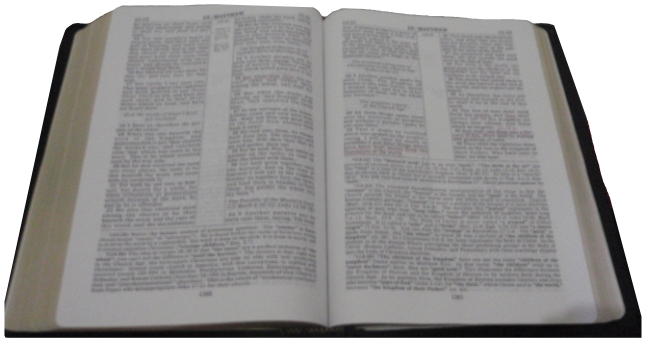
Bible Believers Commentary



King James 1611

Philippians

Chapter 2

Ps. 119:130- The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple

2:1- **Consolation** - Comfort - Affections

Bowels- Inner emotions & Affections

If- Any light left

- A glimmer of these – Consolation
  Comfort
  Fellowship
  Mercies

2:2- **Fulfil ye my joy**

- The philippians were at discord with each other.

- Strife & Envy

- Paul wants everybody to get along and grow

2:2 - Ph. 4:2 - Euodias – Fragrance

- Syntyche – Fortionate

- Their not so fortionate and their making a stink

- Divisions, discord, strife, disagreements

- 1Pet. 3:8- World is watching us.

- we need to get along

2:3- **Let nothing be done** - Life verse

- Through strife or vain glory

- Things were getting done — But

- your not doing the job

- 2 or 3 families in Church doing all the work

- Strife - Contention

- Vainglory – Self Conceit

- Example - Giving to missions – Evangelist

- People do it to get vainglory

  - Never give to out give other givers

  - Preachers- trying to out preach the other preacher

- Gal. 5:26- Let us not be desirous

2:3- **Lowliness of Mind** – not speech

- Pious Preachers – Priest – Politicians

2:3- **Let each**

- Greek – Let each

- Esteem – Lift up

- Better – than themselves

  - Husbands & Wives

  - Cyrus is better than me – Derrell
    Dennis
  - Do you esteem others better than yourself – Kayla

- 2Cor. 4:5– Ourselves your servants for Jesus sake.

- You are to consider others more important than your own plan or desires.

- The cause of selfishness — Pride

- Pr. 13:10- Only by pride cometh contention;

- World motto – Take care of #1

- No – Put others first

- This the power of negative thinking

Chapter 1 - Putting Christ First – Paul the Soul winner

Chapter 2 - Others next – Paul the Servant

2:4- Not nosey or busy body

- Help them out
- Take care of them

- Ph. 2:21- For all seek their own

- The things of Jesus Christ – others

- He died for others

- Gal. 6:2- Bear ye one another's burdens

- Don't be to proud

- Lk. 14:7-11- 12-13-14

2:25- Comparison with Chapter 1

Brother -	1:5 - Felowship
Companion In labour -	1:12 - Furtherance of Gospe
Fellowsoldier -	1:17 - Defence of the Gospel
Messenger -	1:27- Preaches faith of Gospell
Minister -	Mt. 20:28- Ph. 2:30

- Epaphroditus – Balanced Christian

- Neh. 4:17- Build & Fight

- ILL- Church in Kentucky

- Sign- Jesus only – Bad storm – us only
The Church where everybody is somebody

2:26- **Longed after**

- Full of heaviness – Why?

- Ye had heard — not sick but heard

- He didnt want them to worry to burden them

2:27-28 - He is going back and minister to them

2:29- Hold such in reputation - 2:7

- 1Th. 5:12-13

- Epaphroditus humbled himself and God is lifting him up.

2:30- He was giving his life

- To supply your lack of service

2:21- **For all seek their own**

- Pr. 20:6- Most men proclaim every one his own
- 2:5-11- Jesus
- 2:17 - Paul
- 2:19 - Timothy
- 2:25- Epaphroditus
- Chapter 2 - Great example of Christ
- Paul - greatest Christian who ever lived
- Timothy & Epaphroditus – Normal Christian
- You can be like them
- They sacrificed– gave all they could
- Ph. 2:30- Gave their lives

2:22- Paul was Timothy's spiritual father- Led him to Christ

- Priest are not your father
- 1Cor. 4:15

2:24- **But I trust in the Lord**

- Paul's encouraging himself in jail
- 2:19- I trust in the Lord

- Rom. 12:10- preferring one another
- Rom. 12: 15-16
- Rom. 14:21- Esteem others better
- Rom. 15:1-3- Strong – help others out
- 1Cor. 15:9- Least
- Eph. 5:21 -
- 1Cor. 10: 24- 32-33
- 1Cor. 12:22-26
- 1Pet. 5:5-6

