**CHAPTER 2**

*He recommends them to unity and humility: and to work out their salvation with fear and trembling.*

**1** If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of charity, if any society of the spirit, if any bowels of commiseration:

**2** Fulfil ye my joy, that you be of one mind, having the same charity, being of one accord, agreeing in sentiment.

**3** Let nothing be done through contention, neither by vain glory: but in humility, let each esteem others better than themselves:

**4** Each one not considering the things that are his own, but those that are other men’s.

**5** For let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

**6** Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

**7** But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as a man.

**8** He humbled himself, becoming obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross.

**9** For which cause God also hath exalted him, and hath given him a name which is above all names:

**10** That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth:

**11** And that every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

**12** Wherefore, my dearly beloved, (as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but much more now in my absence,) with fear and trembling work out your salvation.

**13** For it is God who worketh in you, both to will and to accomplish, according to his good will.

**14** And do ye all things without murmurings and hesitations;

**15** That you may be blameless, and sincere children of God, without reproof, in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation; among whom you shine as lights in the world.

**16** Holding forth the word of life to my glory in the day of Christ, because I have not run in vain, nor laboured in vain.

**17** Yea, and if I be made a victim upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice, and congratulate with you all.

**18** And for the selfsame thing do you also rejoice, and congratulate with me.

**19** And I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy unto you shortly, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know the things concerning you.

**20** For I have no man so of the same mind, who with sincere affection is solicitous for you.

**21** For all seek the things that are their own; not the things that are Jesus Christ’s.

**22** Now know ye the proof of him, that as a son with the father, so hath he served with me in the gospel.

**23** Him therefore I hope to send unto you immediately, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me.

**24** And I trust in the Lord, that I myself also shall come to you shortly.

**25** But I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow labourer, and fellow soldier, but your apostle, and he that hath ministered to my wants.

**26** For indeed he longed after you all: and was sad, for that you had heard that he was sick.

**27** For indeed he was sick, nigh unto death; but God had mercy on him; and not only on him, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

**28** Therefore I sent him the more speedily: that seeing him again, you may rejoice, and I may be without sorrow.

**29** Receive him therefore with all joy in the Lord; and treat with honour such as he is.

**30** Because for the work of Christ he came to the point of death: delivering his life, that he might fulfil that which on your part was wanting towards my service.