

REAL TRUTH...TRUE JOY
Philippians 1:27 – 2:11
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- I. Whatever Happens – Philippians 1:27
 - A. A Look Back – Philippians 1:21-26
 1. I'd really rather die, but...
 - B. Heading – Vs. 27
 1. Thesis statement
 2. First commandment of Philippians
 - C. Transition
 1. From _____ situation
 2. To the _____ circumstances
 - D. Overview of Philippians 1:27 – 2:18
 1. Paul is primarily concerned with the Philippians' _____ toward one another
 - a. They would put the _____ of others ahead of their own
 - b. That they would exhibit _____
 2. Another concern
 - a. Remain _____
- II. Standing United Against Opposition from the Outside – Vv. 27-30
 - A. Conduct Yourselves - *politeuete*
 1. To have one's _____ or _____
 - a. What Paul is saying
 2. In other words
 - B. Unity
 1. Stand _____ in one _____
 - a. Is Paul referring to the human spirit or the Holy Spirit?
 2. As one man
 - a. Literally – “in one _____”

3. Paul's point
 - a. Be united in spirit
 - b. And be united in _____

C. Results

1. Sign to "them" of _____
2. Sign of their own _____
3. Purpose of this verse
 - a. Encourage them to _____

D. And That by God

1. They are responsible before God to live as _____ of heaven
2. But...not just our _____, but our ability to _____, be unified, and _____ are from beginning to end the work of _____ in our lives

E. Paul's View of Suffering

1. It is a _____
2. Suffering is a gift because...
 - a. It _____ our salvation
 - b. And through it we are able to _____ with Christ's suffering
3. Three points on Paul's view of suffering
 - a. Paul is talking about suffering for the _____
 - b. Paul does not say that suffering is _____
 - c. Nor does Paul say that _____ is the author of suffering

F. Comparison – Vs. 30

1. Paul understands their suffering

III. Standing United In the Face of Dissension from Within – Phil. 2:1-4

A. “Therefore” (left untranslated in the NIV)

1. Connection
2. If the Philippians are going to accomplish this...

B. “If” – *ei*

1. Can also be translated “ _____ ”
2. Reminder of their mutual affection
 - a. Since you have encouragement, _____, from Christ in you suffering
 - b. Since you have comfort in love
 - c. Since you have fellowship with me and with _____ through the Holy Spirit
 - d. Since our _____ is based on tenderness and compassion

C. Then

1. Make my _____ complete
2. Notice what all of this is based on

D. Do these things

1. Be _____ - _____
2. Have the same _____
3. Be one in _____ and _____
4. Do nothing out of _____
5. Be _____
6. Consider others _____ than yourselves
7. Don't just look out for _____
 - a. Look out for _____

E. Two Clear Points

1. The Philippians must be _____ in order to stand firm in the face of _____ and _____
2. They can only _____ that unity by putting the needs of others ahead of their own

F. What Paul envisions for the church

1. What he does not envision
2. What he does envision

IV. The Attitude of Jesus – Vv. 5-11

A. The Point of the Passage

1. This passage has a lot to say about
 - a. The _____
 - b. Christ's _____ - _____
 - c. Christ's _____ with God
 - d. The _____ of his identity
 - e. Christ's costly _____
2. However, this is NOT the point of the passage
 - a. The point is to hold up Christ's selfless _____ and servant _____ as a model for the church

B. Was it an Early Christian Hymn?

1. Did Paul write it?

C. Introduction – Vs. 5

1. Literal rendering
 - a. "Have this attitude among yourselves which also in Christ Jesus"
2. Notice the emphasis on unity
 - a. Have this attitude among yourselves

D. Christ's Humble Attitude – Vv. 6-8

1. The nature of Jesus
 - a. Very nature – *morphe*
2. Taking advantage
 - a. Grasped = *harpagmos*
3. Made himself nothing
 - a. How?
 - i. Taking the "very nature" of a _____
 - ii. By becoming a _____
4. Humbled himself even further
 - a. By being obedient to _____

E. Christ's Exaltation – Vv. 9-11

1. God takes center stage
2. _____ Jesus

3. Gave him the _____ that is above every other _____
4. One day all creation will acknowledge it
5. Reminder to the Philippians
 - a. That they will _____ and _____ with Jesus in heaven
 - b. And that is more cause to _____ and _____

V. Two Concluding Thoughts

A. Christ's (Challenging) Example

B. Worship