

<sup>1</sup>If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, <sup>2</sup>Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. <sup>4</sup>Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. <sup>5</sup>Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup>Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: <sup>7</sup>But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: <sup>8</sup>And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. <sup>9</sup>Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: <sup>10</sup>That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; <sup>11</sup>And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. <sup>13</sup>For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. <sup>14</sup>Do all things without murmurings and disputings: <sup>15</sup>That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; <sup>16</sup>Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain. <sup>17</sup>Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me. <sup>19</sup>But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. <sup>20</sup>For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. <sup>21</sup>For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's. <sup>22</sup>But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel. <sup>23</sup>Him therefore I hope to send presently, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me. <sup>24</sup>But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly. <sup>25</sup>Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellow soldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants. <sup>26</sup>For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick. <sup>27</sup>For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. <sup>28</sup>I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful. <sup>29</sup>Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation: <sup>30</sup>Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.