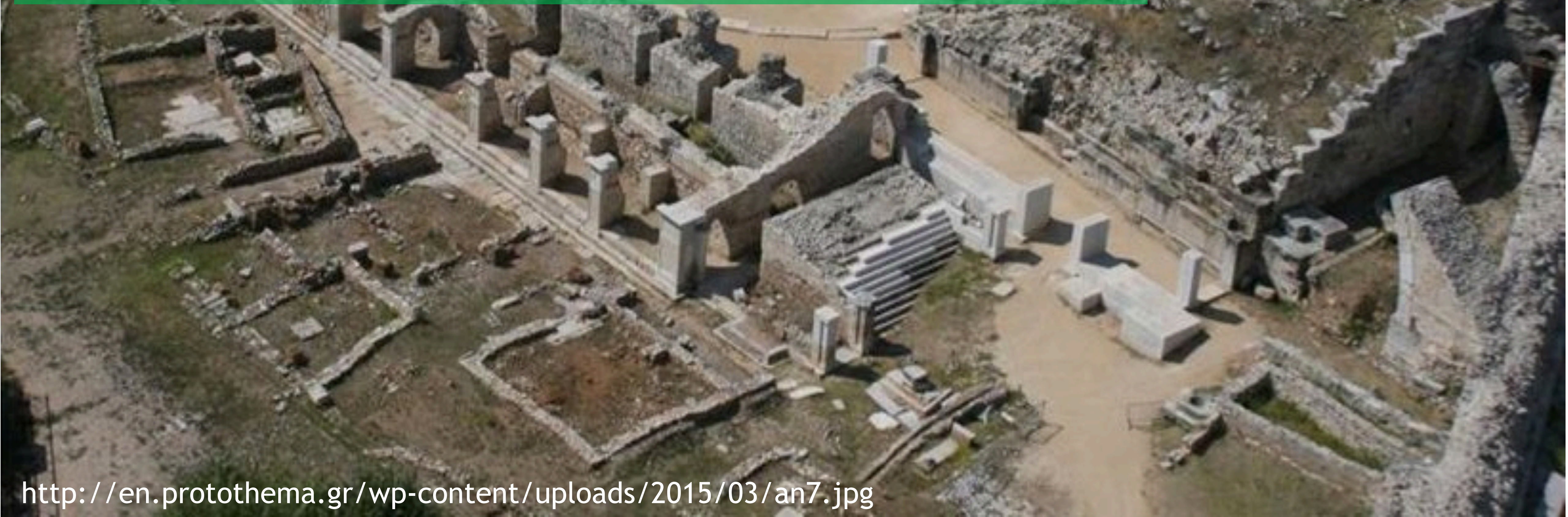


Philippians Transcendent JOY in a Transient World

Episode III: JOY in the Unity of Christ



²⁷ Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ,
so that

whether I come and see you
or remain absent,

I will hear of you that you are standing
firm in one spirit,
with one [\[v\]mind](#)

striving together for the faith of the gospel;

²⁸ in no way alarmed by *your* opponents—

which is a sign

of destruction for them,
but of salvation for you,
and that *too*, from God.

²⁹ For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake,
not only to believe in Him,
but also to suffer for His sake,

³⁰ experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me,
and now hear *to be* in me.

2 Therefore

if there is any encouragement in Christ,
if there is any consolation of love,
if there is any fellowship of the Spirit,
if any [a]affection and compassion,

2 make my joy complete

[b]by being of the same mind,

maintaining the same love,
united in spirit,
intent on one purpose.

3 Do nothing [c]from [d]selfishness or empty conceit,

but with humility of mind

regard one another as more important than yourselves;

4 do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests,
but also for the interests of others.

⁵ Have this attitude [e]in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God a thing to be [f]grasped,
⁷ but [g]emptied Himself,
taking the form of a bond-servant,
and being made in the likeness of men.
⁸ Being found in appearance as a man,
He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death [h]on a cross.
⁹ For this reason also,
God highly exalted Him,
and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow,
of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

SUMMARY: Philippians Episode III Chapter 1:27 to 2:11

- Conduct becoming a Christian v. 27
- Conduct of UNITY in the Lord
- Unity in striving in the midst of suffering
- The inevitability of suffering for the Lord's sake
- The matchless example of Christ
- Diety ---Humility ---Exaltation
- In the face of circumstances, know that your behavior as Christians counts
- If you suffer for being a Christian, know that it is part of God's plan for you
- Unity in the Body of Christ makes joy under difficult circumstances even possible
- UNITY IS WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL
- The key to unity is to have the same humble attitude as Christ

**COMING SUNDAY ATTRACTIONS:
AT 9AM**

**JANUARY 28: LG SUNDAY PRAYER
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**FEBRUARY 4: PHILIPPIANS EPISODE
IV: JOY BEFORE THE WHOLE
WORLD**