

Week 4: Phil. 2:1-11
Joy in Humility

THE
REBEL'S
GUIDE to JOY

Start by reading Phil. 2:1-11 for an overview of the passage.

Context:

In the last section, we were encouraged by Paul that it is our blessing it be called, not only to believe in Jesus, but also suffer for His sake. The point of life is Jesus, to worship him and proclaim his glory. To die is gain because we will see be in the presence of the Lord. It is with this orientation that we can live life in a manner worthy of the gospel through the imparted righteousness of Christ. Paul continues on this theme as he encourages us today to walk in humility and find Joy in the praise and worship of Jesus.

Unity

Read verses 1-4. reread the preceding versus so that you can put into context the “so” that begins this passage.

What is it that Paul is asking for to make his joy complete?

To what does he look to that makes this possible?

How have you been blessed by Christ and his people?

How have you been motivated by Rivalry or Conceit?

Where do you look to your own interests above others?

What does it look like to considers others above yourself?

How can you do that without falling into false humility?

Where do you get the strength to make this a reality?

Jesus Humiliated

Read verse 5-8.

What is Paul calling you to by “have[ing] this mind”?

Why is it important that Christ set aside his glory to become a man?

How was Jesus’ death an act of obedience? (see Matt 26:36-46)

Was he tempted in this moment? Support your answer.

How does this act of Christ change the way you look at your own humility?

Jesus Exalted

Read verse 9-11

What does verse 10 say about the culmination of History?

Do you long for the exaltation of Jesus?

What do you long for that reveals idolatry in your life?

How does verse 11 affect the urgency with which you proclaim the gospel to non-believers?

Reflection and Prayer

Take time this week to pray for the following:

Unity in the body of the church.

Like mindedness toward the work God has called us to.

Thankfulness that Jesus humbled himself for our sake.

The exaltation of Jesus.

For the lost that need to bow to Jesus as a believer before they are forces to bow in judgment.