

Philippians

Bible Class 7
Two Brothers Who Had The
Attitude of Christ
Php 2:19-30

work out your salvation with fear and trembling

1. work out your salvation with fear and trembling Php 2:12-13
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Introduction

- Paul and the other apostles labored to preach the gospel and write most of the letters of the New Testament
- But, besides being guided by the Holy Spirit, they also had help in spreading the gospel and edifying the brethren from others
- Among them were Timothy and Epaphroditus, Paul's son and brother in the Lord

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Introduction

- These men labored in the gospel putting God and others first
- They humbly and lovingly served others often placing their lives at risk for the sake of the gospel
- Like Paul, they sought to display the mind or attitude of Christ in their lives
- Instead of just a few, today the church needs men of such character to work together in the cause of Christ

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Two Brothers Who Had The Attitude of Christ

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

- Not long before going to Philippi, Paul found the young disciple Timothy, whom he chose to be with him in his missionary journey
- Timothy, because of his like-minded faith, became very close to Paul, whom he calls his son in the gospel
- Timothy is often sent by Paul to various churches to strengthen them and straighten out troubles

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

Act 15:1 Some men came down from Judea and began teaching the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."

Act 15:2 And when Paul and Barnabas had great dissension and debate with them, the brethren determined that Paul and Barnabas and some others of them should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders concerning this issue.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

Act 15:3 Therefore, being sent on their way by the church, they were passing through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and were bringing great joy to all the brethren.

Act 15:4 When they arrived at Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

Act 15:5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed stood up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses."

Act 15:6 The apostles and the elders came together to look into this matter.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

Act 15:22 Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas-- Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren,

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

Act 15:23 and they sent this letter by them, "The apostles and the brethren who are elders, to the brethren in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia who are from the Gentiles, greetings.

Act 15:24 "Since we have heard that some of our number to whom we gave no instruction have disturbed you with their words, unsettling your souls,

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

Act 15:25 it seemed good to us, having become of one mind, to select men to send to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, Act 15:26 men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Act 15:27 "Therefore we have sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will also report the same things by word of mouth.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

Act 15:28 "For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials:

Act 15:29 that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols and from blood and from things strangled and from fornication; if you keep yourselves free from such things, you will do well. Farewell."

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

Act 16:1 Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. And a disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek,
Act 16:2 and he was well spoken of by the brethren who were in Lystra and Iconium.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

Act 16:3 Paul wanted this man to go with him; and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those parts, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

Act 16:4 Now while they were passing through the cities, they were delivering the decrees which had been decided upon by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem, for them to observe.

Act 16:5 So the churches were being strengthened in the faith, and were increasing in number daily.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

Gal 2:1 Then after an interval of fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along also.

Gal 2:2 It was because of a revelation that I went up; and I submitted to them the gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but I did so in private to those who were of reputation, for fear that I might be running, or had run, in vain.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

Gal 2:3 But not even Titus, who was with me, though he was a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised.

Gal 2:4 But it was because of the false brethren secretly brought in, who had sneaked in to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to bring us into bondage.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

Gal 2:5 But we did not yield in subjection to them for even an hour, so that the truth of the gospel would remain with you.

Gal 2:6 But from those who were of high reputation (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)--well, those who were of reputation contributed nothing to me.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

Gal 2:7 But on the contrary, seeing that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been to the circumcised

Gal 2:8 (for He who effectually worked for Peter in his apostleship to the circumcised effectually worked for me also to the Gentiles),

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

Gal 2:9 and recognizing the grace that had been given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, so that we might go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

Gal 2:10 They only asked us to remember the poor--the very thing I also was eager to do.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

Gal 5:1 It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

Gal 5:2 Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you.

Gal 5:3 And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

Gal 5:4 You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

Gal 5:5 For we through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness.

Gal 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

1Co 9:19 For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more.

1Co 9:20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law;

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

1Co 9:21 to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law.

1Co 9:22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

1Co 9:23 I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

2Ti 1:5 For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.

2Ti 3:14 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them,

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

2Ti 3:15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

2Ti 3:17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

1Ti 1:3 As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia, remain on at Ephesus so that you may instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines,

1Ti 1:4 nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than furthering the administration of God which is by faith.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

1Ti 1:5 But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

1Ti 1:6 For some men, straying from these things, have turned aside to fruitless discussion,

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

1Ti 1:7 wanting to be teachers of the Law, even though they do not understand either what they are saying or the matters about which they make confident assertions.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

1Ti 4:1 But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,

1Ti 4:2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

1Ti 4:3 men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.

1Ti 4:4 For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude;

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

1Ti 4:5 for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer.

1Ti 4:6 In pointing out these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

1Ti 4:7 But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness;

1Ti 4:8 for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

2Ti 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

2Ti 4:1 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

2Ti 4:2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

2Ti 4:4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

2Ti 4:5 But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

2Ti 4:6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

2Ti 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;

2Ti 4:8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

1Ti 3:15 but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

1Ti 4:12 Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.

1Ti 4:13 Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

1Ti 4:14 Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery.

