

**When Christ's honor is our passion, the gospel is our purpose.**

- I. Purpose: to spread the gospel. (3-18)
  - What is the gospel?
    - The good news in and through Jesus.
  - A. Partnering to share the gospel. (3-8)
  - B. Growing together in the gospel. (9-11)
  - C. Paul's commitment to advance the gospel. (14-18)
- II. Passion for Christ's honor. (19-30)
  - A. In Paul
  - B. In the church at Philippi. (27-30)
    - The one thing we live for is Christ and His gospel.
    - 1. Gospel centered living (27-28)
      - We are citizens of this new Christ-centered community.
      - We do not and cannot stand alone.
      - a. Stand firm
      - b. Unity
      - c. Active
      - d. Great courage
    - 2. Christ's honor above all. (29-30)
      - God's gift
      - a. Believe
      - b. Suffer for His sake

**How does this apply to me?**

## **NEXT WEEK**

"MODEL AND PRACTICE"  
Philippians 2

### **Passage Overview:**

When Christ is the reason we live, our lives reorient themselves away from self-focused living to other-focused living. Jesus is our model for this kind of living, which is to characterize every follower of Jesus. As the Spirit explains through Paul, authentic care for others can only take place when genuine humility restructures our priorities, creating a mind, heart and life orientation that is willing to pour out one's own life for the good of others. As the Philippian believers are challenged to live in love and unity, the Spirit provides four examples for them to consider.

Jesus is the ultimate model of humility that works for the good of others regardless of personal cost. Paul uses an ancient hymn to express in exquisite prose the powerful effects of humility as seen in Jesus' life. The pleasure of the Father in how Jesus lived is expressed in the Father's exaltation of Christ after His death.

Paul then challenges the Philippians to imitate Jesus as they live out their salvation in visible, tangible ways. He mentions that his own life has been poured out as well. Paul rejoices as he sees the benefit that the Philippians reap through the sacrifice of his life for Christ.

Timothy and Epaphroditus then serve as two final examples of those whose lives have been reoriented and repurposed by humility in action. Both of these individuals show a greater concern for others than for themselves. They have paid a price for living other-centric lives, but they are to be honored as well.

As you read, ask yourself whether humility has actively reoriented your priorities and focus away from yourself towards others. In what tangible ways do you see this? Who do you know who lives this way today?

**Reading for Next Week: Philippians 2**