

50-Philippians-02- Transcript-TS

00:02

to Henderson County sheriff's deputies

00:04

had been standing by in case of trouble

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rush to that door trying to stop the

00:09

pushing and shoving that started over

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the votes were knocked to the ground and

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stepped off then the violence moved to

00:23

the parking lot at the height of the bra

00:29

more than 20 sheriff's deputies and

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Fletcher police had responded to the

00:33

scene breaking up so much fun welcome

00:53

back to part two of these chappy study

00:57

of the book of Philippians and we're

00:59

going to study chapter 2 today and what

01:02

you just witnessed was a church for all

01:04

where the pastor actually ended up

01:06

arrested and you heard this woman Josie

01:09

Gilliard saying these people are not of

01:11

God they don't understand this is God's

01:13

house and those are very very profound

01:16

words that these people cannot be of God

01:19

this is God's house they don't
01:20
understand and in fact many
01:22
congregations are at risk of falling
01:26
into this kind of discord and the book
01:28
or the letter to the Philippians is all
01:30
about avoiding this tragedy within the
01:36
congregation so that's what we're going
01:37
to study today the instruction to the
01:39
Philippians particularly the
01:41
instructions in chapter 2 that represent
01:43
this blueprint for a healthy
01:45
congregation so what we'll do now is
01:47
we'll just a quick prayer and then we'll
01:49
get right into the study for this
01:51
evening Heavenly Father we come before
01:53
you and just thank you so much for the
01:56
work that
01:57
you did in the Apostle Paul and the
01:58
writings that we have from this apostle
02:01
and particularly this letter to the
02:03
Brethren and Philip Philip I we pray
02:06
father that you'll be with us this
02:07

evening you'll help us to understand the

02:10

instructions that you have in this very

02:13

very powerful and profound letter the

02:15

praise you Lord and we ask this in Jesus

02:17

Holy Name Amen so chapter two of the

02:22

book of Philippians begins like this if

02:24

there be therefore any consolation in

02:27

Christ if any comfort of love if any

02:30

fellowship of the Spirit if any bowels

02:32

and mercies fulfill you my joy that

02:36

you'd be like-minded having the same

02:37

mind being of one Accord so end of one

02:42

mind you know when I read that

02:45

especially verse one I don't know what

02:48

it means you know if there be any

02:50

consolation in Christ any comfort

02:52

fellowship the spirit bowels and mercies

02:54

what does that mean and to understand

02:57

this we really have to read it in

02:59

context and remember we covered last

03:01

week and this is really critical to

03:03

unlocking the meaning of the letter to

03:07

the Philippians is it begins in verse 1
03:10
with paul and timothy writing to all the
03:16
saints in christ jesus which are at
03:19
Philippi with the bishops and the
03:20
deacons so it's a letter to the
03:23
community and often we can forget this
03:27
verse verse 1 we kind of have scriptural
03:30
amnesia as we work through the scripture
03:32
as we forget what came before and so we
03:35
begin chapter 2 forgetting who the
03:36
letters to and then many times we apply
03:39
it to ourselves even within chapter 1
03:41
when you look at verse 6 he says being
03:43
confident of this very thing that he
03:46
which has begun a good work in you will
03:49
perform it until the day of Jesus Christ
03:51
by the time we get to verse 6 we've
03:53
forgotten
03:54
that this is a letter to a community and
03:56
we read this and we apply it to
03:58
ourselves personally and that's a big
04:01
mistake
04:01

to really understand this book we have
04:04
to every time that the apostle uses the
04:06
word you in this epistle it's plural
04:09
it's the plural form of you in the Greek
04:11
language in English we might say y'all
04:14
all of you it's all y'all that's how we
04:19
should really translate the word you in
04:21
Philippians 2 or even the entire epistle
04:24
actually but in terms of context of
04:27
Philippians 2 let's go back to what we
04:31
covered the last part of what we covered
04:32
last week in Chapter 1 and it begins
04:37
here in verse 27 and verse 27 is really
04:40
the focal point of the letter so all of
04:44
the introduction that we covered last
04:45
week was leading into verse 27 and
04:49
everything that we're going to cover
04:50
today is really a commentary or an
04:53
exposition on this instruction in verse
04:56
27 so verse 27 says this only let your
05:05
conduct be as it becomes the gospel of
05:09
Christ and that right there is the focal
05:12

point of the letter that the Brethren at
05:15
Philippi all of them with the beach with
05:17
the Deacons and the bishops are to
05:19
ensure that their conduct matches the
05:23
gospel of Christ and everything that we
05:26
read last week was leading into this
05:27
instruction and everything that we're
05:29
going to cover today is an exposition of
05:31
this instruction so that and we knew
05:34
that we covered last week that Paul was
05:36
on the verge of being sentenced and he
05:37
wasn't sure if he was going to be
05:38
sentenced to death or if he was gonna be
05:40
set free and he was pretty confident
05:42
that he would be set free that God still
05:45
had work for him to do with the Brethren
05:47
in Philippi so he's pretty confidently
05:49
to be set free and he would return to
05:51
Philippians but not a hundred percent
05:52
there was a very clear possibility that
05:55
he might have been put to death and so
05:58
he was prepared for that as well and he
05:59

was really joyful whichever way it would

06:03

go for him so he says here that whether

06:05

I come and see you or else I'm absent I

06:09

may hear of your affairs that you stand

06:13

fast in one spirit with one mind

06:17

striving together for the faith of the

06:22

gospel this is the instruction to the

06:24

Philippians and this is what's going to

06:26

avoid their congregation which is at

06:28

risk of breaking down and ending up in a

06:31

brawl with with factions in order to

06:35

prevent that is one instruction the one

06:37

thing that they have to get right is

06:39

that they are to work together to stand

06:42

fast in one spirit with one mind

06:44

striving together for the faith of the

06:47

gospel and when they do this they will

06:50

not be terrified by the adversaries

06:52

they'll be able to follow that

06:53

instruction by Jesus Christ that says to

06:56

not be afraid to bear witness for him

06:58

without fear and so if they can get this

07:01

right they will be infused with the Holy
07:03
Spirit and like Paul be able to witness
07:06
for Christ with boldness and without any
07:09
fear and in nothing terrified by your
07:11
adversaries which is to the adversaries
07:14
an evident token of their perdition so
07:19
so the fact that the Brethren are
07:22
standing fast in one spirit with one
07:25
mind and their striving together for the
07:27
faith of the gospel that is evidence of
07:30
those who take an adversarial position
07:33
to the church those who persecute the
07:34
church it's our love for one another
07:36
that is evidence and evidence is a legal
07:39
term this is the evidence that's going
07:41
to be entered at their judgment of their
07:44
destruction
07:45
this is how they know they're doing
07:46
wrong that they're despising them which
07:49
are good and they know in their
07:51
conscience they're doing wrong but this
07:54
same unity is evidence to you of your
07:58

