

## Philippians Class Schedule

3/24/2024	Phil 2:1-2	Being of the same mind
3/31/2024	no class	Resurrection Sunday
4/7/2024	Phil 2:3-4	Humility of mind
4/14/2024	Phil 2:5-7	Christ's attitude
4/21/2024	Phil 2:8-11	Christ's humiliation and exaltation #1
4/28/2024	Phil 2:8-11	Christ's humiliation and exaltation #2
5/5/2024	Phil 2:12-13	Work out your salvation
5/12/2024	Phil 2:14-16	No grumbling or disputing
5/19/2024	Phil 2:17-18	Poured out as an offering
5/26/2024	Phil 2:19-24	Timothy example

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## EXHORTATION TO UNITY *"Firm in One Spirit and One Mind" \**

1. The Believer's Walk 1:27-28
  - a. Its Necessity 1:27
  - b. Its Power 1:28
2. The Believer's Suffering 1:29-30
  - a. Suffering Involves a Privilege 1:29
  - b. Suffering Involves a Participation 1:30
3. The Believer's Unity 2:1-2
  - a. The Incentive for Unity 2:1
  - b. The Command for Unity 2:2
4. The Believer's Humility 2:3-4
  - a. It Should be Reflected in Our Service to One Another 2:3
  - b. It Should be Reflected in Our Perspective on One Another 2:4
5. The Believer's Example 2:5-11
  - a. The Attitude to Adopt 2:5
  - b. The Condescension to Emulate 2:6-11

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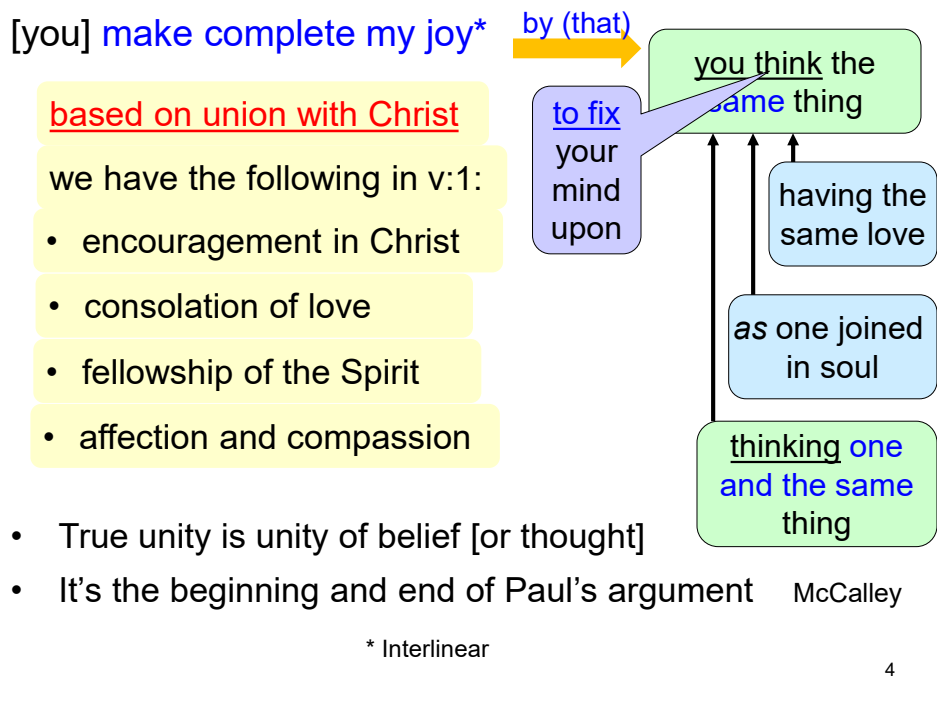
## Today's Verses

<sup>1</sup> Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

<sup>2</sup> **make my joy complete** by being of the same mind [to think the same], maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

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<sup>1</sup> Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

