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Worship Service
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PHILIPPIANS: Joy in the Journey

Lesson Ten • Philippians 2:1-2
A Call to Christian Unity

Theme of the Book of Philippians

Joy in the journey is experienced **MOST FULLY** by living a life that is Christ-centered and gospel-driven.

What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Philippians 1:18

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ... Philippians 1:27

A Call to Christian Unity

Paul says, "Complete my JOY!" How? By living in Christian UNITY.

Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Philippians 2:2

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel. Philippians 1:27

Two Threats to Joy in the Journey

External OPPOSITION in the world and internal DIVISION in the church

And not frightened in anything by your opponents. Philippians 1:28

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. 1Corinthians 1:10

Living in Christian Unity

1. Christian Unity Is Rooted in the UNITY of the Trinity!

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy... Philippians 2:1-2a

Foundation and Motivation for Christian Unity

- Since we have ENCOURAGEMENT in Christ...
- Since we have COMFORT from love of the Father...
- Since we have PARTICIPATION in the Spirit...
- Since we have AFFECTION and sympathy from God...

Since all these things are true of every Christian, we have every reason to live in Christian unity.

2. Christian Unity Is Revealed in the COMMUNITY of the Church!

I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. Philippians 4:2-3

The Importance of Christian Unity

Christian unity is essential to ADVANCING the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world. Philippians 2:14-15

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5-6