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(20) According to my earnest expectation and *my* hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but *that* with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether *it be* by life, or by death.

(21) Because to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

(22) But if I live in the flesh, this *is* the fruit of my labor: yet what I shall choose I do not know

(23) Because I am in a strait between two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

(24) Nevertheless to remain in the flesh *is* more needful for you.

(25) And having this confidence, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;

(26) That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.

(27) Only let your conversation be as it becomes the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

(28) And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

(29) Because to you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake;

(30) Having the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear *to be* in me.

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Chapter 2

(1) If *there is* therefore any encouragement in Christ, if there is any comfort of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if there is any compassion and mercies,

(2) Fulfill my joy, that you be like minded, having the same love, *being of* one accord, of one mind.

(3) *Let* nothing *be done* through strife or selfish ambition; but in humility let each consider others better than themselves.

(4) Let everyone not look out just for his own interests, but let everyone also look out for the interests of others.

(5) Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

(6) Who, being in the form of God, did not think it robbery to be equal with God:

(7) But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

(8) And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross.

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(9) Therefore God also has highly exalted Him, and given Him a Name which is above every name:

(10) That at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

(11) And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(12) Therefore, my beloved, as you 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.

(13) Because it is God Who works in you both to will and to do of *His* good pleasure.

(14) Do all things without murmurings and disputes:

(15) That you may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom you shine as lights in the world;

(16) Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ,^a that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain.

(17) Yes, and if I am offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I have joy, and rejoice with you all.

(18) For this same reason you also rejoice, and rejoice with me.

(19) But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy shortly to you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.

(20) Because I have no man like minded, who will naturally care for your state.

(21) Because all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

(22) But you know his proof, that, as a son with the father, he has served with me in the gospel.

(23) Therefore I hope to send him presently, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me.

(24) But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly.

(25) Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus,^b my brother, and companion in labor, and fellow soldier, but your messenger, and he who ministered to my wants.

(26) Because he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because you had heard that he had been sick.

(27) Because indeed he was sick near to death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

(28) I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when you see him again, you may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.

2:16a – the day of Christ – the Rapture – see note on Phil. 1:10

2:25b – Epaphroditus – Philip. 4:18