salvation that this is how you know of
08:01
your salvation and that of God for unto
08:05
you it's been given it's been gifted
08:07
this is a gift from Christ and in the
08:10
behalf of Christ not only to believe on
08:12
him it's not just that you have been
08:14
given this gift of the Holy Spirit so
08:17
that you can believe in Christ but
08:19
you've also been given the comforter so
08:22
that you can suffer for his sake but
08:24
also to suffer for his sake how you're
08:27
having the very same conflict which you
08:29
saw in me so the same persecution that
08:31
descended on me the Apostle Paul you're
08:34
now facing it as well and you're part of
08:36
this gifted community that is allowed
08:39
not only to believe on Christ but also
08:41
to suffer for his sake and now you're
08:43
hearing about this in me as well so this
08:49
critical introduction then to we should
08:52
really have chapter breaks we should go
08:54
from here straight without any chapter
08:57

break straight into the next verse which

09:00

says if there be therefore any

09:03

consolation in Christ if there's any

09:05

comfort of love if any fellowship of the

09:08

Spirit if any bowels of mercies then

09:12

fulfill my joy and the joy was in

09:14

chapter 1 that we would that the

09:17

Corinthian the Philippians would work

09:18

together strive together for the unity

09:21

of the faith for the faith of the gospel

09:23

working together within one spirit in

09:27

one mind that that's the joy is a little

09:30

concerned writing from how he's in

09:32

house-arrested he's a bit concerned

09:34

about the Philippians and and he just he

09:36

really loves to me rejoined there his

09:38

crown in his joy but the the reports

09:41

that he's hearing

09:43

have him somewhat concerned he's

09:45

confident they're gonna work through

09:47

this but the way for them to really

09:49

fulfill his joy is to come together in

09:52

unity and love and so what he's saying
09:54
here when he says if there be therefore
09:56
any consolation in Christ if any comfort
09:58
of love this is like saying you know if
10:01
there's any water in the ocean could
10:04
could you pour a glass and quench your
10:07
brother's thirst so of course there's
10:09
water and there's tons of water in the
10:10
ocean so if there's any comfort in
10:13
Christ I mean Christ says that he will
10:15
send us the comforter and so so in
10:17
within the body of Christ
10:19
of course there's comfort because it's
10:21
Christ's body and price love the body so
10:24
much that he came and he sacrificed
10:26
himself for it so of course there's
10:29
consolation in Christ and of course
10:31
there's comfort in agape and of course
10:33
there's a fellowship of the spirit and
10:35
in bowels and mercies this is really
10:37
talking about depth of feeling and and
10:40
again the depth of love that God and
10:42

Christ have for the church is in the
10:45
church and so if this is there then
10:48
we'll fill my joy and be like-minded
10:51
have that single mind having the same
10:54
love being of one Accord and and this
11:00
brethren is really really critical Paul
11:03
is saying is
11:25
so but when you see this on my
11:28
persecution and Mabon do any good for
11:33
the church for all the world it's got to
11:35
be within this culture that is people in
11:40
basements find that we really are seeing
11:45
that we're seeing a time of indifference
11:50
to to what's happening to Christians
11:53
around the world
11:54
here we see this her Amba Herron Bailey
11:57
guerilla that was shocked a very
11:59
unfortunate very tragic in order to save
12:02
a young boy's life and and now there's
12:04
questions about whether the mother was
12:05
negligent and she could have been but
12:07
also I think any parent knows it's
12:09

possible that you take your eye off your
12:10
child just for a moment and then you can
12:12
lose that you can lose that so what we
12:18
need to do now is realize that here here
12:23
he says you know a man's true character
12:25
is judged by the way he treats his
12:26
fellow animals fellow animals men is
12:29
made in God's image and a man's true
12:32
characters is gonna be seen in how he
12:34
treats his fellow human beings made in
12:36
God's image now the Bible is clear that
12:39
a righteous man regards the life of his
12:41
beast but the tender mercies of the
12:43
wicked are cruel
12:44
I mean Hitler had a pet cat just fifty
12:46
love animals doesn't mean that you are
12:48
truly a merciful person and we need
12:51
people of Paul McCartney stature and and
12:54
and others like Barack Obama people who
12:55
have a voice to speak on behalf of
12:58
Christians and say and say look what's
13:00
happening in the world to Christians and
13:02

and what we're seeing now is a level of
13:06
a difference we're seeing a level of
13:09
indifference toward Christian software
13:11
and it starts it's indifference but
13:14
eventually it ends in hostility as long
13:18
as our governments are sympathetic to
13:22
Christians were okay but what if our
13:24
society claw
13:34
this is footage that we're seeing all
13:36
over Europe all over you
13:39
we're seeing this jacquard which we've
13:42
seen 1,400 years and it's relentless and
13:45
this is how civilizations so so if you
13:49
don't stand for something
13:50
how much create a police officer to put
13:53
up with the story back when did I say
13:55
you know I you know you can't you don't
13:57
pay me to put my life on the line or to
13:59
to sacrifice my life if they don't
14:02
actually believe so when the environment
14:06
changes we racial and here look at the
14:13
scripture in John the says here Marvel
14:17

