

## Completed Joy (Philippians 2: 1- 4)

- Paul jealously guarded the Gospel from the Judaizers' heresy
- *If...angel from heaven preached another Gospel* let him be cursed (Gal 1:8)
- Paul confronted Peter over his compromise with this heresy (Gal 2:11)
- Now Paul is concerned about the Philippians being robbed of their joy
- In 1:27-30 – He exhorts them to strive to live a life worthy of the Gospel
- To stand fast in one Spirit, one mind contending for one faith
- He says, you've been called to believe and to suffer for Christ

### I. Fulfill My Joy (2:1)

*Fulfill my joy by being like-minded...same love, ... one accord, of one mind*

- a. If any consolation or comfort in Christ, any comfort in love
  - b. "If any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy"
- Fulfill my joy: being likeminded, same love, one accord, one mind

### II. Beware of the Religion of Self

- "Let nothing be done" – let this never be your attitude or behavior
  - "Through *selfish ambition or conceit*"
  - "But in *lowliness of mind*"
  - Let each *esteem others better than himself*(plural themselves)
  - Let each of you look out *not only for his own interests* (not selfishness)
  - But *also* for the *interest of others* (deference, concern, honor from love)
- 1 Timothy 5: 8; Gal 6: 9,10