

PHILIPPIANS

To Live Is Christ

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A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together in a prayer position. The hands are positioned with fingers interlaced, palms facing each other. The skin is a warm, light brown tone. The background is dark and out of focus. Overlaid on the center of the image is the word "Prayer" in a large, white, serif font. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the skin and the details of the fingers. In the bottom left corner, there is a small, faint, and partially obscured text snippet from a document, which appears to be a religious or philosophical text, mentioning "the sun", "the earth", and "the wind".

Consider One Another: God's Answer

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May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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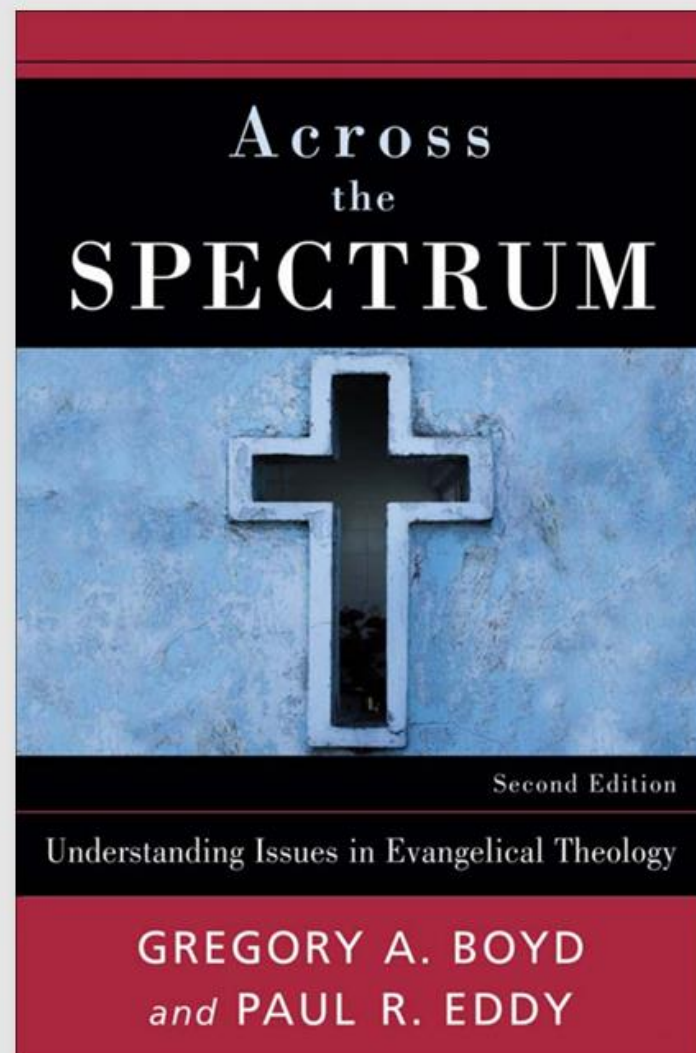
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***These
verses are
probably the
most studied
in the Bible.***



