

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Philippians Bible Study

Philippians 1:27-30 & 2:1-8 Lesson #4

****INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in Philippians before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word.
Most Scriptures are from the New King James Version.

27-28 Only **let your CONDUCT be WORTHY of the gospel of CHRIST**, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, and not in any way terrified by your **adversaries, which is to them a PROOF of PERDITION, but to YOU of SALVATION**, and that from God.

• **I Thessalonians 2:11-12** “As you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, that _____ would have a _____ of _____ who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.”

Definition: “**Let your CONDUCT be WORTHY of the gospel of CHRIST**” – This verse uses the word “conduct” and other Scriptures use the word “walk”, but they are the same. Our WALK with the Lord means how we ACT, how we live our life, or our conduct. Our WALK or conduct must NOT bring shame to the name of Jesus, but we should be acting in a way that shows we are His followers, and our ACTIONS are as Jesus Himself would act.

• **Colossians 1:9-10** “For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to _____ for _____, and to _____ that you may be _____ with the _____ of His _____ in all _____ and spiritual _____; that you may have a _____ of the _____, fully pleasing _____, being fruitful in every _____ work and increasing in the _____ of God.”

• **I John 2:6** “He who says he _____ in _____ ought _____ also to _____ just as _____ walked.”

Definition: “**To them a PROOF of PERDITION, but to YOU of SALVATION**” – Perdition means eternal punishment in **the lake of fire, also known as HELL**. Paul is saying that the “**adversaries (enemies)**” of the Christians, those who were persecuting and “troubling” the Believers, have only a future in HELL to look forward to, and **that is God’s righteous JUDGMENT of them as unbelievers**. For the Believers, their persecution is PROOF of their salvation, because the devil wouldn’t bother to have his followers persecute anyone unless they were believers in Christ.

• **I Thessalonians 1:4-9** “So that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your _____ and _____ that you endure, which is manifest _____ of the righteous _____ of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also _____; since it is a _____ thing with God to _____ with _____ those who _____ you, and to give you who are _____ rest with us when the Lord _____ is _____ from _____ with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking _____ on those who do not _____ God, and on those who do _____ the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be _____ with everlasting _____ from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.”

29-30 For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, **not only to BELIEVE in HIM, but also to SUFFER for His SAKE**, having the same **CONFLICT** which you **SAW in ME** and now **HEAR is**

in ME.

• **I Thessalonians 2:1-2** “For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain. But even _____ we had _____ before and were _____ treated in _____, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much _____.”

Definition: “**SUFFER for His SAKE, having the same CONFLICT which you SAW in ME**” – The last time Paul was in Philippi, he and his traveling companion Silas were arrested, beaten, and thrown in jail all for only speaking the truth about Jesus Christ. Of course, God used that incident, and He caused an earthquake that let all the prisoners out of the prison, and resulted in the conversion of the jailer and his whole family to Christ. However, Paul and Silas still **suffered and were treated badly.**

• **Acts 16:22-25** “Then the multitude rose up together _____ them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and _____ them to be _____ with _____. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they _____ them into _____, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner _____ and fastened their _____ in the _____. But at midnight _____ and Silas were _____ and _____ to God, and the [other] prisoners were _____ to them.”

2:1-2 Therefore if there is any **CONSOLATION in CHRIST**, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by **being LIKE-MINDED**, having the same love, **being of ONE ACCORD**, of one mind.

• **Ephesians 4:3** “Endeavoring to keep the _____ of the _____ in the bond of peace.”

• **Acts 2:1 & 46** “And when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with _____ (in unity) in one place.” (Verse 46) “So continuing daily with _____ in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart.”

• **Philippians 4:1-2** “Therefore, my beloved and longed for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved. I implore (beg) Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the _____ in the Lord.”

Definition: “**Any CONSOLATION in CHRIST, if any COMFORT of love, if any FELLOWSHIP of the SPIRIT**” – **Consolation or to CONSOLE** means to comfort someone and make them feel less sad or disappointed. **To COMFORT** means to help, soothe or encourage someone in distress. **FELLOWSHIP** means companionship and mutual sharing. God the Father, Jesus our Lord and Savior, and the Holy Spirit provide all of these things to the Believer: consolation and comfort in times of distress or trouble, and companionship at all times. Some Bible versions translate fellowship as “communion” - to commune with someone is to talk and have fellowship with them.

• **I John 1:5-7** “This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is _____ and in Him is no _____ at all. If we say that we have _____ with Him, and walk in _____, we _____ and do not practice the _____. But if we _____ in the _____ as He is in the _____, we have _____ with one another, and the _____ of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

• **II Corinthians 13:14** “The _____ of the Lord _____, and the _____ of _____, and the _____ of the _____ be with you all. Amen.”

● **II Corinthians 1:3-5** “Blessed be the _____ and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all _____, who _____ us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to _____ those who are in any _____, with the _____ with which we ourselves are _____ by _____. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our _____ also abounds through _____.”

