

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus,



*Paul's Letter to the*

# Philippians

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pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of

“The Joyful Unity In Christ”—  
(Philippians 2:1-5)





# PHILIPPIANS

## Joy No Matter What

Introduction To The Book of Philippians

● **Those IN CHRIST can HAVE TRUE JOY & PEACE:**

- Regardless of our past - (our sins or what others have done to us)
- Regardless of our circumstances - (Our physical or material condition or how others are mistreating us)



# “The Joyful Unity We Have In Christ”

- In 1:27 Paul had written about living the Christian life in harmony with the message on which it is based.
- He follows that with a call to show forth spiritual unity.



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- The unity pleaded for in 1:27 (*conduct, standing fast in one **spirit**; with one **mind**, striving for the **faith** ...*) is possible because of the reality of the four qualities mentioned in 2:1 —
- The “**if**” clauses, being translations of first-class conditions in Greek, speak of certainties. So in this passage “if” may be translated “since.” — Mat 6:30; 12:27; etc.



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- Encouragement & comfort from being united with Christ through His love:
  - In "every good word and work" — 2Th 2:16-17
  - Abounds even in tribulation - 2 Co 1:3-5
- Fellowship with the Spirit
  - *by the Spirit have we all been baptized into one body, ... made to drink of the one Spirit - 1 Co 12:13; cf. Jn 6:62-64; 2Co 13:14*



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- Tenderness & compassion
  - “If any bowels (tender emotions) and mercies (compassions),” the adjuncts of “fellowship of the Spirit.” — Jamieson, R., Fausset, A. R., & Brown, D. (1997)
- Tenderness & compassion naturally flows from Christ’s love, and is generated by mutual communion of the same Spirit. - cf. Col. 3:12-15