not my brethren if the world hatred we

14:21

know this is so so Paul says

14:26

the evidence of their destruction

14:29

the lovely

14:31

but evidence of our salvation is the

14:34

matter

14:37

you know for conflict that we have

14:41

passed from death Italy what this is

14:46

where the conflict the preference

14:48

between end of audio

14:49

he that loveth not his brother abides

14:52

exactly this equality

15:02

no murderer has eternal life so readily

15:08

if there's any us let's go back to now

15:11

let's go back to it the chapter here in

15:15

Philippians

=====Quiz # 1

so the world is becoming

15:18

hostile that's certainly at this time

15:20

the Philippians were under intense

15:21

persecution and when they come inside

15:24

the church this is where they should

15:26

find comfort of the Brethren should not

15:29

come into the congregation and find

15:31

their brawling with one another and and

15:33

we see here in Philippians cracks in the

15:36

unity and Paul is writing to them say

15:38

you've got to fix this don't allow this

15:40

to unravel don't allow the conflicts

15:43

that are inside the congregation to

15:45

cause the whole congregation to unravel

15:47

and particularly when we get to chapter

15:49

4 we'll see that there's two women you

15:51

Lydia and Sint Ikki that clearly there's

15:55

a problem between them and Paul is

15:57

addressing this and saying you you can't

15:58

allow this inside the community because

16:01

this is this is where we need to find

16:03

comfort this is where we need to find

16:05

love this is where we need to find

16:07

encouragement in Christ and so because

16:11

we know that these things are true and

16:12

empowered by the Spirit fulfill his joy

16:16

and be like-minded having the same the

16:20

having the same love and being of one

16:23

Accord and of one mind so now he goes on

16:27

in verse three and he says this and

16:31

again there's this there's this problem

16:33

that's brewing inside the congregation

16:35

he's giving them a blueprint to become a

16:37

model congregation they're almost there

16:39

but of course when Satan sees unity when

16:42

Satan sees love when Satan sees progress

16:44

he's going to be in there as well and

16:46

that's what's happening to the

16:47

Philippians as Satan is in there working

16:49

his agenda and then this wonderful

16:51

community is at risk of unraveling so

16:54

here he says let nothing be done through

16:57

strife or the

16:58

Laurie and we can kind of put a footnote

17:00

on this and say obviously Paul is aware

17:02

of what's happening there and there are

17:04

there is some thing happening that's

17:07

being done out of vanity and again if we

17:09

call out and he calls out these two

17:11

women you audience in Turkey something's

17:14
wrong there and Paul is saying it's not
17:16
of God
17:16
it's of vanity so if you're going to
17:19
correct this if you're going to correct
17:20
this problem and not have your
17:21
congregation descend into a brawl then
17:25
this is the formula let nothing nothing
17:28
be done through strife or vainglory
17:32
instead in lowliness of mind let each
17:39
esteem the other better than themselves
17:42
and this is all now an exposition on
17:45
verse 27 that verse where he said strive
17:48
together
17:49
b.o.b like-minded of one mind of one
17:51
spirit and fulfill my joy this is how to
17:54
do it this is how to do it so have
17:58
lowliness of mind and in that lowliness
18:01
of mind
18:01
yo dia consider some tikki better than
18:04
you in Sin City consider yo do better
18:07
than you and so if you if you have this
18:09
formula you will never allow the devil

18:11

to get into your congregation and to the

18:14

point where people are looking at your

18:15

congregation and saying this these

18:17

people are not of God this is God's

18:18

house they don't understand this can at

18:21

least cannot be God's true disciples

18:22

when Christ himself says by this shall

18:25

all men know you if you love one another

18:27

so so we this is how we love one another

18:30

look not every man on his own things but

18:34

every man also on the things of others

18:38

let this mind be in you which was also

18:41

in Christ Jesus and I should have said I

18:44

apologize I'm gonna go through this

18:45

because there's so much theological

18:48

freight that's carried in this this

18:49

passage

18:50

that I don't even think I'll get through

18:52

the whole chapter so I'm not gonna pause

18:54

for Q&A just recommend if I just go

18:57

through it and then when the study is

18:59

done I'll go on the Q&A and answer

19:01

questions then so here he's saying

19:03

here's the formula for success - he

19:06

wants them to be like minded but what

19:07

kind of mind the mind of Christ this is

19:10

how we can be like minded let this mind

19:12

be in you which was also in Christ Jesus

19:15

and now begins what's called the the the

19:19

Christ him and his called the Carmen

19:21

Christie and this is a known him at the

19:23

time which Paul then integrates into his

19:27

instruction to the Philippians and he

19:30

says this so again this is I think this

19:33

is primarily about this crack in the

19:36

unity of the Brethren and and there's

19:38

something going on with these two very

19:40

important women in the congregation the

19:42

audience in Turkey and you know it could

19:45

be as simple as you know simcha he is

19:48

the newcomer and everybody knows that

19:50

the idea makes the coffee and she makes

19:53

the best coffee and now since tikkis

19:55

come along along and she's got she makes

19:58

a nicer pot of coffee and and and and

20:01

you know yogi is like don't they know

20:03

that I'm the coffee maker believe me

20:06

I've seen conflict over the most

20:07

ridiculous things in the congregation's

20:10

and really what Paul is saying is that

20:12

nonsensical conflict is really about

20:15

vanity it's really about reputation

20:18

you're trying to restore your reputation

20:20

your calling brethren the side is that

20:22

you won't believe what this person said

20:24

to me or said about me or did to me and

20:26

it's all about me me me me me and my

20:28

reputation and Paul saying well let this

20:32

mind be in you the mind that was in

20:34

Christ Jesus now you might have had a

20:36

great reputation and somebody came along

20:38

and spoiled it so you came down from

20:41

your height and nobody wants to be

20:43

shamed but something happened to me or

20:46

to you and we've come down

20:47

not and Paul saying okay you're upset

20:50
about being earlier you're upset about
20:51
coming down a notch let me inform you
20:53
about the mind of Christ he was in the
20:57
form of God in other words he was in the
21:00
God family in the Godhead and although
21:04
he was in the Godhead he didn't think it
21:07
robbery to be equal with God in other
21:09
words you know the Word was God in the
21:13
beginning was the word and the Word was
21:15
with God and the Word was God
21:17
so there were these two beings the
21:19
father and the logos and they were
21:21
together and that is such a high state
21:25
of glory when when Christ was with his
21:27
disciples in John 17 he says to to the
21:30
father to restore to him to the glory
21:32
that he had with God from the from the
21:36
beginning before the world began and so
21:38
this was a phenomenal glory that Christ
21:41
had but he didn't think it was something
21:43
to season to hold on to he wasn't like
21:46
Adam who when Satan made the offer hey

