

Philippians 2:9-2:18 – The Mind of Christ Regarding Obedience

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 towards obedience 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 2:9-11

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

2) 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?

Philippians 2:12-18

3) What does Paul say the Philippians had always done? What does he urge them to do in his absence? Should Paul's presence or absence have anything to do with their obedience?

4) What do verses 12 and 13 suggest about their responsibility for their own salvation?

5) How does God motivate us "to will and to do"? For what reason does God work in us?

6) What would be suggested by obedience accompanied by murmuring or disputing? What are some other scriptures that address murmuring or disputing?

7) What three characteristics should we seek as children of God?

8) What was Paul willing to be? What was a drink offering and what was its purpose? (see Exodus 29:38-46, Numbers 15:1-16, and Numbers 28:7-29)

9) What attitude did Paul have toward his being “poured out”? What attitude did he want the Philippians to have?