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Philippians II

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INTRODUCTORY.

The letter to the Philippians is unique among the writings of Paul in the personal note which runs through it.

Written from Prison. As also Ephesians, Colossians, and Philemon.

Written to the saints in Philippi. Where his work in Europe began. While he was a prisoner there.

To such he wrote a Letter of Love and Song, full of references to his personal experiences and of exhortations to them concerning theirs.

This chapter follows closely upon the exhortation which begins in I.22.

In that paragraph 27-30, he called them to a manner of life, or citizenship, worthy of the Gospel, and described it as

Standing fast in *One*.  
Nothing affrighted.  
Suffering with Christ.

In this chapter we find the secrets of such "manner of life".

Technically the chapter falls into two parts.

- I. The Interpretation of the Secrets. 1-18.
- II. Personal Matters, concerning Timothy and Epaphroditus. 19-30.

We are concerned necessarily with the first Movement.

- A. General Exhortation. 1-4.
- B. Central Interpretation. 5-11.
- C. Final Application. 12-18.

A. GENERAL EXHORTATION. 1-4.

I. The Suppositions, which are Affirmations. 1.

"If"... Comfort, Consolation, in Christ.

Fellowship in Spirit.

Tender Mercies and Compassions

II. The Injunctions. 2-4.

Of the same Mind.

Self-abnegation.

B. CENTRAL INTERPRETATION. 5-11.

\* I. The Mind of Christ in its Outworking. 5-8.

i. Being originally in Form of God,  
counted it not a Prize.

*Morpho Reality - a Manifestation.*

ii. Emptied Himself.

*Not of Himself - but of a form of Manifestation*

iii. The Form of a Servant.

*Man - Potentiality*

iv. Being made Man.

*Man - Realization*

v. Humbled Himself.

*The Human Synchronizing with the Divine*

vi. Obedient to Death.

vii. The Death of the Cross.

II, III. see over.

II. The Mind of Christ in its Issue. 9-11.

i. Wherefore--The Cross.

*As the ultimate or the Kenosis*

ii. God highly exalted Him.

iii. Gave Him the Name.

iv. Every knee bow. Submission.

v. Every tongue confess. Consent.

vi. Christ is Lord.

vii. To the Glory of God the Father.

III. The opening Injunction.

"Have this Mind in you."

*Mark this well. The Single Link to the System.*

*This is the focus of Christendom. ~ ~ ~*

C. FINAL APPLICATION. 12-18.

I. Personal Responsibility and Power.  
12-14.

"Work out", "God worketh in".

II. Relative Influence. 15.16a.

"In the midst", "Lights."

III. Paul's Appeal. 16b-18.

NOTE. The rest of the Chapter dealing with Timothy and Epaphroditus speaks of them as men of this very Mind.