21:48

you can be like God

21:49

HCC's that he wanted Adam and Eve they

21:51

wanted that no he had this but it wasn't

21:55

something to hold on to because of his

21:57

love and his consideration for us he

22:01

left that he left that glory and he came

22:04

down he he came down and I would say the

22:08

understatement of the of the of ever

22:10

that'd be a biggest understatement could

22:12

possibly make it say that Christ came

22:14

down a notch you know he came from God

22:17

God level the godhood to mankind

22:20

said instead he didn't he didn't hang on

22:23

to this instead he made himself of no

22:26

reputation what was that the idea that

22:30

you were saying about your reputation

22:31

what was that a sense Hickey that you

22:34

were saying about your reputation why

22:35

you have to stand your ground I want you

22:37

to stand fast together because I don't

22:39

understand this talk about your

22:40

reputation

22:41
because Christ made himself of no
22:43
reputation and took upon him not only
22:47
did he come down from the Godhead and
22:50
come into his creation as a man but when
22:54
he became a man he didn't become a great
22:57
King and even that would be a real
22:59
humiliation for him to come from the
23:01
Godhead into the creation as a great
23:03
King he came as a slave and took upon
23:06
him the lowest level of mankind that he
23:09
could possibly take that of a slave and
23:11
he was made in the likeness of men and
23:14
being found in fashion as a man so not
23:19
only now is he lowly as a slave than
23:23
just a regular man that nobody really
23:25
regards in addition to that or moreover
23:29
he humbled himself and became obedient
23:33
unto death now you know if I die this
23:37
day is no big deal I I've earned the
23:39
death penalty but for the Creator to
23:43
come into his creation and the Creator
23:46
who has in the beginning was the word

23:47
and the Word was with God and the Word
23:51
was God so he who comes from eternity
23:54
past comes into his creation and then
23:58
faces non-existence
24:01
and so imagine the the this is never
24:05
this is unprecedented he is going to go
24:07
out of existence in order to offer
24:11
eternity to us and so he faces this
24:15
prospect of ceasing to exist and he
24:19
pleads with God that if there's any
24:20
other way that we can do this
24:22
nevertheless not my will but yours and
24:26
so he was obedient unto death and then
24:29
and then if that's not enough it goes on
24:31
is even more this mind of Christ it's
24:35
not just any death it is the crucifixion
24:39
this form of death was so incredibly
24:43
shameful that the word crucifixion
24:46
shouldn't even be uttered by a Roman
24:48
citizen in fact Paul would be killed by
24:53
the Roman Empire but because he was a
24:55
Roman citizen he wouldn't be crucified

24:57
instead he was beheaded so this is just
25:00
this is just the most humiliating form
25:03
of death and this is what our creator
25:05
did came into his creation as a man not
25:09
a king not a great Emperor not a great
25:11
ruler not a great person just a regular
25:14
man in the form of a slave was obedient
25:17
unto death and not just any death the
25:20
most horrible the most shameful of death
25:23
what was that you do you were saying
25:24
about your reputation what was that
25:27
austan ticket you're saying about your
25:29
reputation how about if you let this
25:31
mind be in you that that you really
25:34
humiliate yourself out of love for your
25:38
brother and your sister because if we
25:41
don't love one another we're liars we
25:43
could have all the doctrinal knowledge
25:45
we could be a doctrinal encyclopedia it
25:48
doesn't matter
25:49
good doctrine leads to good behavior so
25:52
here in verse nine he says therefore

25:57
because of this mind of Christ because
26:01
of his willingness to Humble himself God
26:05
steps it God has highly exalted him and
26:09
given him a name which is above every
26:12
name so we can fight for our own
26:14
reputation but then we're on our own
26:16
or we can humble ourselves and then God
26:21
will lift us up God is merciful to the
26:23
humble he lifts up the humble they cast
26:26
down the pride the proud so yo dia and
26:28
Cynthia if you're gonna ruin this
26:30
congregation because of your conflict
26:32
and your reputation and standing your
26:34
ground don't expect God to step in and
26:37
lift you up but if you have the mind of
26:39
Christ God will do for you what he did
26:43
for Christ Christ is the pioneer of our
26:46
salvation he is the model he is showing
26:48
us the way that we should be so because
26:50
of this mind that was in Christ
26:53
therefore God has highly exalted him God
26:58
the Father has done this he has highly

27:01
exalted Christ and and how how high has
27:04
he exalted Christ well listen he's given
27:07
him a name which is above every name
27:11
there is no name anywhere not only on
27:15
the planet there's no name anywhere in
27:17
the universe that is above the name of
27:21
Christ so so Christ now has a name
27:24
that's above every name now is that all
27:28
no that's not all that at this name of
27:33
Jesus every knee will bow I'm so honored
27:41
that we bowed to Christ out of love
27:46
some are going to be compelled to about
27:48
the price before their destruction but
27:51
every knee will bow of things in heaven
27:55
so every being in heaven will bow to
27:58
Christ and worship him and everything in
28:02
earth everything in earth will bow to
28:05
Christ and worship him and everything
28:08
under the earth all those who have
28:09
already died they're gonna come back to
28:12
life and they're gonna face Jesus Christ
28:14
and they're gonna bow to him this is

28:17
what God the Father has done why because
28:20
he was obedient unto death and He
28:23
fulfilled the father's will as that lamb
28:25
that was sacrificed from the foundation
28:28
of the world this was their plan to
28:30
redeem mankind and that every tongue
28:33
should confess not not just Christian
28:36
tongues every tongue in heaven in earth
28:41
under the earth when they come back to
28:44
life everybody is going to confess that
28:49
Jesus Christ is kurios not not kurios
28:54
as incurable kurios the Lord Yahweh
28:59
every tongue will confess that Jesus
29:01
Christ is Yahweh the I am the everliving
29:06
one the word from the beginning the love
29:08
us and all of that when when the whole
29:11
creation worships Christ that is to the
29:17
glory of God the Father that everything
29:21
comes under Christ and Christ turns
29:23
everything over to the Father and this
29:25
whole family plan of the event and
29:28
understanding the significance of the

