

The Joyful Journey  
PART 12  
The Joy of Others  
Philippians 2:1-4

I. Jesus Loves You. 2:1

*A Love marked by:*

Comfort  
Fellowship  
Affection  
Mercy

II. Love Others Because Jesus Loves You. 2:2

*The NT doctrine of Christian Love is distinctly Responsive/Imitative*

**Ephesians 4:30-5:2, Passages in 1 John**

III. Love Others the Way Jesus Loves You. 2:3-4

*The Instructions of vv. 3+4 line up with the Illustration of verses 5-8:*

A. The Way to Think like Christ

Instruction - v. 3

Illustration - vv. 5-6

- *Desire the Good of Others more than the Recognition of Others.*

B. The Way to Act like Christ

Instruction - v. 4

Illustration - v. 7-8

- *Invest in the Benefit of Others through Service, Submission & Substitution*

IV. Love Others Like You Love Yourself v. 4 & the 2nd Greatest Commandment

*Most Christ-like Love is Living & Hoping together, in the Confidence of His Glory*

The Golden Rule (a simple practical tool) - **Matthew 7:12**

Joyful & Mutual (not Martyrly) - *Paul's Joy, Our Joy & the Joy of Jesus* **John 15:9-12**

Expectant (more than "Sacrificial") - **Hebrews 11:24-26 & 12:2**

## Philippians 2:1-11

1 Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life.