

Imitating Christ's Humility

2 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, **2** then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, **4** not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus

6 who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage

7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place, & gave him the name that is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

i.e. written to people who are already Christians.
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Before, v6
Cf 2 Cor 8:9
John 1:1-9
Hebrews 1:2
1 Peter 1:20

Became, v7d
John 1:14
Isaiah 42:1-4;
49:1-6;
50:4-10;
52:13- 53:12
Mark 10:35-45
Luke 23

Beyond, 9-11
Luke 24:
Acts 1:9

Do everything without grumbling

12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – continue to *work out* your salvation with fear and trembling, **13** for it is God who *works in* you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose.

14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, **15** so that you may become blameless and pure, 'children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.' Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky

16 as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labour in vain

'Work out' not = 'earn' but express/live out your salvation.
God is at work.

Humility etc is counter-cultural but gives openings to share gospel

Philippians 2:1-16a

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