29:30

God family will be understood to the

29:34

glory of God all creation will glorify

29:37

God now if this hymn that is recounted

29:43

here

29:44

doesn't show us the divinity of Christ

29:48

we're missing we're missing the whole

29:51

plot Christ is Yahweh and in fact this

29:54

hymn is quoting from Isaiah

30:00

it's quoting from the Old Testament

=====Quiz# 2

and if we look at Isaiah 45 where it's

30:05

quoting from he says this assemble

30:08

yourselves and come draw near together

30:13

you that are escaped of the nations they

30:16

have no knowledge that set up the wood

30:18

of their graven image and praying to a

30:21

god that cannot save so everybody's got

30:23

their gods but everybody's gonna know

30:25

that Yahweh is God so so come on

30:29

everybody this is this is now at every

30:30

knee will bow so everybody that's got

30:33

their idols and their different gods

30:34

it's now time to come to the true God

30:37
tell you and bring them near yes let
30:41
them take counsel together who has
30:44
declared it who has declared this from
30:46
ancient time and who has told it from
30:50
that time have not I the Lord and in the
30:54
Greek this would be kurios and there is
30:58
no God else beside me I am the only God
31:03
Yahweh a just God and a savior that's
31:08
why he came into his creation for the
31:11
purpose of salvation there is none
31:13
beside me Yahweh is all there's no other
31:18
god but Yahweh Yahweh is a family name
31:21
and Christ said he came to reveal the
31:24
father so the logos the word that the
31:27
God that was communicating with mankind
31:29
was the word and he came into his
31:32
creation and he says to reveal the
31:34
father nobody knew the father beforehand
31:36
so this is Christ look unto me and be
31:40
you saved all the ends of the earth the
31:44
whole earth that he eventually gonna be
31:46
ante Christic but the whole earth is

31:48
going to come to Christ and bow for I am
31:52
God and there is none else so this is a
31:55
absolute statement of the monotheism of
31:59
Christianity there is none else I have
32:03
sworn by myself
32:05
the word has gone out of my mouth in
32:08
righteousness and we know when God
32:10
speaks he doesn't have to abrogate what
32:13
he says that this is his word it's gone
32:16
out of his mouth it will be accomplished
32:18
and he shall not return that unto me
32:22
every knee shall bow and unto me every
32:27
tongue shall swear and this is what that
32:31
hymn in Philippians 2 that we were just
32:33
looking at this is what it's quoting
32:36
that you hear in verse 11 or verse 10
32:40
that at the name of Jesus who is Yahweh
32:43
every knee should bow of things in
32:46
heaven and things in earth and things
32:47
under the earth and every tongue will
32:50
confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the
32:54
glory of God the Father who he came to

32:57
reveal so all of this now is is
33:01
commentary on that instruction in verse
33:04
27 of chapter 1 that they are to strive
33:08
together in one spirit and in one mind
33:12
and making sure that their behavior is
33:15
compliant with and reflects the gospel
33:18
of Christ and so now he's explaining to
33:21
them the mind of Christ this is what it
33:24
means to be like-minded it really can't
33:27
be like minded fully and fully unified
33:29
without the mind of Christ and so now he
33:32
goes on to verse 12 and he says this
33:37
therefore so because of this instruction
33:43
to strive together in one spirit in in
33:47
love in unity and to ensure their
33:50
behavior becomes the gospel and in order
33:53
to do that to have the mind of Christ so
33:57
that as brethren come into the body they
34:00
can experience the comfort and the
34:02
consolation and the encouragement and
34:04
the depth of feeling of love that Christ
34:07
has for them through the body because of

34:10
all of this that has proceeded from
34:12
verse 27 leading right up to verse 11 of
34:15
chapter 2 therefore because of all of
34:18
this my beloved as you have always
34:22
obeyed not as in my presence only but
34:26
now much more in my absence work out
34:30
your own salvation with fear and
34:34
trembling and this is again another
34:36
passage like verse 6 of chapter 1 where
34:39
we get scriptural amnesia and we forget
34:42
everything that we've just heard and we
34:44
take this pull it out of context and
34:47
make it very personal because you know
34:49
it feels good so it's telling me okay
34:51
I've got to work on my own salvation
34:53
that actually that interpretation makes
34:56
no sense he's just finished pleading
35:00
with them to have the mind of Christ
35:02
which is a mind that doesn't care about
35:05
itself that esteems the other is higher
35:09
than itself that sacrifices itself for
35:12
the welfare of others

35:14

so after having just said that would it

35:16

now make sense for him to say oh yeah

35:17

and by the way just focus on your own

35:19

salvation it's just if this this is what

35:23

we do we pulpit the scripture out of

35:25

context if you actually look at it in

35:28

the Greek then what you see here and if

35:34

you understand the Greek what jumps out

35:35

at you is the so haha stay there for a

35:39

gotta move my beloved this is thorough

35:44

it's the the letters to the to the

35:47

community so my beloved all of you and

35:50

then he says here as you've in my

35:52

absence

35:53

now much more in my presence not so as

35:56

you obey me in my absence now it's even

35:58

critical now as you think about this is

36:02

presence as your baby

36:03

Purusha as you obey me in my presence

36:06

now much more in my absence it's

36:09

critical that you obey me and he says

36:12

here with with full Babu okay trauma

36:15
with phobia and trauma with with fear
36:18
and trembling you need to fulfill this
36:20
instruction what how does this make
36:23
sense and then what I really want to
36:25
focus on here is he have tone your
36:28
salvation your is plural your y'all
36:32
salvation your collective salvation your
36:36
communal salvation work out your
36:39
communal salvation and then this word
36:41
the kattedgat esta which is to work out
36:44
its plural the verb has to agree with
36:47
the subject and so it's a plural verb
36:50
agreeing with the plural subject which
36:53
is a capital which is my beloved my
36:56
beloved community you need to wish this
36:59
verse 27 of chapter 1 you've got to
37:01
strive together for this salvation so if
37:05
we actually look at chapter 27 again if
37:09
we look at chapter 27 again he says here
37:11
that I may hear of your affairs that you
37:14
stand fast
37:15
in one spirit with one mind and this is