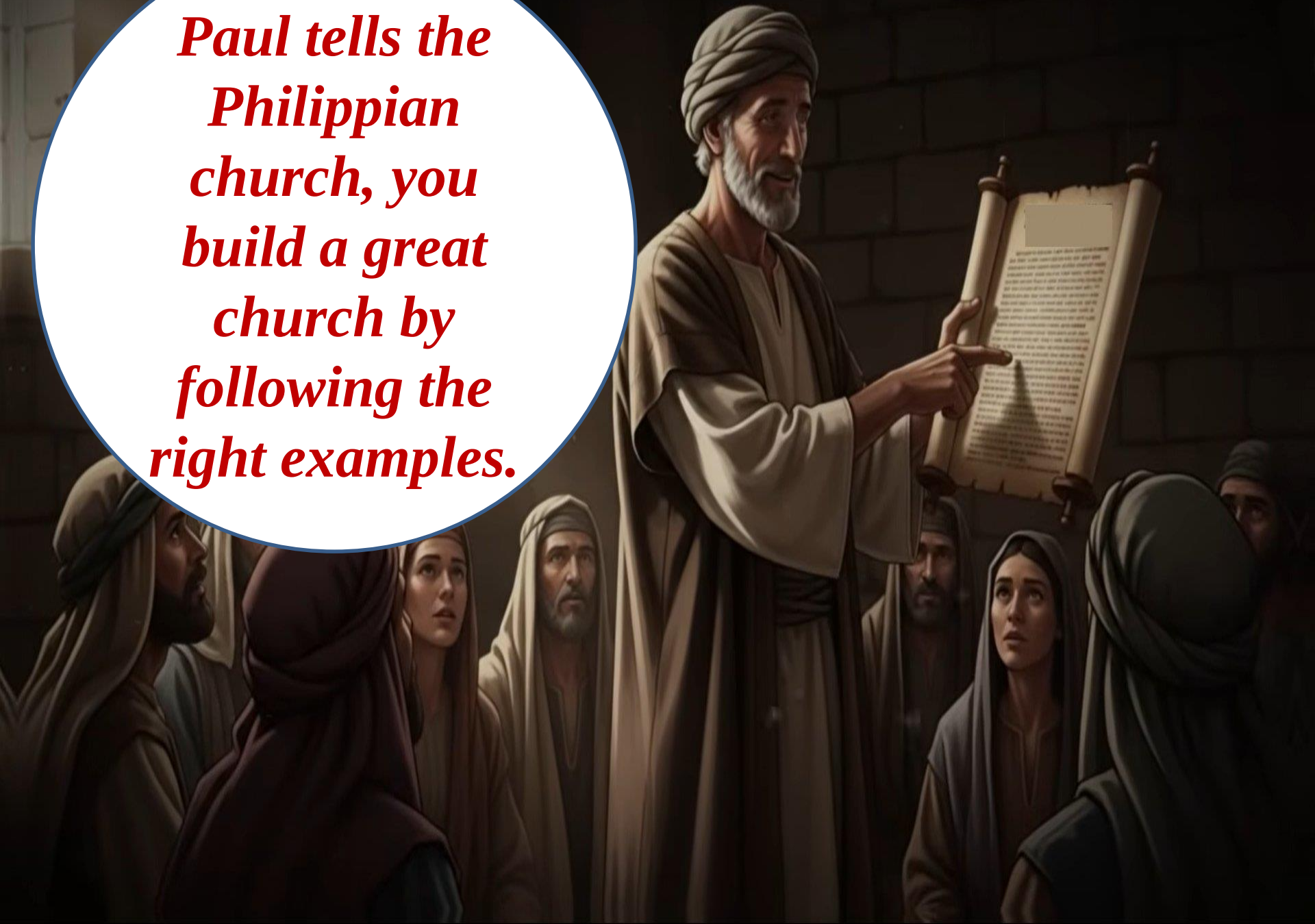


*...most
studied, but
also the
most
difficult to
interpret.*

Philippians 2:5-8 (NIV) ⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:9-11 (NIV) ⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Paul tells the
Philippian
church, you
build a great
church by
following the
right examples.*



***Our
supreme
example to
follow is
Jesus***



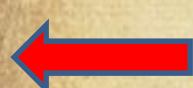
***Phil 2:5* In your relationships
with one another, have the
same mindset as Christ Jesus:**



***Be Jesus to
Each Other!***

Phil 2:5 ...have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:



 *τοῦτο φρονεῖτε ἐν ὑμῖν ὁ
καὶ ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ*

φρονέω

Phroneo (pronounced fro-NEH-oh) is an ancient Greek verb meaning "to think," "to have a mindset," or "to exercise the mind." Rather than just an isolated thought, it denotes a comprehensive pattern of thinking, a specific attitude, or a disposition towards life.

In the New Testament, the word appears nearly 30 times, frequently used by the apostle Paul to describe how Christians should align their focus and values with Christ. Paul uses φρονέω 8 times in Philippians.

φρονέω

In summary, having the mindset of Christ means adopting His humility, obedience, love, compassion, Kingdom focus, and willingness to endure suffering. It is a holistic transformation that affects every aspect of our lives, enabling us to reflect Christ's character and advance His mission in the world.

