

## **Philippians 2:1-2:11 – The Mind of Christ**

In thinking about these verses of Philippians, remember that Paul has the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16), the same mind that we are to have (2:5). These verses reveal the attitude which the mind of Christ produced in Paul. Think about how having the mind of Christ can improve our own attitudes.

First, some questions we didn't get to in the last class:

### *Philippians 2:1-4*

1) What are some things one might do out of selfish ambition or conceit? Give an example from chapter 1. How can we avoid this?

2) What does "counting others better" than oneself mean? How do we accomplish that? What will that do in terms of unity among Christians?

3) Does verse 4 mean that we should attend to everybody else's business rather than our own? Explain.

### *Philippians 2:5-11*

4) What is the "mind of Christ" as characterized in this passage?

5) What is involved in Christ's self-emptying? What does he surrender? Was this voluntary or involuntary?

6) What is the ultimate expression of Christ's selflessness and obedience? What are some ways in which Christ's humiliation illustrates Paul's exhortation verses 2-4?

7) What are the practical implications of the "self-emptying" mind for us? If we "empty ourselves," what will that mean in practical terms?

8) What follows Christ's humiliation (2:9-11)? Does this have a counterpart in our case?

9) What Old Testament passage is used by Paul in verses 9 and 10? To whom does this refer in its original context? To whom does Paul refer this language?