



*from the inside out*

**Philippians 2:1-30** If then there is any encouragement<sup>A</sup> in Christ, any consolation<sup>A</sup> from love, any sharing<sup>B</sup> in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

<sup>A</sup> *encouragement = consolation = same Greek word. "If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any encouragement from love..." is a valid translation.*

<sup>B</sup> *sharing = koinonia = serious business partnership*

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<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form<sup>A</sup> of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited<sup>B</sup>, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>A</sup> *form = sum of all the attributes.*

<sup>B</sup> *exploited = grasped*

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<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation<sup>A</sup> with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup> for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. <sup>14</sup> Do all things without murmuring and arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world.

<sup>A</sup> *"work out your own salvation" does not mean "work for your salvation." You are already saved – now live it out. Refer to study on James.*

<sup>16</sup> It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup> But even if I am being poured out as a libation<sup>A</sup> over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you-- <sup>18</sup> and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

<sup>A</sup> *libation = drink offering of Numbers 15 where wine was poured over the sacrifice to make it even more inviting.*

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<sup>19</sup> I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I may be cheered by news of you. <sup>20</sup> I have no one like him who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. <sup>21</sup> All of them are seeking their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup> But Timothy's worth you know, how like a son with a father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. <sup>23</sup> I hope therefore to send him as soon as I see how things go with me; <sup>24</sup> and I trust in the Lord that I will also come soon.

<sup>25</sup> Still, I think it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus-- my brother and co-worker and fellow soldier, your messenger and minister to my need; <sup>26</sup> for he has been longing for all of you, and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. <sup>27</sup> He was indeed so ill that he nearly died. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, so that I would not have one sorrow after another. <sup>28</sup> I am the more eager to send him, therefore, in order that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. <sup>29</sup> Welcome him then in the Lord with all joy, and honor such people, <sup>30</sup> because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for those services that you could not give me.