

CMBC Bible Study

Philippians – Chapter 2

Theme: Serving God by serving one another

Introduction

The Apostle Paul continues at this point to encourage the Philippian Church to remain obedient in the teaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. They are never to forget that it is God almighty who works in them and allow His will to be done through them. His advice to them is to not speak evil and cause contention among themselves, but to allow the Holy Spirit who dwell within them to direct their thoughts and conduct. Our discussion today should bring to light how we as Christians are to live our lives to the glory of God.

It is not easy to give counsel from afar, it is even more difficult to expect the hearers to head without accountability, especially when it comes to ministry engagement and involvement.

V12-13 Apostle Paul acknowledges the obedience of the Philippian Church. What are your personal challenges to *“work out your own salvation with fear and trembling”*?

V14-16 Paul advises the Philippian Church to not murmur or dispute. What other scripture reference can you find to support this advice, and why do you feel this is important to you?

Share some ways that you can motivate others to become involved without murmuring or dispute.

V17-18 Paul is affirming that dying for the sake of the Gospel is a worthy sacrifice. He makes it personal with the Philippians as a source of joy. Why does such stand seem difficult today, and what do you recommend to reverse it?

V19-24 Paul highlights important facts about his relationship to Timothy and the Philippians. What personal lessons do you draw for your relationship with others in the church?

V25-30 Apostle Paul sends Epaphroditus back to the Philippian Church. What are the three personal relationships mentioned by Paul about him? What do you learn from these about you in the church?
