

Humility: When Loss becomes Gain

Philippians 2:1-11; 3:3-16

Unity among Christians grows out of HUMILITY of Thinking as modeled by Jesus Christ and by the Apostle Paul.

1. In Humility, living like Christ, Philippians 2:1-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus. Verse 5

- The Premise, "If there is any...", v.1
- The Purpose, "complete my joy", v.2
- The Pathway, "Count others more significant than yourselves, " v. 3-4
- The Pattern, - The Mind of Christ, vv. 5-11
The Emptying of Christ

The Exalting of Christ

2. In Humility, living for Christ, Philippians 3:3-16

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Verse 7; let the mature think this way, verse 16

"GAIN" counted as LOSS

REAL GAIN (CHRIST)

Pedigree-Israel , verse 5

being found in Christ, 9

Pharisee- Law

righteousness from Persecutor-Church

God by faith

Perfect-Righteousness

knowing Christ, 10-11

Upward call of God, 14

Forgetting what lies behind, straining toward what lies ahead, I press on. Verse 13

SO, how are you thinking about yourself and others?

The Structure of Philippians (by Donald R. Sunkjian)

Opening Greetings (1:1-2)

Thanks for your **gift**; my prayer for you (1:3-11)

Rising above **disunity** and difficulty by rejoicing in
Christ (1:12-26)

Standing firm **as citizens**; contending together
(1:27-30)

In **humility**, living like~~s~~ Christ (2:1-11)

Becoming blameless and **pure**
(2:12-18)

Timothy and Epaphroditus
(2:19-30)

Guarding against evil men (3:1-4)

In **humility**, living for Christ (3:5-16)
like Paul

Standing firm as citizens; waiting for the Lord
(3:17-4:1)

Rising above disunity and difficulty by rejoicing in the Lord
(4:2-7)

Thanks for your gift; my prayer for you (4:8-20)

Final Greetings (4:21-23)