

Philippians

AN UNCOMMON JOY

Chapter 2

As we have seen in chapter 1, Paul emphasizes to the Philippians that God will finish the work He had started in them. He will accomplish this in them if they discern what is best and keep focused on living a pure and blameless life. That single focus keeps our attention on what counts and not on the difficulties. This is essential for the furtherance of the gospel. The answer to all our struggles is the gospel. Whether it is preached for the right reason or the wrong reason it is still the answer. If I preach it from a prison cell or in the market places it is still the message that all men need to hear. If we are right with God then all else becomes secondary. As we turn to chapter 2, Paul shifts gears from the focus of our minds to the state of our hearts. He uses the example of Jesus to challenge us to submit to God and to one another.

Read Philippians 2:1-30 Take note of the chapter and paragraph titles on your worksheet #1. I have also made available to you a worksheet to take notes on Chapter 2

1. What should motivate our actions and who should be the focus of our actions? Philippians 2:1-4

2. There is a cause and effect (or maybe a better way to say it is, attitude and a result) in the example of Jesus. What are they and how does that affect our lives? Philippians 2:5-11

3. Why does complaining and arguing steal our joy and keep us from being effective as Christians? Philippians 2:12-18

4. How do Timothy and Epaphroditus demonstrate the submissive mind of Christ? Philippians 2:19-30

Timothy: _____

Epaphroditus: _____