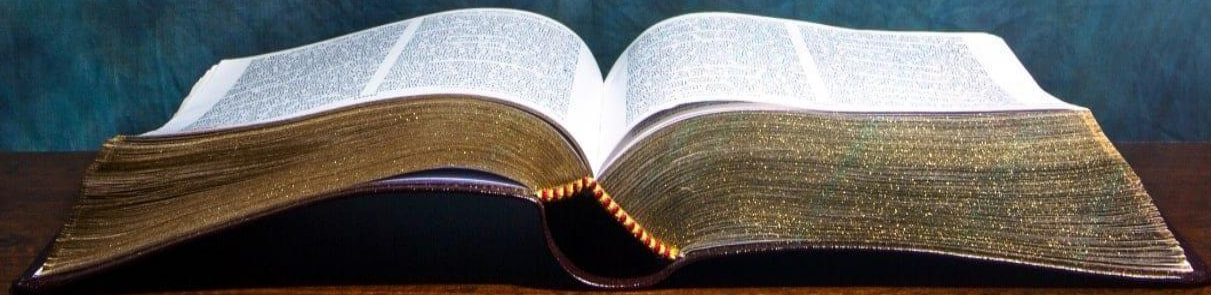
φρονέω

This transformation is made possible through the work of the Holy Spirit, who renews our minds and empowers us to live out the values and attitudes of Christ. As we grow in our relationship with God and yield to the Spirit's work in us, we become more like Christ, embodying His mindset and bringing His light to a world in need.

φρονέω

The good news is that taking on a Christ-like mindset can be a lifelong process, but you are not alone.

Phil 2:6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;



JESUS EXISTED BEFORE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD

JOHN 8:58

"Before Abraham
was, I AM."



COLOSSIANS 1:16-17

All things were created
through him and for him.
He is before all things



JOHN 17:5

Glorify me with
the glory I had with
you before the
world existed."



JOHN 1:13

All things were made
through him



Phil 2:7 (NIV) rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

• The biblical role of a servant is characterized by humility, obedience, and a commitment to the well-being of others.

• It is a calling that reflects the heart of God and the example set by Jesus Christ.

• Through servanthood, believers are invited to participate in God's redemptive work in the world, embodying the values of the Kingdom of God.

- The teachings of Jesus Christ emphasize servanthood as a fundamental aspect of discipleship.
- Jesus Himself is the ultimate example of a servant, as He came "not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many" ([Matthew 20:28](#)).
- The apostle Paul frequently identifies himself as a servant of Christ, emphasizing humility and dedication to the Gospel. In [Philippians 2:7](#) , Paul describes Jesus as one who "emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in human likeness." This passage highlights the self-sacrificial nature of true servanthood.

***Phil 2:8 And being found
in appearance as a man, He
humbled himself by becoming
obedient to death—even
death on a cross!***

The Narrative Sequence

Jesus stripped Himself of His pre existence status – what some translations call “He emptied Himself”

- He did not “empty Himself” of His divinity*
- He changed His position in*
 - heaven*
 - He took off His pre existent status in heaven*
- Taking the outward appearance of a slave by becoming like human beings (the incarnation) looking like a normal person.*

The Narrative Sequence

- *He humiliated Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death – This was the Passion.*

- *Guthrie points out there are some parallels with Isaiah 53:8-9*

- *By oppression and judgment he was taken away.*

Yet who of his generation protested?

For he was cut off from the land of the living;

for the transgression of my people he was punished.

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked,

and with the rich in his death,

though he had done no violence,

nor was any deceit in his mouth.

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A Short Detour to the First Council of Nicaea 325 AD

- *The Early Church needed an authoritative statement for the Church to resolve a massive theological crisis regarding the identity of Jesus.*
- *Why?*
 - *Counter Arius who taught that Jesus was a subordinate being rather than co-eternal and fully God.*
 - *Emperor Constantine tasked the Council to draft a single universal standard of belief.*
 - *The Nicene Creed served this purpose in the early church. It also defined Orthodoxy.*

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