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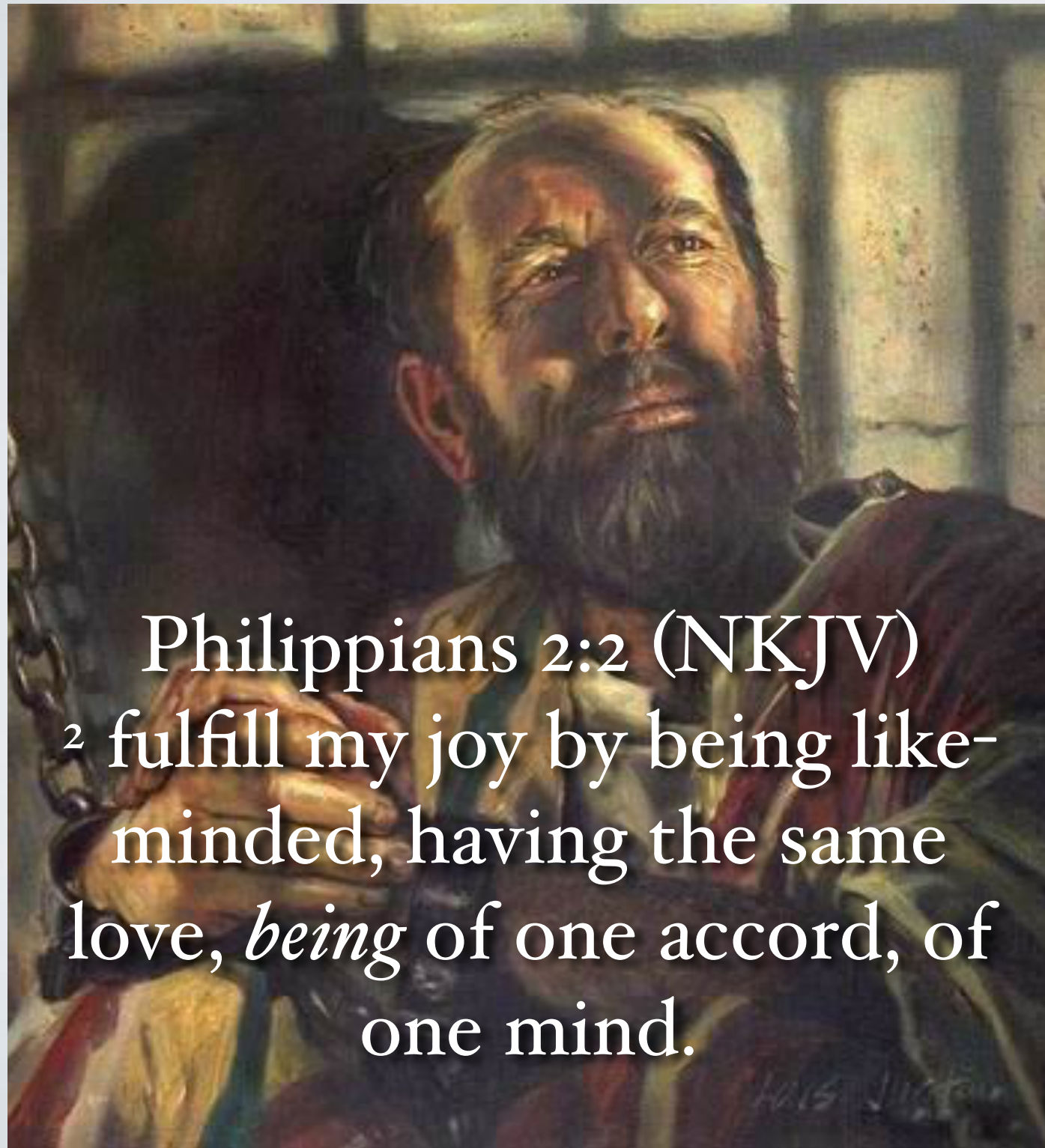
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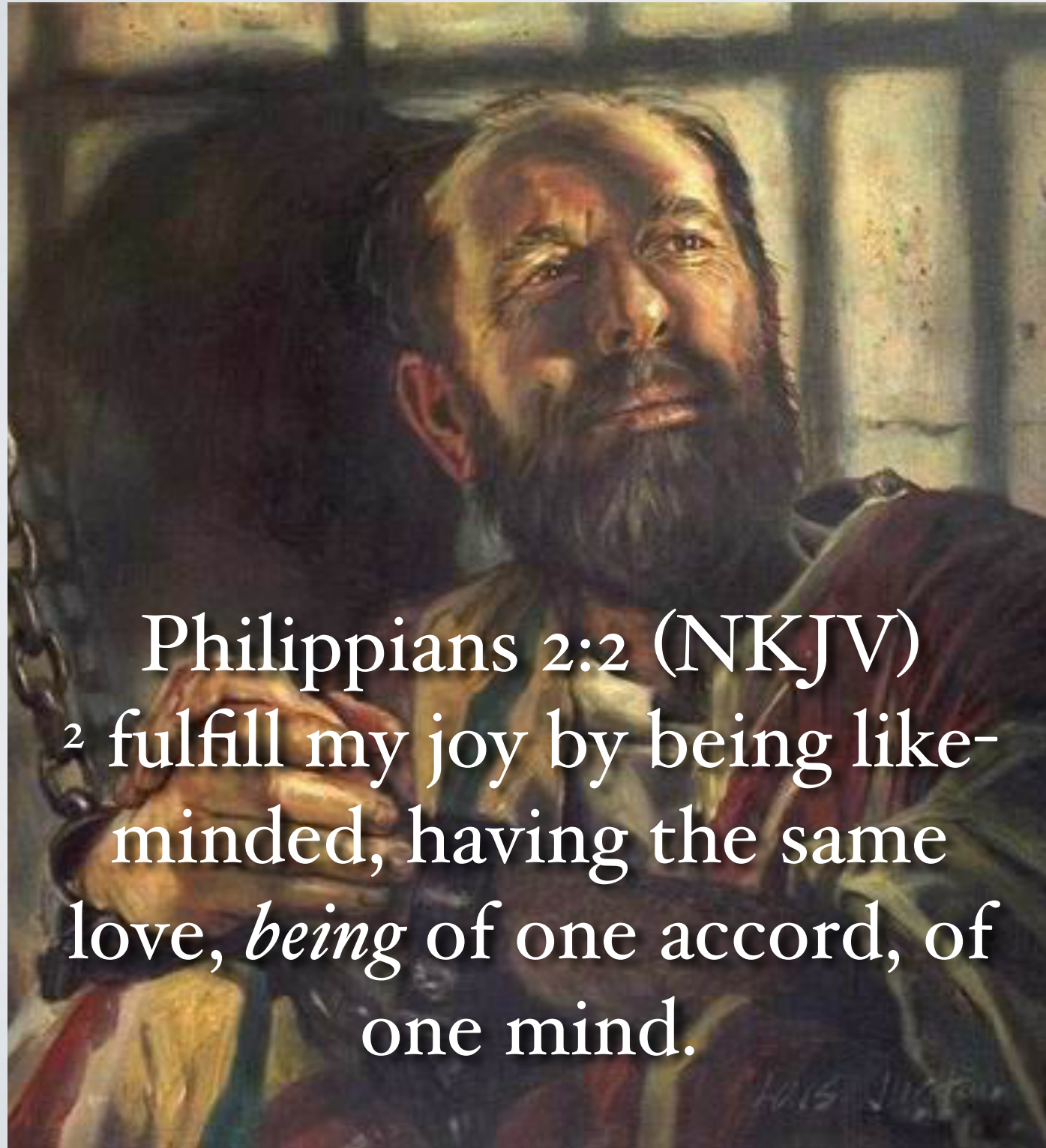


