

A Study of the Epistles of Paul

(NT Survey Lesson 173--Philippians 2)

Introduction: Jesus once said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive". Rarely do people come to see that real joy that comes to those who willingly serve others. In this chapter Paul describes the kind of service that will bring joy to our lives.

Lesson aim: To encourage all of us to find the joy of serving God's people.

The joy of serving God's people--Phil. 2:1-18

1. Upon what basis did Paul appeal to the Philippians to make his joy complete? (v. 1)
2. What did Paul say would make his joy complete? (v. 2)
3. What should not motivate our actions toward others? (v. 3) With what attitude should we view ourselves and others?
4. Whose mind did Paul urge the Philippians to have? How would you describe that mind?
5. Describe Jesus' heavenly eternal state. What did Jesus do with these privileges?
6. Describe Jesus' earthly state. How did Jesus live during this state?
7. What blessing did God bestow upon Christ? Does this prove that God does indeed exalt those who humble themselves?
8. With what attitudes should Christians work out their salvation? Who is working in them?
9. Christians should do all things without what? What will this prove us to be?

10. On what basis did Paul say he rejoiced? What did he urge the Philippians to do?

Timothy & Epaphroditus, servants of God's people--Phil. 2:19-30

1. For what purpose did Paul plan to send Timothy to Philippi?
2. What did Paul say about Timothy's attitude toward brethren?
3. How had Timothy proven his worth in the kingdom?
4. How did Paul describe Epaphroditus? What had recently happened to him?
5. How did Paul command the Philippians to conduct themselves toward him? Why?