

**WELCOME TO**



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## Revelation 5:9

And they sang a new song, saying,  
“Worthy are you to take the scroll  
and to open its seals, for you were  
slain, and by your blood you  
ransomed people for God from  
every tribe and language and  
people and nation,

***WHAT WILL UNIFY A PEOPLE  
WITH DIFFERENT CULTURES,  
DIFFERENT CAREERS,  
DIFFERENT AGES, ETC?***



**“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel”**

**Philippians 1:27**




EMBRACING “ONE SPIRIT”  
COMMUNITY MEANS  
RECOGNISING  
*OUR PARTNERSHIP*




# A KEY TERM IN PHILIPPIANS IS **FELLOWSHIP**

(Greek koinonia), translated as “partnership” or “participation” (Phil. 1:5, 7; 2:1; 3:10; 4:14–15)

*It can relate either:*

- to other believers (Phil. 1:5; 4:14–15),
  - the gospel of grace (Phil. 1:7),
  - or Christ himself (Phil. 2:1; 3:10).
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## BY OUTWARD APPEARANCES, AS PAUL WRITES, THERE IS LITTLE REASON FOR THE PHILIPPIAN BELIEVERS TO REJOICE.

- Their beloved leader Paul is in jail;
  - they face opposition from enemies;
  - their church is experiencing rivalry and disunity;
  - one of their key leaders, Epaphroditus, has nearly died twice;
  - and some are subtly teaching confidence in the flesh rather than the cross of Christ.
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**“IN CHRIST,” OCCURS IN SOME FORM AT  
LEAST NINE TIMES IN THE BOOK**

**Reflects the spiritual union that gives us  
status and resources from the Saviour in  
**ALL** of life’s circumstances.**



# EPH 2:19-22

*JOINED TOGETHER  
A HOLY TEMPLE IN THE LORD  
BUILT TOGETHER  
IN WHICH GOD LIVES BY HIS SPIRIT.*




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# **“GOSPEL” OCCURS NINE TIMES**

(PHIL. 1:5, 7, 12, 16, 27 [2x]; PHIL. 2:22; 4:3, 15).

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**THE KEY** TO RETAINING PROPER GOSPEL  
PERSPECTIVE AND AVOIDING GETTING  
CAUGHT UP IN PETTY CONCEIT AND  
RIVALRY IS TO LOOK TO **CHRIST HIMSELF**  
**- HE HUMBLLED HIMSELF.**



Paul's own life modelled this humility  
(Phil. 1:25–26; 2:17–18; 3:7–17),

Timothy and Epaphroditus  
(Phil. 2:19–30)

Christ's servant-model of prioritising living  
out the gospel above all else in humility.



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# CONCLUSION:

We need need something larger, a greater picture than simply serving our own interests or even serving the church.

**Acts 13:36**

*“David served the purpose of God  
in his generation”*