- "BEING LIKE-MINDED" ...
  - Which means to "think the same thing" — 1 Cor. 1:10; Jn 17:20-22
  - If we are disciples of the same Jesus, following the same Spirit, (*drinking from the same source, adhering to the same standard, following the same map*) — Rom. 12; 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 4:1-6



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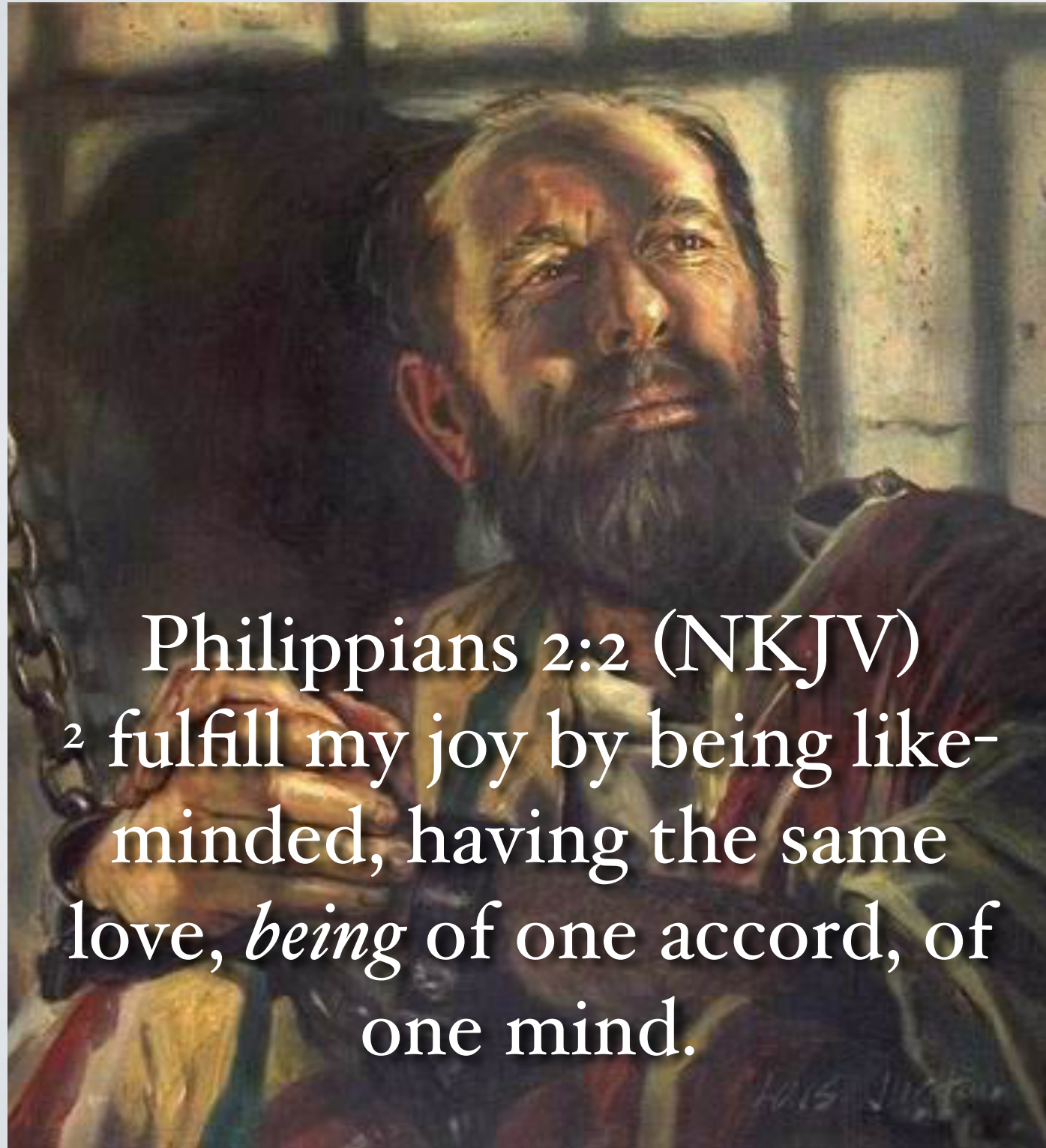
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- "HAVING THE SAME LOVE" ...
  - LOVING the same things, in matters pertaining to Christ! — Mark 12:29-31; Mat 6:33; 13:44,45
  - One another / The church — 1Pe 1:23; Eph 5:25-33
  - The truth - Act 17:11,12; Psalm 119:1, 48, 97-104, 127, 159, 165, 167; De. 6:6-9; 17:19. Jos. 1:8



