

REJOICING IN THE MINDSET OF CHRIST

I. The Example of Christ (Philippians 2:5-11)

- A. His Humiliation (2:5-8)
- B. His Exaltation (2:9-11)

II. The Application Of This Mindset (2:12-16)

- A. Work Out The Salvation That God Worked In (2:12)
- B. By Understanding That God Is Presently At Work In You (2:13)
- C. How Is This To Be Accomplished Practically? (2:14-16)

III. Other Examples to Note (2:17-30)

- Through the biblical example of Jesus Christ & by the examples we are about to see, we now find the Apostle Paul offering _____, his traveling companion _____, and his dear friend _____, as models of spiritual service we are to follow.

A. The Example of Paul (2:16b-18)

1. Paul was motivated to mimic the mindset of _____ as he did not want to run his Christian life race in _____ ! (2:16b)

- Is this even possible?

- How can you make your life count?

2. Paul was motivated to offer his life as a _____ to God for the benefit of others.

- Does God want sacrifices today?—I thought that Christ was the last sacrifice?

-Believers are to:

- a. Offer up _____ *sacrifices* because we are a royal _____ in Christ (1 Peter 2:9-10)

- b. Offer up the *sacrifice* of _____ to God, that is, the _____, giving thanks to His name (Hebrews 13:15)

- c. Not to forget to do _____ and to _____, for with such *sacrifices* God is well pleased (Hebrews 13:16; Galatians 6:6; Philippians 4:10-16)

d. Offer up our _____ as a living sacrifice to God (Romans 12:1-2)

1) the *language* of Grace: (Romans 12:1), “I _____ you therefore brethren...”

2) the *longing* of grace: “That you _____ your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God...”

- How is this sacrifice different from Old Testament sacrifices?

3) the *logic* of grace: “has to do with the _____ of God toward you & based on this, it is only _____ that you _____ the Lord”

4) the *result* of grace thinking:

1) negatively-- it requires that you stop being _____ to this world

2) positively—it will _____ you from the inside out through the _____ of your mind process.

3. **Paul’s attitude and action** is captured in verse 17 “on the _____ and _____ of your faith ... I am glad & rejoice with you all”

4. Paul’s **mindset concerning this service** is revealed in the phrase “if I am presently being _____ as a _____ offering on your behalf”

5. The **attitude** Paul wants us to grasp here is:

a. True joy is connected to _____ your life for others. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

b. Paul’s attitude concerning true joy is, I couldn’t be more _____ to give myself on behalf of you. (Isn’t this the mindset of Christ?)

c. Though the Philippians were grieved about Paul’s current circumstances, He commands them to _____ in the Lord with him.

What does all this mean to you?