

***Bon Appétit* Course 2: Salad (Understand) Philippians 2**

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Philippians 2 ¹ Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. NIV

1. Words – obey, work out, complaining, arguing, blameless, pure, shine, boast

- **Obey** – comes from the idea ‘to listen’, originally means one who answers the door (porter, butler), also to obey a command, or allow yourself to be governed by someone
- **Work out** - to do something with success and/or thoroughness - 'to accomplish, to perform successfully, to do thoroughly.' Same word in other places carries the idea of bringing someone about, ‘suffering produces perseverance’; (Rom 5:3 NIV)
- **Grumbling** – complaining or murmuring, secret talk, whispering, dissatisfaction
- **Blameless** - free from fault or defect, innocent, without guilt (used to describe Zechariah and Elizabeth, parents of John the Baptist, they were blameless in regards to the law)

2. Genre – What type of passage is this? (narrative, poetry, history, parable, etc.)

Paul was writing a letter to the church at the city of Philippi. When we go about the steps of study, we need to remember that this is a letter, and to interpret it according to how we would understand and apply a letter.

3. Context – Where does the passage fit in the larger flow of the book?

From the ESV Study Bible:

1. Greeting and Prayer (1:1–11)
2. Paul’s Reflections on His Imprisonment (1:12–30)
3. Encouragement to Humble Service (2:1–30)
4. Opponents of the Gospel: Where Does Righteousness Come From? (3:1–21)
5. Concluding Encouragement and Thanksgiving (4:1–23) ESV Study Bible

Here's another outline from Dr. J Veron McGee:

1. Philosophy for Christian Living (chapter 1)
2. Pattern for Christian Living (chapter 2)
3. Prize for Christian Living (chapter 3)
4. Power for Christian Living (chapter 4)

4. Purpose – Why was the book or passage written?

- Thank-you note
- Update on Paul’s situation in prison
- Encourage the Philippian church
- Warn against false teachers

5. Setting – In what situation or for what situation was the book or passage actually written?

- From prison
- Probably 60-61 A.D.
- To Philippi in Macedonia (modern day Greece)

2. Understand – What does the passage actually say?

- 2.1 Words – What is the meaning of individual words? Look up any you don’t know.
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Coming up: **Annual meeting on Feb 21 @ 4 pm.**

Online movie night *Just Mercy* on Friday Feb 26 @ 7 pm

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Pre-service Prayer & Post Service Fellowship Invite

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84118841989>