**therefore** – *oun* - then, now, certainly

if [assumed true] **there is any** encouragement in Christ

if [assumed true] **there is any** consolation of love,

if [assumed true] **there is any** fellowship of the Spirit,

if [assumed true] **any** affection and compassion,

- **any** – *tis*, a pronoun which means “a certain thing” Wuest
- so we have a double emphasis on the certainty of these encouragements or realities
- The NASB has “**there is**,” but the NIV gives a better sense of Paul's meaning with “**you have**.” Constable

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**encouragement in Christ**

**encouragement** – *paramytheomai* - from *para*, “with,” and *mythos*, “counsel, advice”

- the idea is exhortation, admonition, encouragement\*
- Rom 15:5 Now may the God who gives perseverance and **encouragement** grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus,
- Christ's wonderful life should be an admonition and exhortation and encouragement to the Philippians to live in a state of harmony among themselves.\* \* Wuest
- since every believer has Christ's very life this should make a difference in how they treat one another

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consolation of love [God's love]

consolation – *paramúthion* - comfort, tender cheer

- lit: a word which comes to the side of one to stimulate or comfort him with an element of tenderness Wuest
- Wuest translation, "since there is a certain tender persuasion that comes from divine love."
- 1 John 3:16 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

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fellowship of the Spirit [Holy Spirit]

fellowship - *koinonia* - communion, sharing in common

- 2 Cor 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

affection [bowels] – *splanchnon* - the word "bowels," were regarded by the ancients as the seat of the tender affections - we would say "tenderheartedness" Wuest

compassion - *oiktirmos* - pity, compassion, mercy - of believers who are to show compassion one for another

- Col 3:12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart [bowels] of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

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[you] **make complete my joy**

Interlinear

**make complete** - *plēroō* - to fill out, complete, accomplish  
an end (imperative mood)

- **fill full** my joy

Wuest

- **fill up and complete** my joy

Amplified

**my joy** - *chara* - joy, delight (akin to *chairō*, “to rejoice”)

- 1:4 --- offering **prayer with joy** in my every prayer for you all
- 1:25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and **joy in the faith**
- Paul had an identity of great joy with them.
- Next, we will see what will bring Paul’s joy to completion

Merryman

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**by being of** - *hina* - for the purpose of [being]

**the same** - *autos* – generally it means “the same,” not different objectively

Phil 3:1a Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write **the same** things again is no trouble to me.

**mind** - *phroneō* - to be minded in a certain way; literally it is “to think” (present tense – cont. action verb)

- the idea is **to think, to fix your mind upon, to think with interest and reflection\***
- Paul is putting a stress on mental dynamics\*
- Paul has something in his mind that he wants to be in their minds [the brethren]\*

\* Merryman 10

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Paul will now tell us “how we are to think the same thing”

<sup>1st</sup> [by] **maintaining** [having] **the same love**

- love of Christ as the object would be the focus of this same love Merryman
- so first the **same** thinking, then the **same** love

<sup>2nd</sup> **united in spirit** - *sympsychos* – lit: “fellow-souled or minded” (*syn*, “with,” *psychē*, “the soul”)

- the idea is “together type souls”
- Joined together in soul or sentiment, unanimous. It signifies community of life and love. Zodhiates
- Seems to connect the next statement in the verse

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<sup>3rd</sup> **intent on one purpose**

**one** – *heís* - one and the same [emphatic]

- Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all **one** in Christ Jesus.

**purpose** - *phroneō* - to be minded in a certain way;  
literally it is “thinking” which is a participle

- Interlinear: **thinking the one thing**
- therefore you could say:\*
- together type souls, thinking the one thing\* \*Merryman

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## Final Thoughts



- **be likeminded**, literally: "think the same thing," refers to the general concord that should exist among them [brethren]\*
- This is defined and shown in its three constituent elements:
  1. **having the same love**, unity of affection, 2. **being of one accord**, literally: "soul with soul," unity of sentiment\*
  - and 3. **of one mind**, literally: "thinking the one thing," the last expression being repetition in stronger terms\*      \* Wuest using KJV
- But, we have a parallel verse in 2:5
- Let this thinking [*phroneo*] be [continually] in you which was also in Christ Jesus

Interlinear

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