Definition: “Being of ONE ACCORD, of one MIND” – Ephesians 4:3 calls it “Endeavoring to keep the **UNITY of the FAITH** in the bond of peace.” We, as Christians, are not supposed to be dividing up into groups, arguing with one another, or any other kind of disunity. **We are to be UNITED in ONE MIND, HEART and SPIRIT in our service to the Lord.**

● **Philippians 1:27** “Only let your conduct be worthy of the _____ of _____, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in _____, with _____ striving together for the _____ of the _____.”

3-4 **Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out NOT only for his own interests, but also for the interests of OTHERS.**

● **Romans 15:1-2** “We then who are strong ought to _____ with the scruples of the _____, and _____ to please _____. Let each of us _____ his _____ for his _____, leading to edification.”

● **John 13:34-35** “A new _____ I give to you, that you _____ one _____, even as I have loved you, that you also _____ one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have _____ for _____.”

● **Galatians 6:2** “_____ one another’s _____ and so _____ the _____ of _____.”

Definition: “Look out NOT ONLY for his own interests, but also for the INTERESTS of OTHERS” – God has commanded us to LOVE one another and LOVE our neighbor, so **TAKING CARE of others and their NEEDS** should come before our own SELFISH INTERESTS. **“BEARING one another’s BURDENS” is one way we SHOW our LOVE to one another as Christians. To “bear” means to lift and take up the heavy load from someone.** We help, comfort, and “lift the burdens” of our fellow Christians as we fulfill Christ’s “law” and example for us. Lifting those “burdens” may be by helping with financial and physical needs, giving emotional support, prayer, or just listening when a brother or sister has a problem.

● **James 2:8** “If you really _____ the _____ according to Scripture, ‘You shall _____ your _____ as yourself,’ you do _____.”

● **Romans 13:8-10** “Owe no man anything except to _____ one another, for he who _____ another has _____ the _____. For the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘You shall not covet,’ and if there is any other commandment, are all _____ up in this saying, ‘You shall _____ your neighbor as yourself.’ _____ does no _____ to a neighbor; therefore _____ is the _____ of the law.”

● **Matthew 22:36-40** “Teacher, which is the great _____ in the _____?” Jesus said to him, ‘You shall _____ the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the _____ and great commandment. And the _____ is like it: You shall _____ your _____ as _____’

yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

• **John 15:12 & 17** “This is _____ commandment, that you _____ one another as I have _____ you.” “These things I command you, that you _____ one another.”

5-8 “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the FORM of GOD, did not consider it robbery to be EQUAL with GOD, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became OBEDIENT to the point of DEATH, even the death of the CROSS.”

• **John 17:28** “You have heard Me say to you, “I am going away and coming back to you.” If you _____ Me, you would rejoice because I said, “I am going to the _____,” for My _____ is _____ than I.”

• **Colossians 2:9** “For In _____ dwells _____ the _____ of the _____ bodily, and you are complete in Him.....”

Definition: “Who, being in the FORM of GOD” – The Greek word “form” is MORPHE, which means the OUTWARD EXPRESSION of an innermost nature.” **Jesus, as a HUMAN BEING, a man, was the outward, visible expression of the complete NATURE and ESSENCE of God.**

• **John 1:1-3 & 14** “In the beginning was the _____, and the Word was with God, and the _____ was _____. He was in the beginning with God. All things were _____ through _____, and without Him _____ was _____ that was made.” (verse 14) “And the _____ became _____ and _____ among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Definition: “My FATHER is GREATER than I” – If Jesus is equal to God the Father, then how is it He says that the Father is greater than He is? All the fulness of God dwells in Jesus in bodily form, in a human body (Col. 2:9), but in order for Jesus to come to earth as a man, **He had to temporarily step down and GIVE UP His POSITION as God** and equal to the Father. **Jesus took a lesser POSITION** in authority to the Father, but He never became less in ESSENCE. Philippians 2:6 says that Jesus “did not consider it robbery to be EQUAL with God”, or in other words “He did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped, or HELD ONTO.” Phil. 2:6 already said that **Jesus WAS in the FORM of GOD**, so we see that **He ALREADY IS EQUAL with God**. Then, it says He “made Himself of no reputation”, which could also be said as “**He EMPTIED Himself of His powers as God**”. In other words, Jesus came to earth as a man, FULLY HUMAN, of His own free will. He never gave up His divine NATURE, but He did temporarily **LAY ASIDE His POWERS and PRIVILEGES as God**. He was always in **complete UNITY with the Father**, until He took our sins upon Him on the cross, and then for a short time that unity was broken, because the Father could not look upon the SIN of the world, and Jesus cried out, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” Not only was Jesus in a lesser position than the Father **while here on earth**, but He actually became **temporarily lower than the angels**, in order to suffer and die on the CROSS and become our Savior. Once He had completed His work of salvation through the cross and His resurrection, Jesus was again **EXALTED to His position of glory** and equality with the Father.

• **Hebrews 2:9** “But we see _____, who was made a little _____ than the _____, for the suffering of _____ crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste _____ for everyone.”