

 Santa Cruz Bible Church

Finding Fulfillment **Philippians 2:1-11**

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¹If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

⁵Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

*⁶Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
⁷but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
⁸And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to death-
even death on a cross!
⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father."*

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We Find Fulfillment:

I. When we RESPOND TO CHRIST'S EXHORTATION
(2:1-4)

- a) We are TO LOVE GOD
- b) We are TO LOVE OTHERS
 - 1. Look UP TO THEM
 - 2. Look OUT FOR THEM

*"Humble people don't think less of themselves
– they think of themselves less."*

II. When we RESPOND TO CHRIST'S EXAMPLE
(2:5-8)

- a) We should SERVE
- b) We should SACRIFICE

*"He left His Father's throne above
(So free, so infinite His grace!)
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me!
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?"*

III. When we _____
(2:9-11)