37:19

what he's spending the rest of the chat

37:20

chapter 2 it's positive or explaining

37:24

that it's the mind of Christ striving

37:27

together work out your salvation and

37:30

they says that to do that

37:32

with fear and trembling

37:38

so it says here phobia and trauma so

37:42

again this goes back to chapter 1 where

37:46

he shows us that evidence of the

37:52

destruction of those who persecute the

37:55

church is the love that we have for one

37:57

another but what if we don't have that

37:59

love for one another what if instead of

38:02

love for one another we actually hate

38:06

one another we despise one another

38:08

we we subjugate one another to see how

38:11

great we are then isn't that evidence of

38:15

our own destruction isn't that proof

38:17

that we're liars so this is where the

38:20

fear and trauma comes from this is where

38:22

the fear and trembling comes from that

38:24

anybody who offends or hurts one of

38:29

these little ones that offense and that

38:31

hurt is going to be entered into court

38:35

as evidence against the offender and

38:40

that's why when they persecute the

38:42

church when they were persecuting the

38:44

church at Philippi Paul is encouraging

38:46

them and say you continue to bear

38:48

witness without fear don't be terrorized

38:49

you bear witness of the the gospel of

38:53

Christ because anybody who persecutes

38:55

you it's evidence of their destruction

38:58

but as you're tuning this brethren

39:00

please don't let this backfire on you

39:02

where you're then persecuting each other

39:04

and that's evidence of your destruction

39:07

so you've got to work out as a community

39:11

work out your own salvation

39:14

I cannot Paul is in prison he's saying

39:16

to them I can't come to you you've

39:17

always obeyed me in my presence now it's

39:21

much more critical that you obey me in

39:23

my absence so that I can hear of how

39:26
things are going with you and I can hear
39:28
that you're striving together Keira
39:31
gesta you're working out your salvation
39:33
together and so that's that's really
39:37
what he means here and so therefore my
39:40
beloved plural as you plural have always
39:43
obeyed plural
39:44
not as in my presence only singular but
39:47
now much more in my absence singular you
39:51
plural as a community work out your own
39:54
plural salvation singular it's one
39:59
common salvation for all of us
40:01
that's why we need to have one mind one
40:03
spirit one love because there's one
40:05
salvation one Lord one God one father
40:07
one salvation but collectively we need
40:10
to work it out and as things happen you
40:14
know you hear people they will they're
40:16
not talking to a brother or sister for
40:18
years or you they're there they're at
40:23
each other's throats in the parking lot
40:24
brawling or they're done with that

40:28
congregation they're now going to go to
40:30
another congregation that's disobedient
40:34
to this imperative of working out your
40:38
salvation putting on the mind of Christ
40:41
humiliate you there's nothing we can do
40:43
to humiliate ourselves to humble
40:47
ourselves as much as Christ why because
40:50
we're not coming from the Godhead into
40:52
creation we're not coming from eternity
40:55
we're not we don't have eternity unless
40:59
Christ gives it to us so we're just
41:01
coming from nothing and and who are we
41:04
to them want to exalt ourselves we need
41:06
to humble ourselves and in due time God
41:10
will lift it up lift lift us up so he
41:12
says here in verse 13 that we need to be
41:17
doing this in verse 12 with fear and
41:18
trembling we would never want to be in
41:21
in God's courtroom and brethren are
41:24
saying and here's how here's how he hurt
41:26
me and here's how he offended me and and
41:28
they wouldn't ask for forgiveness and me

41:30
really traumatized me that's evidence of
41:33
our destruction just as it is of those
41:36
who hate Christ because if we hate our
41:38
brother we hate Christ so we want the
41:42
evidence of our salvation is the bowels
41:45
of Mercy
41:46
the consolation the comfort that is in
41:49
Christ that we extend to our brother
41:51
that that Christ's third is able to work
41:54
through us so that the brothers and
41:56
sisters experience God's love now as we
42:00
yield and were obedient to this command
42:03
it is God which not only to will but
42:09
also to do of his good pleasure so this
42:12
is a supernatural thing this is humanly
42:15
it's impossible when we're hurt we
42:17
retaliate but here spiritually through
42:20
the Spirit of God as his Spirit works in
42:22
us in the fruits of the spirit work in
42:24
us and we begin to develop that that
42:26
love joy peace that that faithfulness
42:29
that gentleness that that that that

42:31
tenderness this this is God works in us
42:35
so that we actually desire the mind of
42:39
Christ we actually did
42:43
like Christ we actually desire the
42:47
welfare of our brother or a sister
42:49
Christ the Christ loved us while we were
42:53
his enemies we hated him
42:55
I personally can tell you I hated Christ
42:57
I wanted nothing to do with Christ and
42:59
while I was in that state he loved me I
43:03
was his enemy and he loved me and you
43:07
were his enemy and he loved you
43:10
can we not love each other put on the
43:14
mind of Christ and create a community
43:17
that is so comforted so loving that the
43:20
Brethren just always want to be there
43:22
the Brethren just always want to be
43:24
together what a tragedy that a
43:26
congregation might be together only
43:29
because they have to they come as late
43:32
as they possibly can one minute before
43:34
the service begins and one minute after

43:36

the service is over they're gone why

43:38

because they hate it they know it's a

43:41

command to come together so they do that

43:42

they're fulfilling the command but the

43:44

whole experience is excruciating ly

43:46

painful and they just want to get out of

43:49

there as quickly as they can

43:50

oh what a tragedy it's got to be the

43:53

other way that there is consolation in

43:55

Christ there is comfort in agape there's

43:59

encouragement and and it's just so

44:02

wonderful to be together that you know

44:04

what we come early we come an hour early

44:07

and we stay hours afterward why just the

44:11

joy of experience this experiencing this

44:14

supernatural love that Christ has for us

44:17

that is shed through shed abroad through

44:20

us that that flows through us that is

44:22

God's work and that again ties back to

44:27

verse 6 of chapter 1 that the poll is

44:30

confident of this very thing that he God

44:33

which has begun a good work in you you

44:37
the community that he will perform it
44:40
until the day of Jesus Christ so we just
44:42
have to allow God to do his work that
44:46
it's him that works through us
44:48
and so now here in verse 14 very
44:52
difficult this is all an extension of
44:54
how to do this how to have a community
44:57
that that fulfills chapter verse 1 of
45:01
chapter 2 that there is consolation in
45:04
Christ there is comfort in in agape
45:07
there there is mercy there is there is
45:09
this depth of love and feeling for the
45:13
Brethren

=====Quiz# 3

this is how we get there we
45:16
don't we don't allow Satan to get in he
45:21
says this do all things without
45:24
murmuring and disputing so there's
45:28
something going on at Philippi and and
45:31
Paul just loves this congregation so
45:33
much and and that's the pastor for this
45:36
congregation is hearty you just feel
45:38
it's hard going out to them saying don't

