

Philippians: Living A Life of Joy Series #4

*How to Experience the Joyful
Humility of Obedience to Christ?*

Philippians 2:1-11

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Treasuring Christ... Loving People...

Joyful Humility of Obedience

Philippians 1:1-11

**A defining quality of being a
Christ-follower is joy.*

Joyful Humility of Obedience

Philippians 1:12-20

**The determining factor to
experience joy is... to have a single
passion—to magnify Christ.*

Joyful Humility of Obedience

Philippians 1:20-26

**Christ Followers magnify Christ
by treasuring Him, obeying Him &
'teaming' up to point others to Him*

Selfishness is natural!

Paul's Testimony

‘What defines my life is NOT making much of me--but my joyful passion to make much of Christ.’

I would rather...

Acts 20:24

Live to magnify Christ by...

1. Humbly receiving grace from Christ

2:1

So (therefore)...

If...

Any encouragement..... in Christ

Any comfort from love (agape)

Any participation..... in the Spirit

Any affection & sympathy

Live to magnify Christ by...

2. Humbly relating to others in Christ

2:2-4

Complete my joy... by...

Paul answers two questions...

What?

1. Have the same mind (2:2a)
1 Cor. 2:16
2. Have the same love (2:2b)
2 Cor. 5:14-15
3. Have the same purpose (2:2c)
Jn. 17:24

How?

a. Do nothing from rivalry (2:3a)

Do everything from humility (2:3b)

Humility by Andrew Murray

Count others more significant...

How?

Verse 4 balances verse 3...

b. DON'T look out ONLY for #1 (2:4a)

DO look out ALSO for others (2:4b)

Live to magnify Christ by...

3. Humbly (& joyfully) obeying Christ

2:5-11

Have this mind... among yourselves...

What is Jesus' mind-set?

Joyful humility of obeying God

Three simple statements...

Joyful Humility of Obedience

1. Jesus didn't selfishly demand His rights.

2:6

-though He was in the form of God...

-did not count equality with God...

-a thing to be grasped

2. Jesus humbly obeyed God the Father.

2:7-8

-made Himself nothing...

-taking the form of a servant...

-being born in the likeness of men...

vs. 8 being found in human form

-He humbled Himself by becoming obedient...

-to the point of death... even death on a cross

3. Jesus joyfully received Father's exaltation.

2:9-11

Therefore...God has...

-highly exalted Him &

-bestowed on Him the name...

Acts 2:36, 1 Jn. 3:8, Heb. 2:14-15, Col. 2:15

so that...

-confess that Jesus Christ is LORD

-to the glory of God the Father

Live to magnify Christ by...

1. Humbly receiving grace from Christ *2:1*

The Humility of Humanity

- Vessel to (be) hold God
- Channel to give God

Live to magnify Christ by...

2. Humbly relating to others in Christ 2:2-4

The Synergism of Team

*God's Math: Community: $1 + 1 = 3$
 Serving others: $1 - 1 = 2$

Live to magnify Christ by...

3. Humbly (& joyfully) obeying Christ 2:5-11

The Exaltation of Humble Obedience

- Know who you are in Christ
- Choose to humbly obey the Spirit
- Endure the 'now' by seeing the future

Joyful Humility of Obedience

Our Vision & Mission as a Church...

Treasuring Christ... Loving People...
for God's pleasure & our joy

By Inviting & Equipping people to
become devoted disciple-makers of Christ.

What does this look like?

Live to magnify Christ by...

1. Humbly receiving grace from Christ *2:1*
2. Humbly relating to others in Christ *2:2-5*
3. Humbly (& joyfully) obeying Christ *2:5-11*

Living A Life of Joy

Philippians

- 1:1-11** *How to Experience Joy in All Things?*
- 1:12-26** *How to Deeply Experience Jesus Christ?*
- 1:27-30** *How to Keep from Wasting Your Life?*
- 2:1-11** *How to Be Like Jesus Christ?*
- 2:12-18** *How to Be Lights in the World?*
- 2:19-30** *How to Live a Godly Life?*
- 3:1-11** *How to Maintain Your Joy?*
- 3:12-21** *How to Succeed in Life?*
- 4:1-7** *How to Manage Stress?*
- 4:8-13** *How to Maximize Your Joy?*
- 4:14-23** *How to Multiply Your Joy?*