1Ti 4:15 Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress will be evident to all.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

1Ti 4:16 Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

1Ti 5:1 Do not sharply rebuke an older man, but rather appeal to him as a father, to the younger men as brothers,
1Ti 5:2 the older women as mothers, and the younger women as sisters, in all purity.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

2Ti 2:19 Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness."

2Ti 2:20 Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

2Ti 2:21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.

2Ti 2:22 Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

2Ti 2:23 But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels.

2Ti 2:24 The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged,

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

2Ti 2:25 with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,

2Ti 2:26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

1Co 4:15 For if you were to have countless tutors in Christ, yet you would not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

1Co 4:16 Therefore I exhort you, be imitators of me.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

1Co 4:17 For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

1Th 3:4 For indeed when we were with you, we kept telling you in advance that we were going to suffer affliction; and so it came to pass, as you know.

1Th 3:5 For this reason, when I could endure it no longer, I also sent to find out about your faith, for fear that the tempter might have tempted you, and our labor would be in vain.

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

1Th 3:6 But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always think kindly of us, longing to see us just as we also long to see you,

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Timothy, Paul's Son in The Gospel

1Th 3:7 for this reason, brethren, in all our distress and affliction we were comforted about you through your faith;

1Th 3:8 for now we really live, if you stand firm in the Lord.

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Paul Hopes To Send Timothy To Encourage The Philippians

Php 1:1 Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons:

Php 2:19 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition.

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Paul Hopes To Send Timothy To Encourage The Philippians

Php 2:20 For I have no one else of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare.

Php 2:21 For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus.

Php 2:22 But you know of his proven worth, that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father.

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Paul Hopes To Send Timothy To Encourage The Philippians

Php 2:23 Therefore I hope to send him immediately, as soon as I see how things go with me;

Php 2:24 and I trust in the Lord that I myself also will be coming shortly.

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Epaphroditus, Paul's Fellow Worker and Brother In Christ

- He was a beloved brother working in the gospel as a messenger from the Philippians who brought their gift to Paul
- To do this, he was willing to risk his life and had become very sick
- By His mercy and power, God heals this loving selfless servant to the joy of Paul, who would now send him back to encourage the Philippians, probably carrying the letter he wrote to them

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Epaphroditus, Paul's Fellow Worker and Brother In Christ

Php 2:25 But I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger and minister to my need;

Php 2:26 because he was longing for you all and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.

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Epaphroditus, Paul's Fellow Worker and Brother In Christ

Php 2:27 For indeed he was sick to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, so that I would not have sorrow upon sorrow.

Php 2:28 Therefore I have sent him all the more eagerly so that when you see him again you may rejoice and I may be less concerned about you.

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Epaphroditus, Paul's Fellow Worker and Brother In Christ

Php 2:29 Receive him then in the Lord with all joy, and hold men like him in high regard;

Php 2:30 because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was deficient in your service to me.

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Epaphroditus, Paul's Fellow Worker and Brother In Christ

Php 4:14 Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my affliction.

Php 4:15 You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone;

Php 4:16 for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs.

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Epaphroditus, Paul's Fellow Worker and Brother In Christ

Php 4:17 Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.

Php 4:18 But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.

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Epaphroditus, Paul's Fellow Worker and Brother In Christ

Php 4:19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

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Epaphroditus Showed Willing Sacrificial Love In Serving Christ

1Jn 3:16 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1Jn 3:17 But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?

1Jn 3:18 Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

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Timothy and Epaphroditus Had The Mind of Christ As We Should

Php 2:1 Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

Php 2:2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

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Timothy and Epaphroditus Had The Mind of Christ As We Should

Php 2:3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;

Php 2:4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Php 2:5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

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Timothy and Epaphroditus Had The Mind of Christ As We Should

Php 2:6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

Php 2:7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

Php 2:8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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Timothy and Epaphroditus Had The Mind of Christ As We Should

Php 2:9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

Php 2:10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

Php 2:11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Epaphroditus Healed By The Power And Mercy of God Not By Miracle

- Miracles were instantaneous healings and other supernatural actions where God acted above His laws of nature
- They were to confirm Jesus is the Son of God and the gospel is the Word of God
- They were temporary until the New Testament was completely revealed and confirmed
- Now, we depend on God healing by His power and mercy, not miracles

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The Purposes of New Testament Miracles

Mar 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

Mar 16:16 "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

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The Purposes of New Testament Miracles

Mar 16:17 "These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues;

Mar 16:18 they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

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The Purposes of New Testament Miracles

Mar 16:19 So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

Mar 16:20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed.

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The Purposes of New Testament Miracles

Joh 20:30 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;
Joh 20:31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

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The Purposes of New Testament Miracles

Heb 2:1 For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.
Heb 2:2 For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty,

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The Purposes of New Testament Miracles

Heb 2:3 how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,
Heb 2:4 God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

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The Duration of New Testament Miracles

1Co 13:8 Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away.
1Co 13:9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part;
1Co 13:10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.

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The Duration of New Testament Miracles

1Co 13:11 When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.

1Co 13:12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.

1Co 13:13 But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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The Duration of New Testament Miracles

Jud 1:3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.

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The Duration of New Testament Miracles

Jud 1:4 For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

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2Ti 4:20 Erastus remained at Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus.

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