2:5- **Let** - Allow

- 1Cor. 2:16- mind of Christ
- Let this mind be in you
- Let it rule and have control
- Let it have free course in your life

- Mind – Attitude
  - Your out lood detemines out come
  - What kind of mind did Jesus have
  - Hate what he hated
  - Love what Jesus loved
  - Feel what Jesus felt

2:6-11 – **The Humiliation and Exaltation of Christ**

- 6- 8 - Humiliation of Christ

- 9-11 – The Exaltation of Christ

- Jesus was exalted because he humbled himself

2:6- **Who** – vs 5 – Christ Jesus

- **Equal with God**

- Jh. 1:1 ,14 – In the beginning

- 1Tim. 3:16- God was manifest in the flesh

- Jh. 14: 6-9- He that hath seen me hath

- Jh. 10:30 – I and my Father are one

- Isa. 40:25 -

- Jesus excepted worship

2:7- **But** – No reputation - not even a little

- He was equal with God

- Took the form of a servant

- Servant is the lowest position

- Who does a servants work? — nobody

- That's as low as you can go.

2:16- **Day of Christ**

- Ph. 1:6- 2nd Coming

1:10- Judgment seat of Christ

- Mt. 25:21 - Thou hast been faithful enter thou into the

- Heb. 12:2- Who for the joy that was set before him

2:16- **I may rejoice**

- future joy

2:17-18- **Joy & Rejoice**

2:17- 3 words – Offered
Sacrifice
Service

- Joy comes through submission

- Worlds Joy - Getting things
- Me first
- Aggression

2:19-20- Acts 16:1-2

- Timothy was recommended by the brethren- church

- Timothy - Paul could trust

2:20- Timothy will take care of the Philippians

- Rom. 16:1-21 – Paul is in prison
List of Christians in Rome

- Timothy is the only one - naturally care

- Don't hide our Saviour

- Mt. 5:14-16- Business

- Mk. 4:21- Bed - Lazy

- Jh. 5:35 - John - Shinning light

- Dan. 12:3-

- Light in your community

- start by going to church

- 2Cor. 8:5- Get involved in your local church

- Acts 4:13-14- standing with them- he was not alone

- Acts 3:1-9-

2:16- **holding forth the word of life**

- Olimpics – Running with the torch

- Race also

- Ph. 2:13:14- Forgetting those things which are

2:16- **That I may rejoice**

- Living right

- Don't let me labor for nothing

2:16- **Holding forth**

- Paul led someone to Christ- they led someone to Christ
- Don't let it stop with you - witness

2:7 - **Likeness of Men**

- Rev. 4:8-11

- Rev. 5:5, 10-14

- Holy Holy Holy ----- He comes down

- Made like a man

- Form of a servant

2:7- **No Reputation**

- Everyone has a reputation - good or bad

No pride of Birth

- American Russian Zimbabwean

- Born in a barn

- ILL – Mom - - Born in a barn

No pride of Learning

- Jh. 7:15 - How knoweth this man

No pride of Respectability-

- Jh. 8:41 - we be not born of fornication

- Jh. 1:46 - Can there be any good thing come out of

No pride of Independence

- Jh. 5:30- I seek not mine own will, but the will of the

- **No pride of Looks-**

- Isa. 53:2- When we shall see him, there is no

- **No pride of wealth**-

- Mt. 8:20- The foxes have holes and the birds

- **No pride of Superiority**

- Lk. 22:7-

- **No pride of Success**

- World though Jesus was a loser

- No Money
- House
- Insurance
- Grave
- Nothing

- Left – Heaven – Earth
Glory – Shame
Master – Servant
Life – Death

-Why did Paul put this in here?

- Philippians were having troubles.

- Strife, vainglory, not the same mind
- Esteeming themselves better that others
- thinking about themselves all the time

- Jesus left everything he had for – Others

- Mt. 28:20- Even as the son of man came not to be

- Do you behave like a son of a King

- We brag about our animals blood line – Horse
Cow
Dog

2:15- **Without rebuke**

- People should not be able to see sin in you

- only inward private sin - & confess that

- People will lie - to find fault with you

- Godly Christians - will irritate the Lost
- just being around them

2:15- **In the midst** — crooked & perverse nation

- We don't isolate ourselves

- Amish isolate- never soulwin

- You need to give light to those who come into range of your influence

2:15- **ye shine s lights in the world**

- Denver at night – beautiful

- shine- what are you — Spot light
Flash light
Candle

- Ps. 119:130- The entrance of thy word giveth light...