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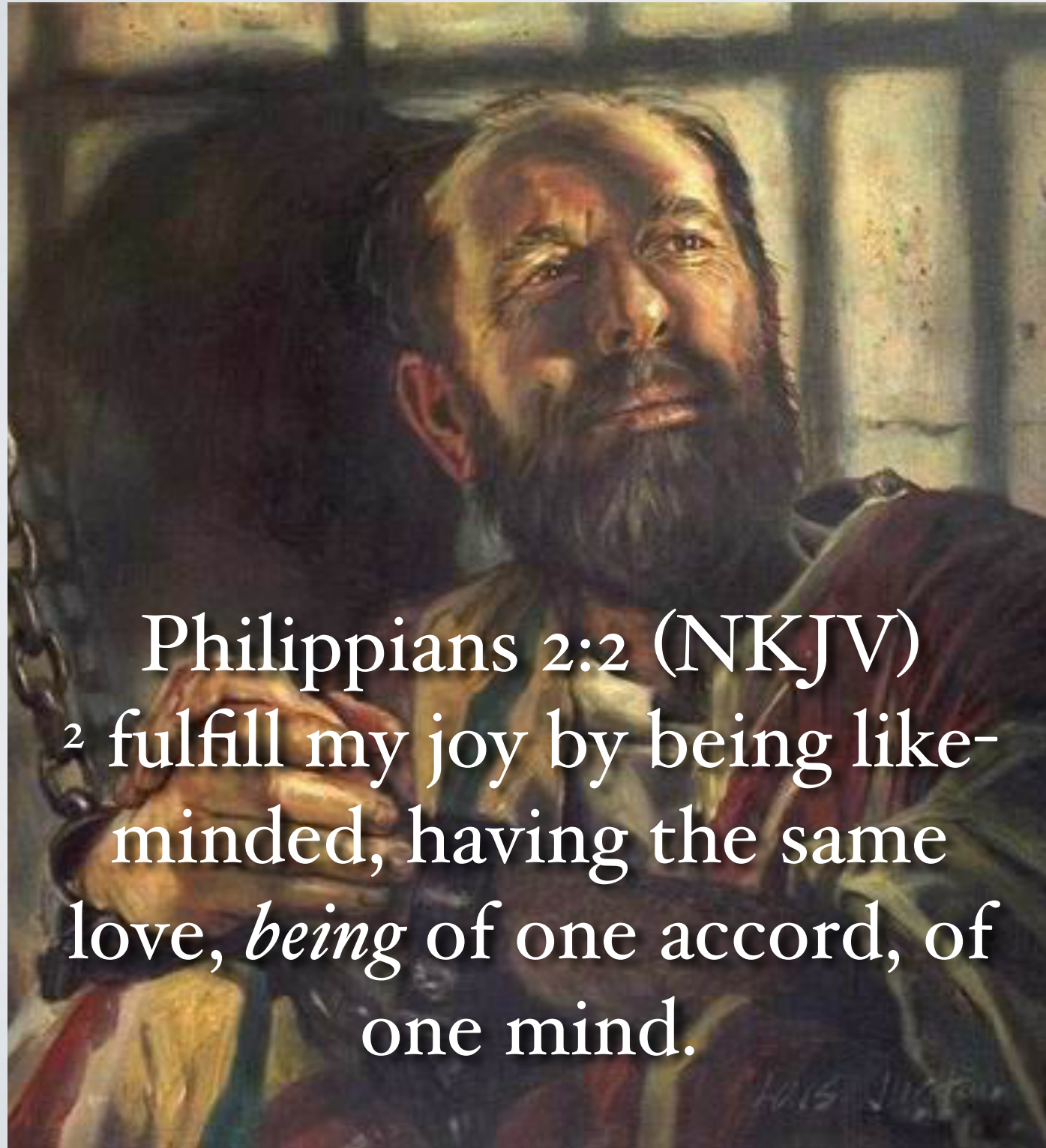
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- "BEING OF ONE ACCORD"
- Literally, "of one soul; having your souls joined together" by the same spirit / attitude.
- Acting together under Christ's control -
- Working together in complete harmony, not as separate entities going in different directions — Romans 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:13-27



