

The Book of Philippians

Chapter Two Workbook

This Bible Study Workbook is designed to facilitate your study of Chapter Two of the Book of Philippians. Upon completion of the study, it is recommended that you discuss your answers and insights with other Bible Students who also completed the workbook. Further information is available at www.free-online-bible-study.com

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Philippians 2 (New International Version)

1 If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. 4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death- even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed-not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence-continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

14 Do everything without complaining or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe 16 as you hold out the word of life-in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing.

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17 But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. 18 So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. 20 I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. 21 For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. 22 But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. 23 I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. 24 And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.

25 But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. 26 For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. 27 Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow.

28 Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. 29 Welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor men like him, 30 because he almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for the help you could not give me.

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DAY ONE

1. In verse one the word “if” occurs four times, it is used in the same sense that we use the word “since” and describes four conditions. What are the four conditions Paul cites in verse 1 to encourage the Philippians to do the things he asks of them in verse 2?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

2. What 4 things is Paul asking the Philippians to do in verse two and how would Paul benefit if they did so?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

Paul’s benefit: _____

3. What is common to all four things Paul is asking the Philippians to do? Is there a theme? What is it?

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DAY TWO

1. What does God tell us to do in verses three and four? Fill in the blanks.

Do nothing _____ or _____.

But in _____ consider others better than yourselves.

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also _____
_____.

2. Verse five tells us that our attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Study verses six, seven and eight and fill in the blanks.

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider _____ God something to be _____,

but made himself _____, taking the very nature of a _____, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he _____ and became _____ to death- even death on a cross!

What should be our attitude from the lessons of verses six, seven, and eight?

Verse 6: _____

Verse 7: _____

Verse 8: _____

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DAY THREE

1. In verse 12 the Philippians are told to continue to “work out their salvation”. The Greek word which is translated “work out” is the word *katargazesthe*. It means to carry out to full perfection or to carry out to the goal.

In verse 13 we see that it is God who works in us according to his will and acts according to his good purpose. The Greek word which is translated “works” in verse 13 is *energoon* which means “to be at work” or “working effectually”.

How can Christians carry out their salvation to full perfection so as to reach their goal? In regards to salvation, what work is ours and what work is Gods? The following verses may help you: John 6:44,65; Rom 10:9-11; Eph 2:7-10; Phil 1:3-6; Heb 13:20-21; 1 John 4:12-17; and 1 John 5:1-5.

2. Why do you think we are told to work out our salvation with fear and trembling?

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DAY FOUR

1. In verse 14 Paul exhorts the Philippians to do everything without complaining or arguing. What motivations does he provide them to do so?

2. We all complain, but sometimes we complain for the wrong reasons (see *Numbers 14; Psalm 106:24-27; Matthew 20:1-16; Mark 14:1-9; James 5:9; I Peter 4:9; and Jude 16*).

What would be a proper reason to complain in the body of Christ and how should we handle it?

3. We also argue. So when we have an argument how should we handle it according to the following verses?

- Leviticus 19:17-18
- Matthew 5:23-24
- Matthew 18:15-17
- Matthew 18:21-35
- Luke 17:1-4
- Colossians 3:12-14

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DAY FIVE

1. Paul uses a metaphor built on sacrificial ritual in verse 17. What are the sacrifices in the metaphor? Why idea is Paul trying to convey by using the metaphor?

2. What do the following verses tell us about Timothy?

Verse 19: _____

Verse 20: _____

Verse 22: _____

3. According to Voice of the Martyrs (www.persecution.com) more than 40 nations around the world today persecute Christians for their faith. In some of these nations it is illegal to own a Bible, to share your faith Christ, change your faith or teach your children about Jesus. Those who boldly follow Christ—in spite of government edict or radical opposition—can face harassment, arrest, torture and even death. Yet Christians continue to meet for worship and to witness for Christ, and the church in restricted nations is growing.

Seeing there is little if any opposition, what prevents us from sharing our faith in a free country such as America?

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DAY SIX

1. Paul states he is confident he will go to the Philippians soon and hopes to send Timothy to them soon, but sends Epaphroditus.

List 4 titles given to Epaphroditus in verse 25:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

2. What kind of man do you think Epaphroditus was from reading verses 26-30?
