO STRIVE TOGETHER - (ONE MIND)

"BECAUSE OF CHRIST" -

- OUR EXPERIENCE IN HIM -

① CONSOLATION IN CHRIST -

"HIS PRESENCE IN US"

② COMFORT OF LOVE -

"HIS TENDERNESS FOR US"

③ COMMUNION WITH THE SPIRIT -

"WE ARE ONE WITH HIM"

④ COMPASSION FOR OUR MISTAKES -

MERCY - "WE ARE HUMAN" - AS HE

FORGIVES - "WE MUST FORGIVE"

⑤ THE PATTERN - (5-11) "OUR CHRIST"

"BE OF THE SAME MIND" - AS CHRIST

"A BOND SERVANT"

"FOR" THE "GLORY OF GOD" &

THE "GOOD OF OTHERS" -

"SERVITUDE" & "SACRIFICE"

FOR "MANKIND" - ADAM'S RACE

NOW : TO THE PROCESS OF SERVANTHOOD -
[12-16] "WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION"

"OBEY" OR "OBEDIENCE" HOLDING TO CHRIST

- WE NEED TO "CARRY OUT" THIS SALVATION
BY FAITH --- AND BRING IT TO ITS "ULTIMATE
CONCLUSION" --- BY OUR "CONSTANT
AND ABSOLUTE" OBEDIENCE --- WITH
"FEAR" + "TREMBLING" -

YOU OBEYED "WHILE I WAS WITH YOU"
"SO" KEEP ON - WHILE I AM NOT -

"REMEMBER" - "OBEDIENCE IS RENDERED
"TO GOD" - "SO" KEEP ON TO "SPIRITUAL
MATURITY" -

"WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION"
INDICATES:

① A PERSONAL SALVATION EXISTS -

"YOUR OWN" - "CHRIST REGENERATION"

"SAVED BY GRACE" - (SALVATION COMPLETE)

② A PERSONAL SERVICE IS EXPECTED -

"WORK OUT" - (CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY)

"GOOD WORKS" - (SERVICE THAT IS UNTO

GOD - A COMPLIMENT TO CONVERSION)

GOD NO WHERE -- CALLS UPON AN UNSAVED
PERSON TO "WORK OUT A SALVATION" -- THAT
HE HAS NOT WORKED IN --

GOD HAS ALREADY ENTERED YOUR LIFE IN
THE HOLY SPIRIT -- NOW STRIVE TO
EXPRESS THIS SALVATION IN YOUR CONDUCT --

WE ARE RIGHTEOUS "POSITIONALLY" -- (NOW)
GOD EXPECTS US TO MAKE PROGRESS --
"PRACTICALLY" -- (TOTAL OBEDIENCE)

THE IDEA HERE IS:

SALVATION IS MY POSSESSION -- BY THE
GIFT OF DIVINE GRACE -- (NOW)

I AM TO "BE MINDFUL" OF WHAT IS "ALREADY
MINE" --

IN "WORKING OUT" MY SALVATION -- THERE
IS A "PROCESS TO SUCCESS":

I] PRACTICE WHAT I POSSESS --

• THAT SALVATION -- "WHICH IS MINE"

WITH

MUCH "FEAR" + "TREMBLING"

FEAR = "THE INWARD MOTIVE"

TREMBLING = "THE OUTWARD ATTITUDE"

① A PERTINENT POINT - "WITH" (12)
A COMPANION - (FEAR + TREMBLING)

[LEST WE TRUST OURSELVES - OR
ARE TEMPTED TO DO WRONG -]
"BOTH ARE DANGERS"

① THE WEAKNESS OF THE FLESH -

WE NEED TO FEAR THE FLESH - (BECAUSE)
IT IS WEAK + WILL FAIL US -
"EVERYTIME" -

② THE WAYS OF THE WORLD - (BECAUSE)

"THE WORLD IS ALWAYS READY TO CRITICIZE"
+ PASS "JUDGEMENT" EACH TIME WE FAIL -

③ THE WILES OF THE DEVIL -

SATAN IS ALWAYS "TEMPTING US"

"HE KNOWS OUR WEAKNESSES" - (SO)

HE IS EVER SEEKING TO BRAKE DOWN

OUR RESISTANCE - (SO) WE WILL

FALL INTO TEMPTATION - AND

FAIL

⑧ A PERSONAL PLEASURE - ⑬

"GOD IS OPERATING" ... IN BOTH THE
"WILLING TO" + "WORKING OUT" HIS
GOOD PLEASURE

① IT IS YOU. GOD IS A WORK IN -

FOR HIS "GOOD PLEASURE" ... HE LOVES IT

HE LOVES TO OPERATE "IN US" ("BUT")

HE NEEDS OUR

② WILLINGNESS TO WORK -

WE NEED TO BE "DOING THE WORK"

THAT HE IS "WORKING IN US"

THE WORD "WORKETH" MEANS:

"TO ENERGIZE" ... "HE PUTS FORTH HIS
POWER" IN US -

AT ANY MOMENT "WE" IN OUR "CHRISTIAN
SERVICE" FOR CHRIST "CAN DRAW"
FROM THIS "ULTIMATE SOURCE" OF !!!
"DIVINE POWER" -

③ A POWERFUL PAIR - (GOD + BELIEVER)

"A TEAM" WHICH THE FORCES OF HELL
CANNOT OVERTHROW -

HIS PLEASURE BEING DONE -
MY PLEASURE FULFILLED -

II IN THE PRESENCE OF PERVERSION - (14 & 15)
(IN THIS PRESENT WORLD) (15)

→ NO "MURMURING" + "DISPUTING" →

THE WORLD IS "CROOKED" + "DISPUTING"
"TWISTED" "MORALLY" + "SPIRITUALLY"

IT IS:

FOLLOWING ITS "OWN PATTERN" +
REFUSING TO "RECOGNIZE GOD"

"LIKE ISRAEL" - (WHO REFUSED GOD'S SON)

(VS 15) BE GOD'S SONS = "CHILDREN OF GOD"

(A) OUR GARMENT - (15)

"BLAMELESS" + "HARMLESS"

(WITHOUT MURMURING)

[WHEN "MURMURING" IS ALLOWED →
"DISPUTING" WILL BE THE RESULT →]

DISPUTING BREAKS OUR FELLOWSHIP

WITH GOD + OUR TESTIMONY IN THE WORLD

(DON'T JOIN THE DEVIL'S CROWD)

WE ARE THE GARMENT OF

"OBEDIENCE & PEACE"

→ SHINE AS LIGHTS → IN THE WORLD →

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③ OUR GUIDE - "WITHOUT BLEMISH" ⑩
BE THE SONS OF GOD --- "WITHOUT DEFECT"
"NO BLEMISH" --- "SPOTLESS" *

THIS IS THE DEFINITION OF CHRIST &
NOW - HIS SONS ---
WORK AT IT *

④ OUR GOAL - ⑪

CHRIST AS OUR PATTERN - "THE WORD"

WE HAVE GOD OPERATING IN US ---

"SO"

WE ARE TO "LUMINATE" THE DIVINE
"LIGHT OF CHRIST" --- AND ---

CARRY IT *

TO THE FULL CLIMAX --- THE ---
"DAY OF CHRIST"

"SO"

"DON'T RUN & LABOR IN VAIN"

(THE LORD IS COMING) KEEP WORKING
OUT YOUR SALVATION

STOP