

Philippians 4:2–3

“Treasuring One Another as the Lord’s Treasure”

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² I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life.

When relationships break down in the church, we must urge and help one another to have the same mind—the mind of Christ in which we treasure one another as the Lord's treasure

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Philippians chapter 4.

Our portion for this afternoon is verses 2 and 3 plus pride.

Our father in heaven how grateful we are. For your mind towards us in Christ the love which is from outside of time in yourself chosen in the beloved. Gliding in us for your own namesake. Salvation that has an infinitely high end and and unbreakably shore purpose. We pray about that you would give us.

The mind of Christ Jesus to humble ourselves before you to prefer others to ourselves that you would make us to treasure one another as you have treasured us. We thank you for the guarantee of what we shall be like at the end both in ourselves and in relation to one another we thank you for your spirits ongoing work towards that end we pray that you would help us now.

Holy Spirit, we commonly. Use these means that you have appointed not only for your worship and your glory but also for your work and us and conforming us to the image of Christ and producing within us the mind of Christ we pray that you would do that work now that we would preach and hear preaching independence upon you that we would see the fruit of your merciful powerful work of grace in us.

Is a calm and help us we pray in Jesus name. Amen. Philippians four verses two and three. These are God's words. I am pleasure and I am poor synteky to be of the same mind in the Lord. And I urge you also true companion. Help these women who labored with me in the gospel with climate also and the rest of my fellow workers whose names are in the book of life.

So far the reading of God's inspired and inherent word.

It must have been shocking. I wonder if the older who was first assigned to read Paul's letter in Philippi having looked the letter over had gone to the end and sent a key and. And let them know it was coming or if the first time they found out that they were personally named in the letter was when it was read in public worship but here are two prominent women in the church beloved women in the church who have labored with pile in the gospel you remember when he first arrived at Philippi, they didn't even have enough people who believed in the god of the Bible to form a synagogue and he and he instead had to go down by the river where there were God.

Ly women and he preached the gospel to them at first and the the church at Philippi grew out of that quite possibly are among those women and yet those who have been believers a long time and that is you have labored together in the church for a long time.

It is possible for them to have a falling out and there at least two good reasons here for him instead of sending a personal note to you and the personal notice into here maybe one note to both of them or to this sits against this faithful fellow worker or true companion.

Well when he says on I urge you also faithful said to us or faithful companion two reasons why he might deal with this publicly in the first is this is this was maybe not the first following not the first and certainly not the last church in which to godly believers would have a falling out with one another and so it is in the Holy Spirit wisdom towards all of our congregations and towards all of us that he would.

Deal with this publicly in the second thing is the more mature you are in grace, the more you become those like-minded brother and that we heard about in the last half of chapter three who have not yet attained and are pressing forward and are still utterly dependent upon Christ straining forwards to that glory for which Christly laid hold of us that for which Christ died living as allies not enemies of his cross.

The more that's you the more you harm the church as a whole if you allow personal relationships to sorrow if you indulge bitterness if you don't reconcile. And and come together and so this really was something that was probably harming the life of the church in Philippi as a whole and so.

The Holy Spirit has given us the instructions or the the way by which the apostle under the inspiration of the spirit here is pursuing peace between these two women and you know, first there is the the pleading especially in verse two and then his petitioning others is asking for help.

For them in the first half of verse three and then reminding them of gospel promise gospel promise in the last half of verse three he pleads within he noticed that he in he pleads with each of them individually, you know Greek functions enough like English that he could have just said I implore you and synteky and yet he appeals to each of them individually are employead and I implore syndic you.

Use in treating them urging them the word employer is actually from that word that well we don't get an English word paraplete that's just a an English way of saying the Greek word but it is that word for being called alongside and you have it translated in the New Testament anything from comfort console exhort even rebuke.

Called alongside them for whatever they need and right now they need someone to urge them to be of the same mind in the Lord now this same mind language applies at least in four different ways here in in the book of Philippians and the first place that they would be of the same mind as one another but Christians don't have to find common ground from.

From each other because we've been given common ground in Christ and so the second way that he says that he means of the same mind here goes immediately to the verse immediately proceeding it therefore my beloved and longed for brethren my joy and crown so stand fast in the Lord beloved he's just gotten done saying don't live in an earthly-minded way for earthly ends for pleasing ourselves.

You live for what Christ died for you live for what Christ is ruling from heaven for and will return to complete and when he finishes saying that at the at the end of chapter 3 he goes on to call them his joy and his crown because he's viewing the Philippian believers with a view to that day when God will have completed his work in them and we too consider one another with a view to the day of when God has completed his work in us to say look at how.

The love of God has formed so perfectly the character of Christ in each one and those with whom he gives us to walk we have a particular draw in that because we don't just have a joy in one another but we have something of a crown in one another one of the things that we will rejoice in in the last day those of us who are in this room and have been called to walk together and part of God's working in each of our lives is that he will have used you and I, You will have used you and me he will have used you and me and one another's lives in his work and on the last day as each of us who belong to him through faith in Christ stand perfected and glorious will marvel that each of us had a part in each other ones sanctification that ends in glorification say there's this this aiming at the last day this joy and crown in the last day any he comes back to that doesn't he in the in the third part there with the gospel problem.

S when he talks about names being written in the book of life and said so he says don't just have the same mind so as one another but also he's saying have the same mind this is part of that that mind that we are to treasure one another and rejoice in the part that we get to have and the Lord's working in each one's life.

