

SECOND STUDY

FELLOWSHIP OF OBEDIENCE

APPEAL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING (Philippians 2:1-4)

Paul, in his plea for unity among the Philippian believers, starts with a appeal for Christian living which will in turn fulfill his joy (Philippians 2:2).

1. What are the 4 If's, in Philippians 2:1, to which Paul is referring?

(1) If _____

(2) If _____

(3) If _____

(4) If _____

Paul is saying, "If there be any such thing as Christians comforting and cheering-up one another, if there be brothers in Christ sharing the same Holy Spirit, if any are affectionate and compassionate, then make me truly happy by loving each other; working together with one heart one mind and one purpose; and don't just be thinking about your own affairs, but be interested in others too, and in what they are doing. Look at your own faults and at the good points in others (Philippians 2:1-4)."

This will happen at the end of the age after Jesus defeats all His enemies (Philippians 2:10,11; see Isaiah 45:21-23; Revelation 17:14; 19:11-21; 20:10-15).

SHINING AS LIGHTS IN THE WORLD

(Philippians 2:12-18)

Work out (complete) ***your own salvation with fear and trembling***. Philippians 2:12. Paul instructs us to pursue and stick to holiness because it is God's will for us, and not to depend on ministers and friends to motivate us in it (Ephesians 6:5).

1. (a) What are the results when the Philippian believers do all things without murmuring and complaining? (Philippians 2:14-16) _____

(b) What does Paul say this (above answer) will do for him personally? (Philippians 2:16) _____

Paul adds, that even if he has been offered upon the sacrifice and service of their faith to exceed,

THE KENOSIS AND DEITY OF CHRIST

(Philippians 2:5-8)

The Deity of Jesus Christ means that He is called God by the Apostle John in John 1:1; He is called God by the Apostle Thomas in John 20:28; He is called God by God the Father in Hebrews 1:8; He claimed to be God in that He was with the Father before creation in John 17:5; He claimed to be God in that He was before Abraham in John 8:51-59; He received worship in Matthew 14:33, and only God is to be worshiped; He forgives sin in Mark 2:5-11, and only God can forgive sin; He is Creator and maker of all things in Colossians 1:16; He is sustainer of all things in Hebrews 1:3, and only God can control the universe; He claimed to have “all power in heaven and in earth” in Matthew 28:18, and only God has all power. He walked upon the blue waters of Galilee. The winds and the waves obeyed His command. He healed the sick and raised the dead. He gave sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf. He cast out demons and made the lame to walk. He turned water into wine, and fed five thousand with the lunch of a lad. ¹

The Kenosis of Christ is the emptying out of Himself all His heavenly attributes and becoming flesh and dwelling among man (John 1:14; Matthew 1:16). Let this same mind or attitude be in you

1. Notes from The Open Bible, pp. 985,986.

which was also in Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:5).

1. Even though, Christ, being found in the form of God, and thought it not robbery to be equal with God, what are some of the things He did to Himself in humility? (Philippians 2:5-8)

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

(5) _____

THE EXALTATION OF CHRIST (Philippians 2:9-11)

We read in Philippians 2:9, that God highly exalted Christ, and gave Him a name which is above all names. Also, in Acts 2:33-36, we read:

Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord (God) said unto my Lord (Jesus Christ), Sit thou on My right hand, until I make Thy foes (enemies) thy footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ (Messiah).

1. Memorize Philippians 2:10,11.

2. Who will bow at the name of Jesus, and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father? (Philippians 2:10,11) _____