

## HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST

Philippians 2:1-30

Key Verse: 2:5

### Study Questions

1. Read verse 1. What does it mean to be united with Christ? (cf. Rom.6:5-8; Jn.15:5; Gal 2:20) What benefits does union with Christ give the believer? What does "encouragement" mean? (Acts 23:11; Ro 8:1)(1) Read verse 2. What was Paul's request? How should our union with Christ affect our relations with other believers?
2. Read verses 3-4. What should not be our motive for action? How should we regard others? How is it possible to consider others better than ourselves? How can we overcome our innate selfishness?
3. Read verse 5. What kind of attitude should we have? Read verses 6-8. Who is Jesus Christ? How does his birth, life and death show his humility? (Mk 10:45; Isa 53:1-5) How are humbleness and obedience related? How can we have the attitude of Christ?
4. Read verses 9-11. How did God bless Jesus' humiliation? What should be the attitude of all people and our attitude toward Christ? What is the final outcome of history? What is our hope?
5. Read verses 12-13. What does Paul mean by "continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling"? Why is obedience so important? What is God's work in us? (Ro 8:29)
6. Read verses 14-16a. What must we do and not do to be shining stars in a dark and crooked world? Read 16b-18. How did Paul regard their sacrificial lives and his own approaching martyrdom?
7. Who are the two men whom Paul praises here? For what does he praise each one? How does each reflect the attitude of Christ Jesus?