

# Philippians 2:1-13

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## Imitating Christ's Humility

**2** If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, **2** make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3** Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. **4** Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. **5** Let the same mind be in you that was<sup>[a]</sup> in Christ Jesus,

**6** who, though he existed in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be grasped,

**7** but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

**8** he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

**9** Therefore God exalted him even more highly  
and gave him the name  
that is above every other name,

**10** so that at the name given to Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**11** and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## Shining as Lights in the World

**12** Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, **13** for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God. Amen.