

Have This Mind In You

TEXT: Phil. 2:1-11

INTRODUCTION:

- A. THE LOVE OF PAUL FOR THE SAINTS MANIFEST IN THIS BOOK.
 1. His prayer(**1:3-11**).
 2. His desire to live for their benefit(**1:12-30**).
 3. He closes the chapter with this exhortation(**1:27-30**).
- B. THEY NEED THE MIND OF THE SUFFERING JESUS.

I. AN EXHORTATION TO HUMILITY –

“HAVE THIS MIND IN YOU”(vs. 1-5).

- A. THE **IMPORTANCE OF OBEYING** – “If there be any”
 1. **Exhortation in Christ**(*paraklesis*, encouragement or exhortation).
“If you can be encouraged to do anything through Christ, do this.”
 2. **Consolation of love**(*paramuthion*, consolation, comfort, encouragement).
“If Paul’s or Jesus’ love means anything to them.”
 3. **Fellowship of the Spirit**(**Eph. 4:1-3**). We are one in heart.
 4. **Tender mercies**(affections and sympathies – **Rom. 12:9-10; 15**).
 5. **Compassions**(sorrow for the sufferings and troubles of others and urge to help).
- B. THE **CONTENT OF THE EXHORTATION** – BE OF THE **SAME MIND**.
“LIKE-MINDED” – KJV ALIKE!
 1. Have the **same love**(**Matt. 22:37; 1 Pet. 1:22**).
 2. Being of **one accord** (lit. “fellow-souled).
 3. Of **one mind** –
 - a. Reference to **goals**(**Phil. 1:27; Col. 3:1-4**).
 - b. Reference to **thoughts**(**Phil. 4:8; 1 Cor. 1:10**).
 - c. Reference to **faith**(**1 Cor. 1:10; Eph. 4:4-5**).
 4. **Nothing through strife** – A product of carnality(**1 Cor. 3:1-3; James 4:1-4**).
 5. **Nothing through vain-glory**. Pride seeks its own(**Rom. 12:3; Luke 14:7-11**).
 6. But in **lowliness of mind** – Humility(**1 Pet. 5:5-7**).
 - a. Each counting the other better than himself.
 - b. Watching out for our brother(**Matt. 20:26-28**).

II. MOTIVATION TO HUMILITY –

“ ... WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST.”

- A. CHRIST’S **HUMILITY IS SEEN** IN HIS SACRIFICE AND SERVICE.
 1. Existed in the **form** of God – see **Vine** and **Robertson** on “**form**.”
 2. He counted not the being on equality with God a thing to be grasped.
See **Vine** on “**prize**.”
 3. He “**emptied**” himself.
 - a. **Have this mind in you**.
 - b. What am I holding back(**Luke 9:23**).
 4. Taking the form of a “**servant**”(**slav**). **Whose** slave?(**Matt. 20:28; Heb. 5:8-9**).
 5. Being made in the **likeness of men**(**John 1:14**). He humbled himself.

- a. Humility resulted in **obedience** – **even unto death!!** Cost.
 - b. As it will for us(**James 4:6-10**).
- B. THE **RESULT OF CHRIST'S HUMILITY**.
1. God **highly exalted** him.
 - a. Gave him a name above every name(**Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1:22-23**).
 - b. **every** knee and **every** tongue.
 2. **We**, too, will be **exalted**(**Rom. 8:16-18**).
 - a. But **our knees** must bow!
 - b. **Our tongues** must confess.
 - c. When? Now or later(**2 Cor. 6:1-2**).

CONCLUSION: HAVE THIS MIND IN YOU.