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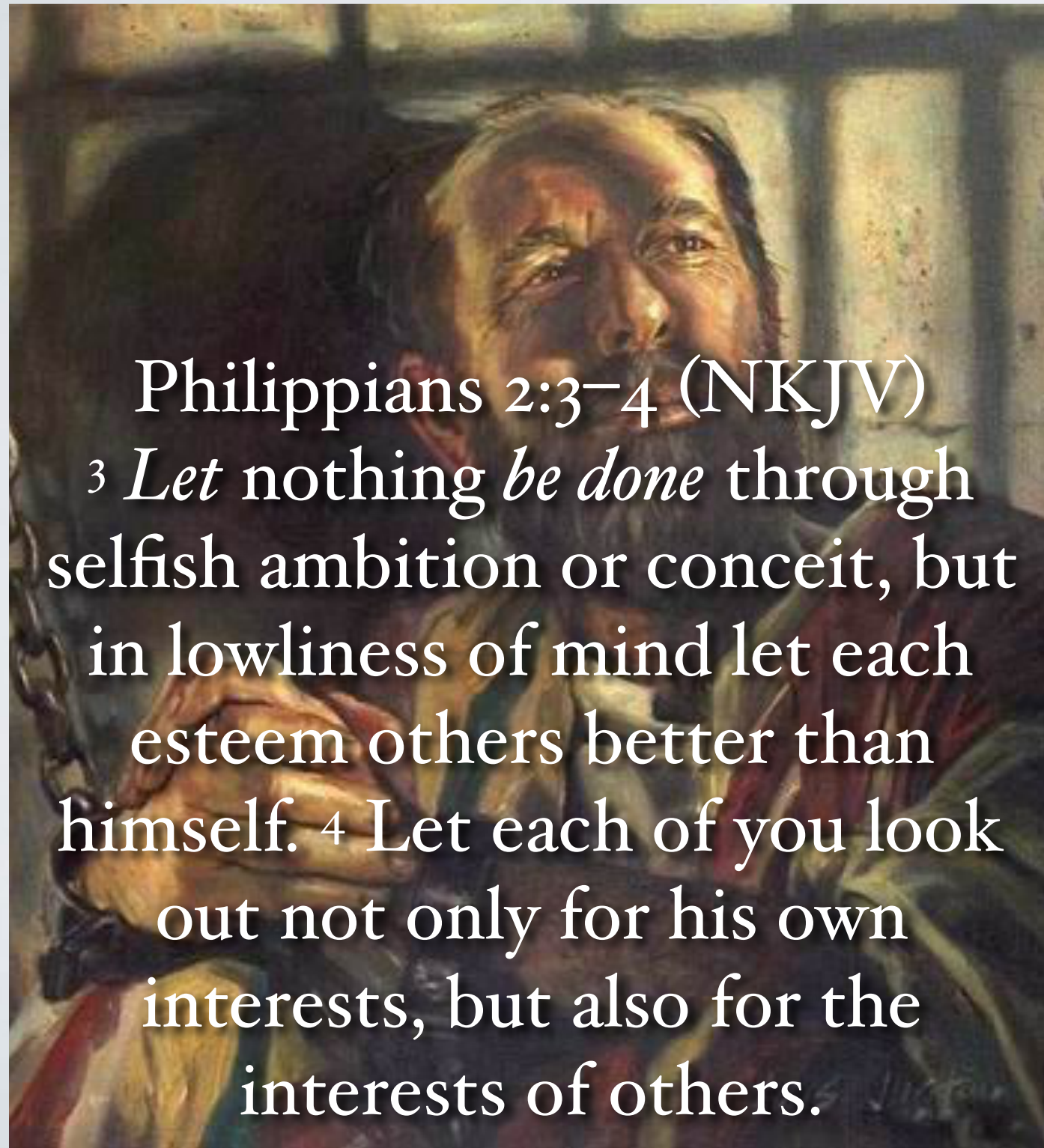
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- *BEING "OF ONE MIND"...*
  - The NASV says "intent on one purpose" - Not only working together outwardly, but inwardly, having the same purpose and intentions.
  - The love of Christ, and the servant mindset is to be developed in all Christians — Mt. 20:26–28; Luk. 22:27; Jno. 13:14, 15; Ac. 10:38; 20:35. Rom. 14:15; 15:3, 5; 1 Co. 10:33