- Ps. 68:11- The gave the word and great was the company of those that published it.

2:14- Do <u>some</u> things - all things

- How many times have you sone something for God & you murmured the whole time

- Soul winning – I don't want to go

- You won't get rewards for it

- Murmur - Gripping
  Complaining
  Disputing
  Fighting
  Arguing
  Finding fault

- 1Cor. 10:10- Mumurers were destroyed

- Num. 14:2, 29, 37

2:14- Do all things without murmurings and disputings — Why?

2:15- **That ye may be blameless**

- Lost people see you mumur and complain

- Men will blame you- but give none occasion for blame

- Harmless – like sheep

- Heb. 7:26- Jesus is our example

2:15- **sons of God**

- We forget who we are

- God of the Universe — Our Father

- Are you here to ministered unto or to minister to others. And put them first and help their needs.

2:7- **NO Reputation**

- The humble person isn't one who thinks lowly of himself He doesn't think of himself at all.

- <u>Humility</u> – Is that when you know you have it you lost it.

- <u>Isa. 14: 12-15</u>- Lucifer – I will ascend into heaven

  - 5 times - I will

  - Satan - I will

  - Jesus - Not my will - but thine be done

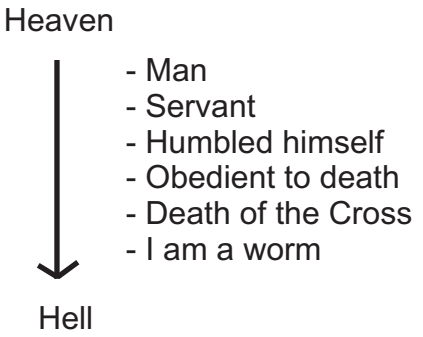
  - Lk. 22:42

2:8- **Fashion as a man**

- He humbled himself

- Aches and pains of being human

- Jesus came for us



- Lk. 2:51- Was subject to his parents

  - Subject to Sinners

- 30 years you don't hear a word – He is patient

2:8- **No Reptation**

- 30 years old when he shows up

- Associates with the lowly

  - Fishermen – smell like fish

- He took time for children

- He was weak, thirsty

- Jh. 13:12- Jesus washed their feet

2:8- **He humbled himself**

- They said he was

  - Mt. 11:19- gluttonous man and wine bibber

  - He did nothing - He could of - He humbled himself

  - Jh. 10:20- He has a devil and is mad - He did nothing

- Isa. 53:7- Jesus is a sheep that openeth not his mouth

5:8- **And became obedient**

- If you are humble then you will be obedient

- Most of the times we are humble, but we have or moments - we like the glory

- Not obedient - not humbled - your proud

- Even though Christ was able to do without prayer - He prayed more than us all

- Isa. 66:5-

- 2Cor. 5:10- Receive – good & bad

- 1Pet. 1:16-17-

2:13- '**God which worketh in you**

- Whatever God has you going through

  - it's to his good pleasure

- 1Th. 2:13- The word of God

- Eph. 3:20- The power of prayer

2:13- **To do**

- God wants you to work

- I have a desire to serve Christ – **to will**

  - Lots are willing – few are doing

- Jam. 1:22- Be ye doers of the word

- Calvinist says- God forces your will to be saved

  - Has God always done his perfect will in you?- NO

- Eph. 2:8-10- ordained

  - Have you always walked in good works

  - Ordained is not settled or fixed

2:6-11- Divine Pattern
2:12-13- Divine Power

2:12- **Work out your own salvation**

- God worked salvation for us – Cross

- God worked salvation in us – It is finished

- you can't work for that because it's finished

- Work out your salvation – keep it fresh

  - stay in the book
  - soulwin
  - pray

- You'll have something to be excited about

- We know its not salvation- Because

- Rom. 4:4-5 - now to him that worketh is the reward

- Tit. 3:5

- Eph. 2:8-9

- Our salvation is complete - Do something
  Be active
  Enjoy your salvation

2:12- **Fear and trembling**

- Heb. 12:28- Godly fear

- Rom. 14:10-12- We will stand before Christ

- 1Jh. 5:13- Don't fear losing your salvation

- Isa. 66:1-2-

- Muslum told me- That's why Jesus was not God because he prayed

2:8- **Man**

- He is God & He is Man

- Heb. 4:15- He was tempted like as we are yet without sin

- He was a man and yet he humbled himself & became obedient

- He was a man — You're a man

- He prayed – You can pray

2:8- **Death**

- Death of the Cross

- Violent death

- Painful death — Nails in hands and feet

- Jerks your hands and feet - when dropped in

- Crown of thorns on his head - Rod beat it on

- Beat him - Whipped him – cat of 9 tails

- Pulled out his beard

- Isa. 52:14- His visage was so marred more than any other

- Jesus Christ never said a word – He humbled himself and became obedient unto death

