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Complete Joy

Philippians 2:1-2

Joy

the awareness of God's grace

"grace recognized"

So...

- Therefore... (NKJV, NASB, NIV)
- In order to... lead a life *“worthy of the gospel”* (1:27)
 - *“standing firm in one spirit”*
 - *“with one mind”*
 - *“striving side by side”*
 - *“for the faith of the gospel”*

if...

- Since there is...
 - “But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?” (Mt. 6:30)
 - “If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?” (1 Cor. 9:11)
- These blessings are neither in question nor conditional
- All spiritual blessings belong to “us in Christ” (Eph. 1:3)

encouragement

- **exhortation, comfort from words**
 - a call (urging), done by someone “close beside”
- **words that motivate and inspire us to carry out His plan**
 - from Him (**Mt. 6:31-32; 11:28; John 16:33**)
 - from His

“Does your life in Christ give you strength?” (NCV)

comfort from love

- **consolation produced by loving words and actions**
- **abundantly in Christ**
 - from Him (**John 14:21; 15:9; 1 John 3:16**)
 - from His
- **comfort in "every good work and word" (**2 Thess. 2:16-17**)**
 - *"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word"*

"Does the love of Christ comfort you?" (NCV)

participation in the Spirit

- **joint participation or fellowship**
 - with Him **(1 Cor. 1:9; 1 John 1:3)**
 - with His
- **the fellowship we enjoy because of the Spirit**
 - when baptized, we received the gift of the Spirit **(Acts 2:38)**
 - God's love poured out in our hearts through the Spirit **(Rom. 5:5)**
 - united in one body by one Spirit **(1 Cor. 12:12-13)**

Do you value the fellowship we enjoy in Christ?

affection and sympathy

- ***affection*** - "gut-level compassion" (visceral feelings)
 - the capacity to feel deep emotions
- ***sympathy*** - deep feeling about another's difficulty or misfortune
 - describes both the source and nature of feelings
 - from the heart and heartfelt
- **"affectionate sympathy"**
 - from Him
 - from His
 - for His

Do you know the affectionate sympathy of Christ?

Joy

- Since there is... (1)
 - *encouragement...* in Christ
 - *comfort from love...* in Christ
 - *participation in the Spirit...* in Christ
 - *affection and sympathy...* in Christ
- Have the same mind (2; 3-5)
- Have the same love
- Have the same purpose

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