

**23 January 2022**  
**Listening ‘till the Listening Starts**  
**Philippians 1:27—2:11**

1:27           Only this: live worthily as citizens of the Gospel of Christ,  
in order that whether I come and see you or whether remaining absent I hear the news about you,  
                  that you stand steadfast in one Spirit,  
                  struggling side by side in one soul (or mind),  
                  for the faith of the Gospel  
                  <sup>28</sup> and in nothing being intimidated by those who oppose you,  
which is to them a sign of destruction, but of your salvation, and this from God;  
<sup>29</sup> because to you has been freely given for the sake of Christ, not only to continue to believe in him  
but also to keep suffering for him, <sup>30</sup> since you are having the same struggle you saw in me and now  
hear in me.

2:1            Therefore,  
                  if there is any comfort in Christ  
                  if there is any encouragement and consolation in love  
                  if there is any sharing and fellowship in the Spirit  
                  if any tender affections and mercies  
<sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete  
                  in order that you think the same  
                  the same love having  
                  harmonious (of one heart, soul, life, mind)  
                  the one [thing] thinking  
                  <sup>3</sup> nothing for self-interest (or rivalry or contentiousness)  
                  nothing for vainglory (conceit)  
Rather, in humility (or, likely, “humiliation”!)  
                  consider one another to surpass yourselves,  
                  <sup>4</sup> not the interests of yourselves each regarding  
                  but the interests of others each of you.  
<sup>5</sup> You have this mindset (thinking) in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup> who, though he existed in the form of God did not regard being like God as something of  
which to take advantage  
<sup>7</sup> but himself he emptied  
                  the form of a slave taking,  
                  in the likeness of humanity being born;  
                  and in outward appearance perceived as human  
<sup>8</sup> he humbled (humiliated) himself  
                  becoming obedient to the point of death,  
                  even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God has indeed exalted him beyond measure  
and freely given to him the name that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup> in order that at the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord  
to the glory of God the Father.