

The Book of Philippians

Paul's Concern for the Philippians Living Out the Gospel (1:27-2:18) (Part 17)
The Example of Gospel Living (2:5-11) (Part H)

Striving for the Gospel (Part 17)

- I. Paul's Introduction to Philippians (1:1-11)
- II. Paul's Circumstances in the Gospel Relayed and Explained to the Philippians (1:12-26)
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 - A. The Call to Gospel Living (1:27-30)
 - 1. The Call: A Steadfast Gospel Unity (1:27-28)
 - 2. The Reason: An Undeserved Gospel Privilege (1:29-30)
 - B. The Implications of Gospel Living (2:1-4)
 - 1. The Centrality of Unity to Gospel Living (2:1-2)
 - 2. The Centrality of Humility to Gospel Living (2:3-4)
 - C. The Example of Gospel Living (2:5-11)
 - 1. The Call to Follow Christ's Example (2:5)
 - 2. The Explanation of Christ's Example (2:6-11)
 - a. Christ's Stately Position (2:6)

The Importance of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ

- The Ultimate Test of Orthodoxy
- The Basis of the Believer's Salvation
 - b. Christ's Incarnation (2:7)
 - 1) Stated Negatively: He Emptied Himself (2:7a)
 - emptied to make empty; to nullify
 - a) The False Position: The Kenosis Theory
 - b) The True Position: Form not Attributes
 - 2) Stated Positively: He Took upon Himself (2:7b-c)
 - a) His New Position (2:7b)
 - bond-servant slave
 - b) His New Nature (2:7c)
 - likeness image, resemblance, or copy