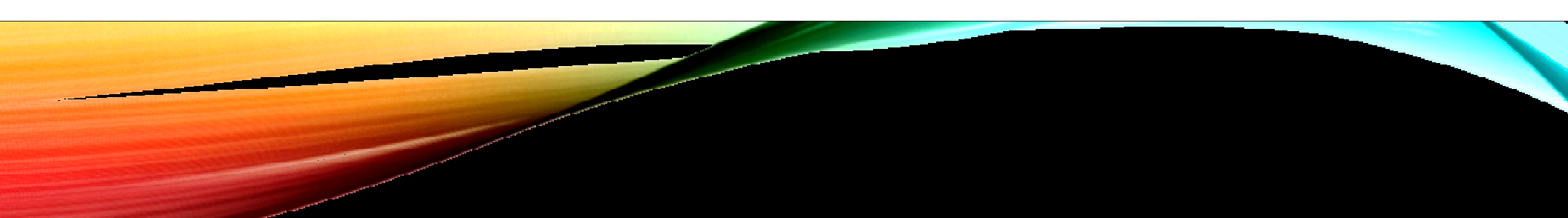




THE MIND OF CHRIST AND THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Phil. 2:1-5

“When Life Gets in the Way, Remember This”



Phil. 2:1 If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye **be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.**

3 *Let nothing be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

5 **Let this mind be in you**, which was also in Christ Jesus:

I. THE PERCEPTION OF THE CONCEPT

Phil. 2:5 **Let this mind be in you**, which was also in Christ Jesus:

A. The Imperative – “Let this mind...”

B. The Influence – “...be in you...”

C. The Imitation – “...which was also in Christ Jesus:”

Rom. 6:4 1 Cor. 11:1 Phil. 3:17



II. THE PARTNERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION

A. The Fellowship in the Gospel, Phil. 1:3-7

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1. The Reflection of Christ, 1:27

a. Life of Christ Manifested Consistently, 1:27a –

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2. The Resolution of Courage, 1:28

3. The Refinement through Conflict, 1:29-30

a. The Inevitable Conflict, 1:29

b. The Identifiable Conflict, 1:30

Phil. 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, **that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;**

Rom 12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; ..

16 **Be of the same mind one toward another.** Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

1 Cor. 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that **ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you;** but *that* ye be **perfectly joined together in the same mind** and in the same judgment.

I. THE PUBLISHING OF CONCERN, 2:1-4

2:1 If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

A. The Relationship to Consider, 2:1-2

1. The Implication, 2:1 – “If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,”

a. The Consolation – “If *there be* **therefore** any **consolation** in Christ...”

Original Word: παράκλησις

Transliteration: paraklésis

Definition: a calling for, summons, hence: (a) exhortation, (b) entreaty, (c) encouragement, joy, gladness, (d) **consolation.**

paráklēsis – properly, **a personal exhortation that delivers the "evidence that stands up in God's court."**

paráklēsis ("holy urging") **is used of the Lord directly motivating and inspiring believers to carry out His plan**



Phil. 2:5 **Let this mind be in you**, which was also in Christ Jesus:

b. The Comfort – “...if any **comfort** of love...”

Original Word: παραμύθιον

Transliteration: paramuthion

Definition: comfort, an exhortation, persuasion, encouragement.

Paramýthion – comfort produced by using soothing words (actions). *paramýthion* focuses on the *principle and results* of comfort (being consoled).



Psa. 51:4 “Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight...”

c. The Communion – “...if any **fellowship** of the Spirit...”

Original Word: κοιῳνία

Transliteration: koinónia

Definition: (lit: partnership) (a) contributory help, participation, (b) sharing in, communion, (c) **spiritual fellowship, a fellowship in the spirit.**

d. The Compassion – “...if any bowels and mercies...”

Original Word: σπλάγχνα

Transliteration: splanchnon

Short Definition: **bowels, compassion**, pity

Definition: the inward parts; the heart, affections, seat of the feelings or emotion.

“mercies”

Original Word: οἰκτιρμός

Transliteration: oiktirmos

Definition: pity, compassion, favor, grace, **mercy**.

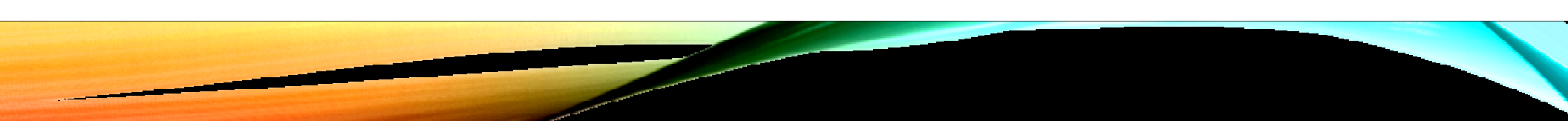
oiktirmós is **used of the deep feelings God has for all of us, and powerfully shows and shares in those following Him.**

Conclusion

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, **by the mercies of God**, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* **your reasonable service**.

2 And **be not conformed to this world**: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.



2 Cor. 5:14 For **the love of Christ constraineth us**; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:
15 And *that* he died for all, that **they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him** which died for them, and rose again.