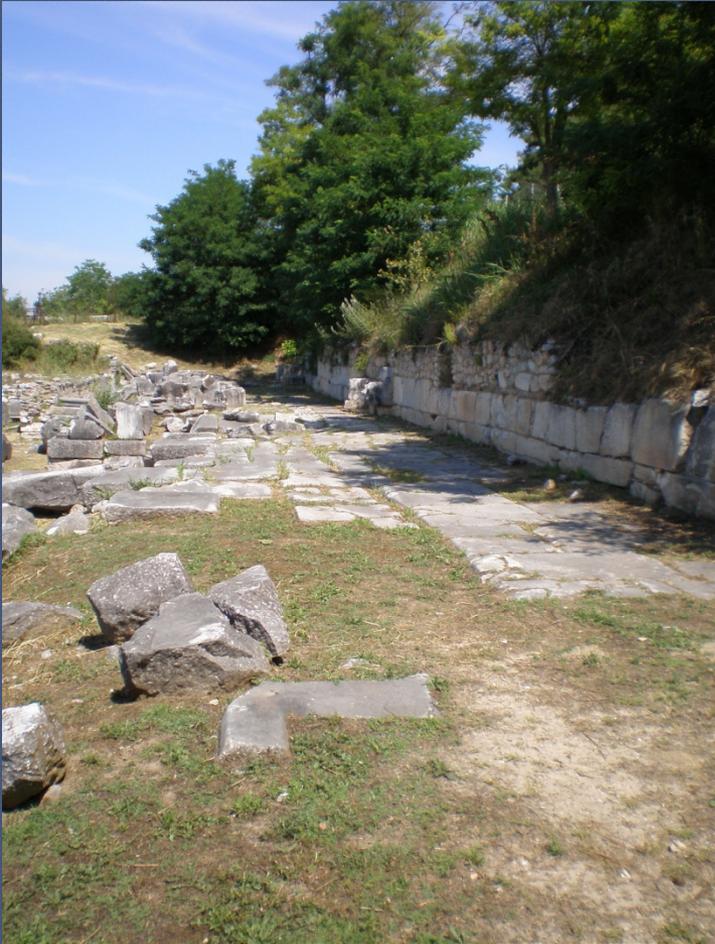


# PHILIPPIANS 1:27–2:18

Live worthy of the gospel  
Have the mindset of Christ  
Work out your salvation

# To Live is Christ, To Die is Gain



- Paul expects to be released from prison, not martyred
- Paul desires obedience, not success
- Paul desires that the gospel goes forth

# Bonhoeffer

- “Only he who is obedient can believe.”  
*Cost of Discipleship*



# Discipleship as Citizenship

- ◉ “Live [***politeuesthe***] worthy of the gospel of Christ” (1:27)
- ◉ “Our citizenship [***politeuma***] is in heaven” (3:20)
- ◉ “Stand firm” (1:27; 4:1)



# Believers Before Others

- Believers face struggles (1:27-30)
- Believers are citizens of heaven (1:27, 3:20)
- Believers should be of one mind (2:1–5)
- Believers must stop grumbling (2:14)



# Key Terms in Philippians

- ◉ *Phroneō* (to think, used 10 times)
- ◉ *Hēgeomai* (to consider, regard)
- ◉ *Tapeinophrosunē* (humiliation)



## Moses (Josephus, *Ant.* 3.212)

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- [Moses] refrained from ascents to Sinai. Going into the Tent, he received responses from God concerning those matters that he asked, behaving as a **ordinary** person and conducting himself both **in dress** and in all other respects just like a **common** man and desiring to seem to be different from the majority in no respect other than this alone, to be seen caring for them.

# Key Terms in Philippians

- ◉ *Koinōnia*  
(fellowship)
- ◉ *Euangelion*  
(gospel)
- ◉ *Chara* (joy)
- ◉ *Chairō* (rejoice)



# Make My Joy Complete

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- ◉ **Having** the same **mind**
- ◉ Having the same love
- ◉ With one spirit or soul (*psychē*)
- ◉ **Being** of one **mind**



# Look to the needs of others



# “In Christ Jesus” 2:5

- Gr transliteration 2:5:  
“this (thing) think  
in/among you (pl.)  
which and in Christ  
Jesus”
- No verb in second  
clause
- Plural “you all”



# Christ Hymn

- Phil. 2:6 Who, being in **very nature** God,
- did not consider equality with God **something to be used to his own advantage;**
- Phil. 2:7 rather, he **made himself nothing**
- by taking the **very nature** of a servant (**doulos**),
- being made in human likeness (anthropos).
- Phil. 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man (anthropos),
- he **humbled** himself
- by becoming obedient to death—
- even death on a cross!

# Christ Hymn

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- Phil. 2:9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,
- Phil. 2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- Phil. 2:11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

# Outline of Christ Hymn 2:6–8

- ◉ Who in the form of God existing
- ◉ Not an advantage considered
- ◉ His being equal with God
- ◉ But nothing he made himself
- ◉ The form of a servant adopting
- ◉ In likeness of men becoming
- ◉
- ◉ And in appearance being found as man
- ◉ He humbled himself
- ◉ Becoming obedient to death-
- ◉ And death of a cross
- ◉ Who in the **form** of God existing
- ◉ Not an advantage considered his being equal with God
- ◉ But *nothing* he made himself
- ◉ The **form** of a servant adopting
- ◉ In the likeness of men **becoming**
- ◉ And in appearance being found as man
- ◉ He *humbled* himself
- ◉ **becoming** obedient to death

# Athanasius

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- “For He was made human that we might be made God; and He manifested Himself by a body that we might receive the idea of the unseen Father; and He endured the insolence of men that we might inherit immortality.” (*On the Incarnation*, 54)

# Jesus is Lord; Caesar is Not



# Jesus is Lord!! So What?

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- ◉ Who/what acts as Lord in your life? In our culture?
- ◉ Jesus Christ demonstrates true humility by rejecting social hierarchy and worth; how do we reinforce social norms and hierarchy?
- ◉ What is so important about having the right mindset?