

Every Knee Should Bow

Philippians 1:1 – 3:1

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When Epaphroditus was in Rome working side-by-side with Paul, he became ill and almost died. The believers in Philippi were grieved at the news. Their grief grieved Epaphroditus, who was already homesick. Once Epaphroditus was well again, Paul sent him back to Philippi, carrying a letter to the assembly of believers.

You have a special place in my heart, and I am sure the One who began a good work among you will keep it growing until the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Don't think poorly of Epaphroditus for coming back to you. He is not a quitter. He has been an invaluable coworker in spreading the good news. And he has been especially helpful to me personally, providing the support you were too far away to give me.

Would you like to increase my joy? Then work together in unity. Always consider others as better than yourselves. Let Christ be your example:

Though he was God,
he did not regard equality with God
something to cling to.
Instead, he gave up his divine privileges,
took the position of a slave,
and became a human being.
Then he humbled himself even further
and died a criminal's death on a cross.

And so, God elevated him to the place of highest honor
and gave him the name above all other names,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so no one can criticize you. Hold firmly to the Word of Life. Then, on the day of Christ's return, we will rejoice together.