

Philippians 2:14-2:30 – The Mind of Christ Regarding Service

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 service 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 2:14-18

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

2) 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)

3) What attitude did Paul have toward his being "poured out"? What attitude did he want the Philippians to have?

Philippians 2:19-30

4) What benefit did Paul hope to receive from sending Timothy to Philippi? How was Timothy different from others whom Paul might have sent?

5) What do we know of Timothy's family? What are the good factors in the family spiritually? (see 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:16) What influences might have been otherwise?

6) Who was Timothy more concerned about than himself? How does Timothy illustrate the instructions in Philippians 2:2-4?

7) What was Epaphroditus to Paul? What was Epaphroditus to the Philippians?

8) Why had Epaphroditus come from Philippi to Paul? What problem had he had while he was with Paul? What seemed to concern him most about his problem?

9) What four persons or groups are mentioned in verse 30? Which if the four groups was Epaphroditus least concerned about?

10) What can the examples of Paul, Timothy, and Epaphroditus teach us about the self-emptying mind of Christ?