- Not just any death - Death of the Cross

- Lengering death — Hung on the cross for hours

- Terrible death - It's a disgrace

  - Hung thieves and murders on cross

  - Gal. 3:13- It's a curse

- Shameful death - He was naked

- Jesus humbled himself and died for our sins

  - Humble yourself and die to self, sin

- Substitutionary death

  - Christ died for our sins

  - 1Cor. 15:3- Christ died for our sins

  - Jh. 10:17-18- No man could take Jesus life

  - Jesus didn't die the death of a martyr

    - He died the death of a Great Saviour

- Atoning death – It paid for my sins

    - It atoned for my sins

2:8 - Read

- Many people are willing to serve others if it doesn't cost them anything.

- Ministries that cost nothing – accomplish nothing

2:12-13- Working out a math problem

- Its like working your field– A fruitful harvest

- How do we know its not salvation

  - Ph. 1:1- Saints in Christ

2:12- **As ye have always obeyed**

- Have you always obeyed

In my absence

- Most Churches - pastors gone -

  - church attendance drops

- Strong Church- Everybody comes

  - Focused on Christ

- Weak Church - Focused on the Pastor

2:12- Work out **your own** salvation

- It's yours - you already have it

- You have your own Christian life

- Live your life – not someone else's

- God has something special – for each of us

- Were all different - different ministries, callings

- KJV – makes individuals not clones

2:3-4- How do you do this?

- Paul gives you the best example

- Ph. 2:5- Let this mind be in you

2:6-8- Humiliation

2:9-11- Exaltation

Because of all this verses 1- 11

2:12- **Wherefore** - the application of verses 1-11

2:12- **Work out your own Salvation with fear and trembling**

- Key verse for all cults

- It did not say – Work at your salvation
Work for your salvation
Work after your salvation

- Work out your salvation

- Why

2:13- **For it is God which worketh in you**

- Can't work it out until it is worked in

- It isn't the up & downs of christian life

- It's the "in's & the outs"

- God put it in – we work it out

- Question - Do you avoid sacrifice

- ILL- Missionary in Brazil at a festival saw a booth

- Cheap crosses for sale

- Christians don't want to suffer, sacrifice, or give up anything

- Ph. 2:17- and if I be lifted up upon the sacrifice and

- Ph.2:20 - Timothy is willing vs 19

- Ph. 2:30 - Epaphroditus vs 25

- Not regarding his life

- Ph. 2:4- Look not everyman on his own things

- Isa. 6:8- Here am I lord send me

- Are you willing to sacrifice, give your life for others

- Eze. 22:29-30- I sought for a man and found none

- God is looking for someone to stand in the gap

- Sacrifice their lives for others

- Not worried about reputation or fame

- Take up his cross and folow Christ

- For to me to live is Christ

2:9- **God - Highly Exalted Him**- God Exalted

- Jesus Humbled himself

- God Exalted him

- Ps. 22:1 - My God My God
  22:16- Hands and feet
  22:6- Worm and no man
  22:6- Despised of the people

- Do people despise you

2:9-11- Sin killed Christ – Let Christ kill sin in you

- Sin made Jesus go down-- Heaven – worm

- Put sin down in your life

2:9- **Name above every name**

- Acts 4:12-

- Ps. 138:2- Word above all thy name

2:10- **Under the Earth – Hell**

- Every knee – Physical Resurrection

- Real knee – & you will burn

- Devils– will bow – under the earth

- Isa. 45:23- Every knee & Tongue

  - What will they swear

- Ph. 2:11- Jesus Christ is Lord

  - Confession of a lost man and devil

- 1Cor. 12:3- Jesus Christ is the Lord – Christian

2:11- Every person in hell will be a believer

- A lost man will be taken out of hell the smoke will still be on them

- Standing in the filthy rags of their self righteousness

- Pr. 1:24-28 – God laughing and mocking you

- you will be afraid

- Every man woman and child will be thrown into Lake of Fire

- Bow now or Bow later

- Every tongue will confess — Jesus is Lord

2:11- **Jesus Christ is Lord**

- Not the man upstairs

2:11- **To the glory of God**

- That's the purpose of Jesus humbling himself

- To the glory of God

- Christian you want to be lifted up– Humble yourself

- Joseph - 13 years suffered and then exalted

- David - 13 years suffered and then exalted

2:1-11- Humiliation and Exaltation of Christ

2:2- Division – they weren't like minded
- didn't think the same way
- strife and contention