

*Let this mind be in you...*

## Study 3

Let not every man look  
upon his own interests

# Paul's Letter to the Philippians — Outline

## **1:27–2:18 The Philippians' affairs: Exhortation to steadfastness and unity**

1:27–30     **First appeal:** Stand together in the face of external opposition

2:1–4       **Second appeal:** Unity through humility

2:5–11      The example of Christ

2:12–18     Application and third appeal

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## Christ's example (v.5)

Let this mindset be among you,  
which was also in Christ Jesus...

## Christ's example (v.6–8)

- A.** Who, being in a form of God, deemed equality with God not a thing to be grasped:
- B.** But emptied himself,
- C.** [By] taking upon him the form of a servant,
- D.** being made in the likeness of men:
- A.** Being found in fashion as a man,
- B.** he humbled himself,
- C.** [By] becoming obedient unto death,
- D.** death even of the cross.



## Christ's example (v.9–11)

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him,

and given him a name which is above every name:

**That** at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

of things in heaven,

and things in earth,

and things under the earth;

**And that** every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

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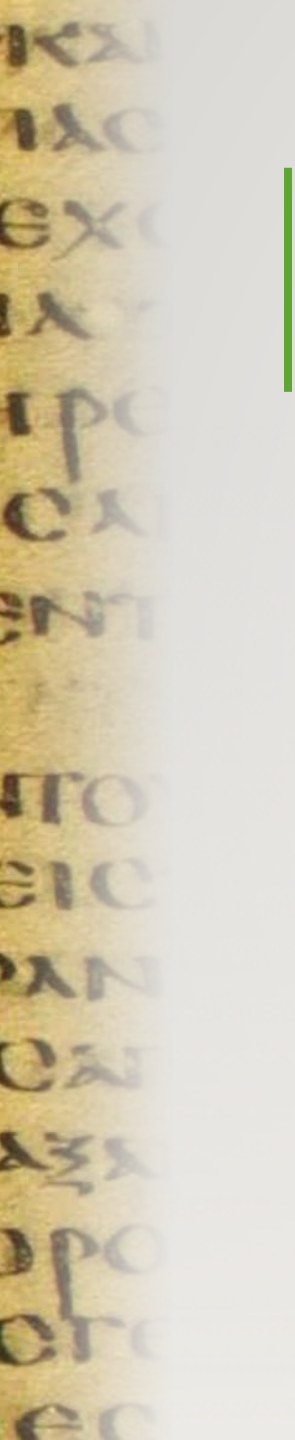
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By extension: “fashion”, “character”, “manner”, “nature”,  
“disposition”



## Isaiah 52:13

“Behold my Servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high”

- Exalted
- Extolled
- Very high





## Paul's allusion to Isaiah 45:23

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*Philippians 2:10–11*

“21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. 22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. 23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. 24 Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. 25 In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.”

*Isaiah 45:21–25*

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## Isaiah 45

- There is no God beside Yahweh
- Yahweh is the saviour



ἵνα ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι Ἰησοῦ πᾶν γόνυ κάμψη

That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow



## Philippians 2:10

- **Things in heaven**
- **Things in earth**
- **Things under the earth**



## Psalm 8:6–8

- **Things in heaven**

“All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field”

- **Things in earth**

“The fowl of the air”

- **Things under the earth**

“and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.”

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## Philippians 2:12

Wherefore my beloved,

— as ye have always obeyed,

— not as in my presence only,

— but now much more in my absence,

work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

## Fear and trembling

- **1 Cor. 2:2–3** “For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and **in fear, and in much trembling.**”
- **2 Cor. 7:15** “And his inward affection is more abundant toward you, whilst he remembereth the obedience of you all, how **with fear and trembling** ye received him.”
- **Eph. 6:5** “Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, **with fear and trembling**, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ”

“For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.”

*Galatians 5:6*



## Philippians 2:15

That ye may be —

A) Blameless

B) Harmless

B) The children of God

A) Without rebuke

Aa) In the midst of a crooked and perverse nation

Aa) Among whom ye shine as lights in the world





## Servant prophecies

- **Isaiah 42:6** “I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and **give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles**”
- **Isaiah 49:6** “And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also **give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.**”

## Drink offering

Wine offered as an independent offering, or particularly as an offering that accompanied:

1. The Burnt offering (total dedication)
2. The Peace offering (fellowship)

Num. 28:1–7.

## Paul's Letter to the Philippians — Outline

**2:19–30      Arrangements regarding Paul's and their affairs**

2:19–24      Timothy and Paul to come later

2:25–30      Epaphroditus to come now



# “Let your MODERATION be known unto all men”

GK ‘Epieikes’

**From:** - 1. ‘cpi’ = “upon, unto’

2. eikos’ = reasonableness”

**Rendered:** \* “Forebearance” (RV;RSV; Yngs lit)

\* “Considerateness” (Roth)

\* “Gentleness” (Roth)

\* “Patient” (2 Tim 3:3 – AV)

**VINE:-** “equity and justice are essential to the meaning - to look humanely and reasonably at the facts of the case.



**“IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING...”**

**PRAYER : Gk ‘Proseuche’ – a term used for prayer in general**

**SUPPLICATION: Gk “ Deesis” – “a wanting, a need “ – ie an acknowledgement of weakness and need for Gods help”**

**THANKSGIVING : Gk “EUCCHARISTIA “gratitude” ie thanks for the bountiful blessings of Yahweh**