

## THE JOY OF SACRIFICE

(Philippians 2:17-24)

### I. PAUL'S EXHORTATION FOR UNITY MARKED BY HUMILITY (2:1-4)

### II. THE HUMILIATION OF JESUS CHRIST (2:5-8)

### III. THE EXALTATION OF JESUS CHRIST (2:9-11)

### IV. THE BELIEVER'S PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION (2:12-16)

### V. PAUL USES HIMSELF AS AN EXAMPLE OF SELFLESS SERVICE (2:17-18)

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ to which Paul was holding before the Philippian church was one which he himself was \_\_\_\_\_ to apply in his own life and circumstances. (2:17)
- B. *“Being poured out (as a drink offering) on the sacrifice and service”* was a vivid illustration using the Old Testament to teach these believers what \_\_\_\_\_ looked like. (2:17)
1. The Lord prescribed with certain offerings the Israelites were to bring a measure of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it alongside or on the animal sacrifice, this signified praise, thanksgiving, and joy.
  2. Paul considered himself as a drink offering being \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. If the apostle’s ministry, \_\_\_\_\_ and even \_\_\_\_\_ were able to further the cause of the Philippian church he was willing to do it.
1. Paul’s sacrificial mindset is shocking enough, but to go one step further and state that his present \_\_\_\_\_ was, *“I am \_\_\_\_\_ and rejoice with you all”* is rather amazing.
  2. The apostle’s dear friends in Philippi were \_\_\_\_\_ because of his imprisonment, but he encouraged them to \_\_\_\_\_ with him. (2:18)

## VI. PAUL USES TIMOTHY AS AN EXAMPLE OF SELFLESS SERVICE (2:19-24)

- A. Even though Paul really needed Timothy in Rome, he was willing to \_\_\_\_\_ so that he could \_\_\_\_\_ how the church was doing spiritually and as a result he could be \_\_\_\_\_ by the report. (2:19)
- B. Verse 20 is really a \_\_\_\_\_ account that Paul wasn't able to find \_\_\_\_\_ who genuinely cared as much for the Philippian church as he and Timothy did. (2:20)
- C. The apostle made a general statement, "*For all seek their \_\_\_\_\_, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.*" It is certainly true of fallen humanity; but unfortunately it could be viewed as an indictment on the \_\_\_\_\_ as a whole. (2:21)

\* How about you, do you seek your own or the things of Christ?

- D. Timothy's \_\_\_\_\_ had already been proven among the Philippians, and they were also aware of his close relationship with the apostle; it was as if Paul were sending his \_\_\_\_\_. (2:22)

\* What would people say about your character when it comes to ministry?

- E. Paul was waiting to learn the outcome of his \_\_\_\_\_ to Caesar before \_\_\_\_\_ his trusted servant Timothy to the saints in Philippi. (2:23)

- F. It was the apostle's desire that he would eventually be released and be able to \_\_\_\_\_ his friends in \_\_\_\_\_. (2:24)

\* How can you apply this truth in your own life?