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Bible Study

*“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”
(Ps. 119:105)*

Study of Philippians, “The Epistle of Joy” [pt.9]

{Philippians 2:1-4}

- v.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,*
- v.2) *Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.*
- v.3) *Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.*
- v.4) *Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*

v.1,2)

- This is Paul's call to unity in the church at Philippi. A lack of unity can disrupt, weaken, and destroy a church by causing discord, disharmony, conflict, and division. [1 Cor. 14:33; Prov. 6:16-19]
- Paul begins to list foundations for church unity: “consolation in Christ” (*encouragement in Christ*) – he appeals to them to get their encouragement in Christ alone. [2 Cor. 1:3-5]
- “comfort of love” – it’s a way of saying remember the tender joy that God’s love gives us and see to it greet your fellow Christians with it.
- “fellowship of the Spirit” – he is speaking of fellowship brought about by the Holy Spirit.
- “bowels and mercies” (*affection and compassion*) – if you expect the benefit of God's compassions to yourselves, be compassionate to one another.

v.3,4)

- “Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory” – don’t do anything out of self-love or for the sake of personal gratification disregard the rights or feelings of other men.
- Strife [Grk.] *eritheia*: carries the idea of a mercenary, who does his work simply for money, without regard for the issues or any harm he may be doing to others.