45:40

blow it

45:41

you're my crown and my joy don't let me

45:45

hear that I've labored in vain that the

45:47

whole community has now descended into a

45:49

church brawl

45:50

don't do this protect the community from

45:53

this and allow your love for one another

45:57

Allah allow the Holy Spirit to work

45:59

through you supernaturally so that you

46:01

have this love for one another and as

46:04

you have this love for one another

46:05

that's your confidence that's how you

46:08

know that you have passed from death

46:11

into life why because you have this

46:15

supernatural spiritual energy in you

46:19

that just enables you to love the

46:22

Brethren and not you don't love your

46:25

reputation and you'll sacrifice the

46:27

Brethren for your reputation and I'll

46:30

sacrifice the Brethren's character in

46:32

order to preserve my reputation it's the

46:34

other way around

46:35

I'm willing to be humbled I'm willing to

46:38

be humiliated as long as my brother is

46:41

okay as long as my sister Agape I really

46:44

care about the welfare of my brothers

46:46

and my sisters and that is supernatural

46:49

that's the work that he has begun in us

46:52

and Paul is confident here with the

46:54

Philippines and and I think Christ in us

46:56

that will get there will do this will

46:59

allow the spirit to work through us so

47:01

do everything without murmur if we find

47:03

ourselves new memory pulling people

47:05

aside to a corner and saying you know I

47:07

wouldn't do things like this anything

47:12

we've all heard it

47:13

that's disobedient and it's it's putting

47:19

wedges in the unity it's opening little

47:22

cracks for Satan to come and kick the

47:24

door down and come in and cause the

47:26

community to descend into a brawl but we

47:29

can protect the community here's the

47:31

blueprint we don't murmur and we don't

47:34
dispute we're constantly functioning
47:36
from this agape mindset or we're
47:39
thinking of others now when we do this
47:42
remember go back to verse was it was at
47:45
27 or 28 actually further down yes 28
47:52
that when we have this unity and we're
47:54
striving together we're not terrified by
47:57
our adversaries why because we're
47:59
absolutely confident that we've passed
48:01
from death into life you can kill me as
48:04
Christ said I can't be afraid because
48:07
the worst you can do is kill kill me and
48:10
that's it then then it's over
48:12
God can lift me up out of the grave and
48:15
grant me and you eternal life and I know
48:19
that he will do that I know that I've
48:22
passed from death into life why because
48:24
I love the Brethren that is the evidence
48:27
to me that I have eternal life because I
48:30
love the Brethren so here he says that
48:34
it's evidence to them of their perdition
48:37
their destruction but it's evidence to

48:39

us of our salvation

48:42

so now he tells us to do everything

48:45

without murmuring and disputing to put

48:48

on this mind of Christ why that we may

48:52

be blameless and harmless be as wise as

48:57

serpents but as harmless as doves do not

49:01

we cannot afford to come before the

49:04

judgment throne of God and there's

49:06

evidence that we have been destructive

49:09

to the body of Christ if we've done it

49:11

to the least of these as brethren we've

49:13

done it unto Christ so here when we

49:16

behave in this way this we follow this

49:18

blueprint we become blameless and

49:21

harmless these are legal terms

49:23

we're coming before the judgment throne

49:25

of Christ judgment is now on the house

49:28

of God that you may be blameless and

49:31

harmless the sons of God without rebuke

49:35

in the midst of a crooked and perverse

49:39

nation that evil men will wax worse and

49:43

worse and in the middle of this societal

49:46

degradation we are finding that we are

49:49

developing a love and a character and a

49:53

mind like Christ in the middle of all

49:56

this perversity among whom you shine as

50:00

lights in the world a city that set on a

50:03

hill cannot be hid so so God wants us to

50:07

be his witnesses he wants to put us on a

50:11

hill that people will look and just say

50:13

Wow

50:14

surely these must be the followers of

50:17

Christ we've never seen this kind of

50:18

love before by this shall all men know

50:21

that you're my disciples if you love one

50:24

another so here he says among whom you

50:27

shine as lights in the world holding

50:30

forth the word of life that I may

50:34

rejoice in the day of Christ that I have

50:38

not run in vain neither labored in vain

50:41

this is pretty serious here is this

50:44

wonderful congregation that Paul is

50:46

longing to be released if he will as

50:50

soon as if he doesn't know how to go

50:51
with him
50:52
he's joyful either way he thinks he
50:54
could be sacrificed he could be put to
50:56
death but if he's released he can't wait
50:59
to come to this community but he's
51:02
hearing reports that are causing him
51:04
concern and now he's writing to them and
51:07
saying you know what I can't get to you
51:09
and you've always obeyed me you're just
51:12
a wonderful congregation you've always
51:13
been compliant now that's in my presence
51:17
now in my absence you really have to
51:21
work this out this is critical your
51:23
health your salvation is at risk if you
51:28
say you love God but you hate your
51:31
brother you're a liar and you're a
51:33
murderer and we know that no murderer
51:35
has eternal life please please please
51:38
work this out together as a community so
51:42
that it says that I may rejoice in the
51:45
day of Christ that I have not run in
51:47
vain neither labored in vain so he's