And then the the third part of of that same mind we can find back in verse 16 of chapter three it's been many weeks but it hadn't been many words since since verse 16, he said nevertheless to the degree that we have already attained let us walk by the same rule that is be of the same mind and say this mindset that.

That we're not yet there we're not there yet but we are pressing towards holiness and the more that you learn of the Lord in his word the more you should live according to what you know and so that so that none of us consider ourselves to have already attained but we're all always pressing forward and this was something that he needed to press forward in in their sanctification and the fourth way, of course, probably the, Most.

Be of the same mind in the most famous be of the same mind in Philippians chapter 2. That we are to fulfill the apostles joy by being like-minded having the same love being of one accord of one mind and how did that come let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus and that's where we get the ability that's where we get the life and the righteousness from which to let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself, so it's that mind of Christ.

Makes us not think highly of ourselves but press forward and desire that our brother and sister would be sanctified as well and that looks forward to the joy that will have when that work is completed in

each of us on the last day. So the first thing he does is he pleads he pleads with them, he employers them he comes alongside or is called alongside them to urge them to be of the same mind same thing he does is he asks others to help them he says and I,Are urge you also and they have translated the name.

Sits against into companion, it means gig fellow but probably a name maybe not maybe a nickname you can combine them both if it wasn't his given name at least had come to be known that way in the Church of Philippi because he was faithful and and he is highlighted specifically.

I heard you also true companion or faithful situas help these women help these women not these terrible women who are dragging down.The church and hurting it help these women who labored with me in the gospel and whose names are in the book of life and so he names Clement in particular we don't know who this come is outside of the Philippians 4 verse 3, and he talks about the rest of them, he doesn't even mention them and the rest of my fellow workers whose names.

Are in the book of life, but.He pleads for sits against any he pleads with such sits against to help them recognizing the place that God has given these women he adds petitioning others to his pleading he enlists help so he and he affectionately urges each of them and then.

He also asks others to help them the pleading and then the petitioning and then the final place he sets before them the gospel from us the rest of my federal workers whose names are in the book of life, here's a book of those who God has treasured from outside of time you remember when the apostles came back to Jesus now they're like Jesus you wouldn't believe it even the demons are based.

And Jesus says you got something even greater to be glad about to rejoice over to be excited about your names are written in heaven yeah praise God that he has given you whatever else he has given you in your Christian walk and it is wonderful when he gives us.

You know, you probably haven't had direct confrontation with the demon maybe you have I don't know but we have all of these moments in our Christian life where he works graciously and yeah often one of you will come here you'll never guess what my daughter what my son said did this week or asked in family worship or yeah.

I was you know, I was, you know, being all anxious about what's going on and my kid just said,To me well that's alright Jesus is gonna win and or whatever it is and we're so excited about all of these works that the Lord does in us and does through us and and well well to be so let us be grateful for and praise him for everything that he has done but the Lord Jesus says above all of those rejoice in where that came from.

That God himself from outside of time has decided to love you and save you and make you perfectly happy by making you perfectly holy and that that is gonna be forever and ever rejoice that your names are written are written in heaven and so he sets that that gospel from us that thing that can never be taken away it's from the confidence that nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ.

Jesus, it's from.The confidence that he who didn't spare his own son will together with Jesus whom he is given to you and for you literally give you all things and he is literally working all things together for your good so that in whatever happens the hardest thing that happens you are already a super conqueror in Jesus Christ, it's from that confidence that you can seek not your own interest but the interests of others and consider others better than yourself and,And so he sets that gospel promise before yeah before sin to key also before sins against and before before all of us because that's what enables us to walk with him in the hard things and sometimes the hardest thing is not the attacks of a satanic and hateful world sometimes the hardest thing is this these fractures and frictions that grow up.

Between believers like Yoda and Sentai so let us urge one another let us enlist one another's help and let us keep having placed before us and placing before one another this gospel promise rejoice that your names are written in the book of life.Let's pray.

Our Father in heaven we thank you for all that you have given us in common in an earthly sense and this life all the all the shared interests and pleasures and skills and all those workings of your providence and your wisdom to reinforce our affections for one another but we thank you most of all that what you have given us in common is Christ, which you have given us in common is this writing of our names in heaven.

In the book of life we pray.Lord that you would make that the basis of all of our friendships of all of our love for one another in the church that you would help us to count one another for your sake as joy and crown. So that we might have in this congregation a delight in one another that the end of this age will not bring to an end.

And so we pray that when we do have fallings out and with one another that you would.Cause us to remember what you urge upon us here in this passage and that you would grant to us to help one another and that the promise of at last being perfectly happy because you have made us perfectly holy forever.

That would be a help to us in having in us the mind that is in Christ. Jesus form his mind in us we pray glorify your son who. To whom in your love you predestined us to be conformed to his image so that at the last he is the firstborn among many brethren and his glorified by the perfecting of his work and each of us.

So we pray again that your Holy Spirit would use this portion of your word that you have appointed for us to to read and hear meditate upon this afternoon and this Lord's Day for that part of your work that you have assigned to do in us or so thankful to you.

Lord that we may be confident that you are doing that work that you began in Christ Jesus and that having begun the work in us, you will bring it to completion in his day. So glorify him in his name we ask it. Amen.