

LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS: “FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST”

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

LUKE 18:9-14

I. The Willingness to “Take the Cure,” (Phil. 2:1-4)

A. “IF” – It is Such a BIG Word, (v. 1)

1. Most frequently we say the word “if” when there is uncertainty regarding an outcome.

Genesis 4:7

Matthew 8:2

Matthew 4:3

Matthew 8:31

2. But in **verse 1**, each time “if” is used it understood to mean there is no uncertainty regarding it.
 - a. (v. 1a), “*If there is any encouragement in Christ....*”

- b. (v. 1b), “*If/since there is any consolation of love...*”

- c. (v. 1c), “*If there is any fellowship with the Spirit...*”

- d. (v. 1d), “*If any affection and compassion*”

B. The *sine qua non* for those who are “in Christ” is _____!

1. Notice the how Paul describes the things that “*make [his] joy complete*” . . .

2. Yet many who claim to be Christians are not united with God through His word!

1 John 2:3

John 15:14; 14:15

3. A complacent attitude towards God's word will not give us the relationship He desires!

Matthew 7:21

Luke 6:46

1 John 4:6

C. Seeing "The Cure" in Action, (vs. 3-4)

1. (v. 3), "*Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind*"

a. The one thing that will "**CURE**" us/the church from things that rob us of joy = _____!

James 4:1

2. (v. 4), "*...do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interest of others!*"

a. This is just basic math...

Romans 12:3

CONCLUSIONS:

MEMBERS:

GUESTS:

Philippians 2:1

Romans 8:9

Acts 5:32

Ephesians 1:3

Acts 2:38