51:50

done a lot of work in this congregation

51:52

and what he's saying is I'm worried I'm

51:56

really concerned here that the way

51:59

things are going it seems that all of

52:02

that work that I did to plant you as a

52:04

congregation to establish you as a

52:06

church if I'm getting the sense that

52:09

you're going to unravel the congregation

52:12

is going to descend into this church

52:14

brawl and you're gonna lose your

52:17

salvation yes

52:19

not once saved always safe you're at

52:22

risk you've got to you've got to

52:25

approach this with with fear phobia and

52:29

trembling trauma you cannot be attacking

52:33

each other and think that you're going

52:35

to be in the kingdom so please please

52:38

please work this out so that by this by

52:42

your example of a model community all

52:45

men will know that you're Christ

52:47

disciples so so Paul has really worked

52:50

hard in this congregation and he's

52:52

worried now that all of that effort

52:54

could be in vain he wants it instead to

52:57

be his crown in his joy those that turn

53:00

many to righteousness shall shine as the

53:02

Stars and Paul is seeing this

53:04

community as part of the evidence of his

53:08

work part of the fruit of his labor and

53:10

his crown and his joy so he goes on to

53:15

say now he's hoping to come to them

53:19

but it could be it could be put to death

53:22

so it says here yes and if I be offered

53:27

upon the sacrifice and service of your

53:30

faith so because I was preaching the

53:32

gospel on laboring in Christ for you I

53:34

could be put to death so if I'd be

53:39

offered upon the sacrifice and service

53:42

of your faith

53:43

I rejoice this is what the Holy Spirit

53:45

does that it's inexplicable that we can

53:48

be facing severe trial and we have joy

53:51

we have joy because the comforter is

53:54

comforting us and it's enabling us to

53:57

testify of Christ to be his witnesses

54:00

his faithful witnesses and no matter

54:02

what we face whether death or life it's

54:05

all in Christ and so here he says he

54:08

rejoices and he rejoices with all of

54:11

them who are also facing the same

54:13

persecution that he's facing for the

54:16

same cause also you joy and rejoice with

54:19

me so I'm rejoicing with you you're

54:22

rejoicing with me but I could be the

54:25

Erie says I offered upon the sacrifice

54:26

so he could be beheaded his blood drains

54:29

out of the Nets that's like a sacrifice

54:31

to the pagan gods but I trust in the

54:33

Lord verse 19 I trust in the Lord Jesus

54:36

to send Timothy shortly unto you that I

54:40

also may be of good comfort when I know

54:43

your state so he's gonna send Timothy

54:45

and he wants to hear that they've got it

54:49

they got the blueprint and they are now

54:51

working together striving together verse

54:53

27 of chapter one that's the focal point

54:56
that is the instruction strive together
54:58
and make sure that your conduct is
55:01
becoming of the gospel of Christ so he's
55:03
given them all of this elaboration of
55:05
that instruction and now he's hoping if
55:08
he cannot get away he's hoping to send
55:10
Timothy so that Timothy can give him a
55:13
report that they've got it
55:15
that they have turned it around and he
55:18
says here in verse 20 that for verse 19
55:24
he wants to know their state and then a
55:25
very interesting verse here in verse 24
55:29
I have no man like-minded who will not
55:33
naturally excuse me care for your state
55:36
so Timothy had developed the spiritual
55:40
maturity that he had the mind of Christ
55:43
and everyone else around Paul at this
55:45
time where he's in Roman in under house
55:48
arrest whoever it is that surround him
55:50
at that time no one has developed that
55:53
level of maturity as Timothy has the
55:55
very mind of Christ that he was just

55:57
talking about but Timothy has this mind
55:59
of Christ where he'll sacrifice himself
56:01
in order to look after the welfare of
56:04
others that he'll esteem others better
56:06
than himself and so he wants to send
56:08
this faithful brother Timothy and he
56:11
says that he'll naturally care for your
56:13
state first we want for all seek their
56:16
own and we know from 1st Corinthians 13
56:18
agape true spiritual love does not seek
56:22
its own but even though people are in
56:24
the gospel these particular brethren
56:27
that are around Paul they're not strong
56:30
enough they're not mature enough that he
56:32
can send them to this congregation he
56:34
wants to send Timothy because they all
56:36
seek the wrong not the thing which our
56:39
Jesus Christ but you know the proof of
56:42
him you've seen this evidence that as a
56:44
son with the father so this is how he
56:46
treated Paul Paul it was like Paul's son
56:48
he has served me he has served with me

56:51

in the gospel here therefore I hope to

56:54

send unto you presently so soon as I

56:57

shall see how it will go with me so I'm

57:00

waiting for my sentence I don't know if

57:02

I'm gonna be put to death I don't know

57:03

if I'll be released but I want to send

57:05

Timothy as soon as I can so that I can

57:07

get a report

57:08

of how you're doing but I trust in the

57:11

Lord that I also myself shall come

57:13

shortly so he really he says earlier in

57:15

Chapter one that he really is confident

57:18

that he's going to be released and he

57:20

says it's the fruit of his labor

57:21

he's so useful to Christ and he's so

57:24

useful to the congregation's that he's

57:27

very confident as he looks at the state

57:28

of affairs that the Romans are gonna

57:31

release him because that's the fruit of

57:33

his labor that he's he's still useful to

57:35

Christ so he's trusting in the Lord that

57:38

he also will be able to come to the

57:40

Philippians shortly yet I supposed it

57:42

necessary to send you a preferred itis

57:45

my brother and companion and labor and

57:48

fellow soldier but your messenger your

57:50

apostle the one spelled one that you

57:53

sent to me and he that ministered to my

57:55

wants so the church at Philippi knew

57:58

that Paul was in prison they knew that

58:00

it was in want and so they sent a care

58:03

package with this brother

58:05

I preferred itis to Paul and Paul is not

58:08

hoping to send a prophet itis back to

58:11

them for he longed after you all he

58:13

really was caring for you wants to

58:15

return to you and it was full of

58:17

heaviness because you had heard that he

58:20

had been sick so so on the way to Paul

58:22

he got deathly he became deathly ill and

58:25

he was worried because they weren't

58:27

worried about him for indeed he was sick

58:30

nigh unto death that's how ill he was

58:33

that he merely died but God had mercy on

58:35

him and not only on him but on me also

58:39

lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow I

58:43

sent him there for the more carefully

58:45

that when you see him again you may

58:48

rejoice and that I may be the less

58:49

sorrowful receive him therefore in the

58:51

Lord with all gladness and hold such in

58:53

reputation this is a man that really

58:54

serves God because for the work of

58:56

Christ he was near unto death not

58:59

regarding his life again this is the

59:00

mind of Christ to supply your lack of

59:02

service toward me so because you weren't

59:04

able to serve me he came and and served

59:07

me with the care

59:07

package so that's actually brings us

59:10

right to 8:30 and that's is this chapter

59:14

2 which is just a very very powerful

59:16

chapter

59:16

I certainly hope you are edified by it I

59:19

hope you'll look into it more this is

59:20

the blueprint for a model congregation

59:23
next week we'll continue with chapter 3
59:27
and I look forward to next week we're
59:30
going to resume now I this is Thursday
59:32
Michael that was travelling yesterday
59:33
we're going back to Wednesday night 6:30
59:35
central 7:30 Eastern
59:38
we'll resume this wonderful epistle to
59:41
thee to the church at Philippi to all
59:43
the Brethren including the bishops and
59:45
the Deacons at Philippi I look forward
59:47
to seeing all of you next week God
59:51
Willing