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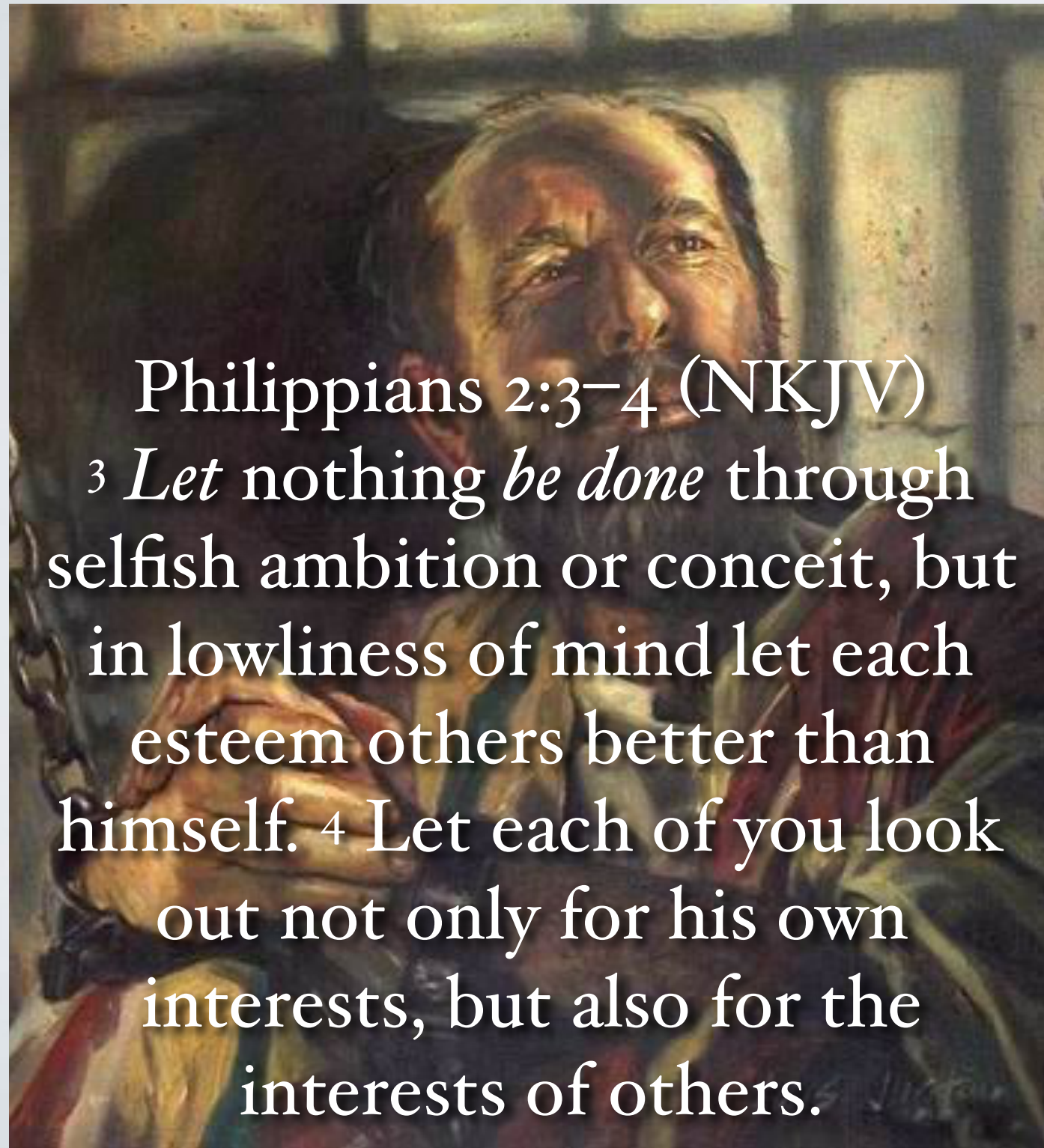


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  - ("selfish ambition") The DESIRE to EXALT SELF
  - ("conceit") IMPROPER ESTIMATION OF SELF
  - Without question such behavior is of the flesh and not the Spirit (cf. Gal. 5:20). — ch. 1:15, 16. Pr. 13:10; Col. 3:8; James 3:14–16; 4:5, 6.



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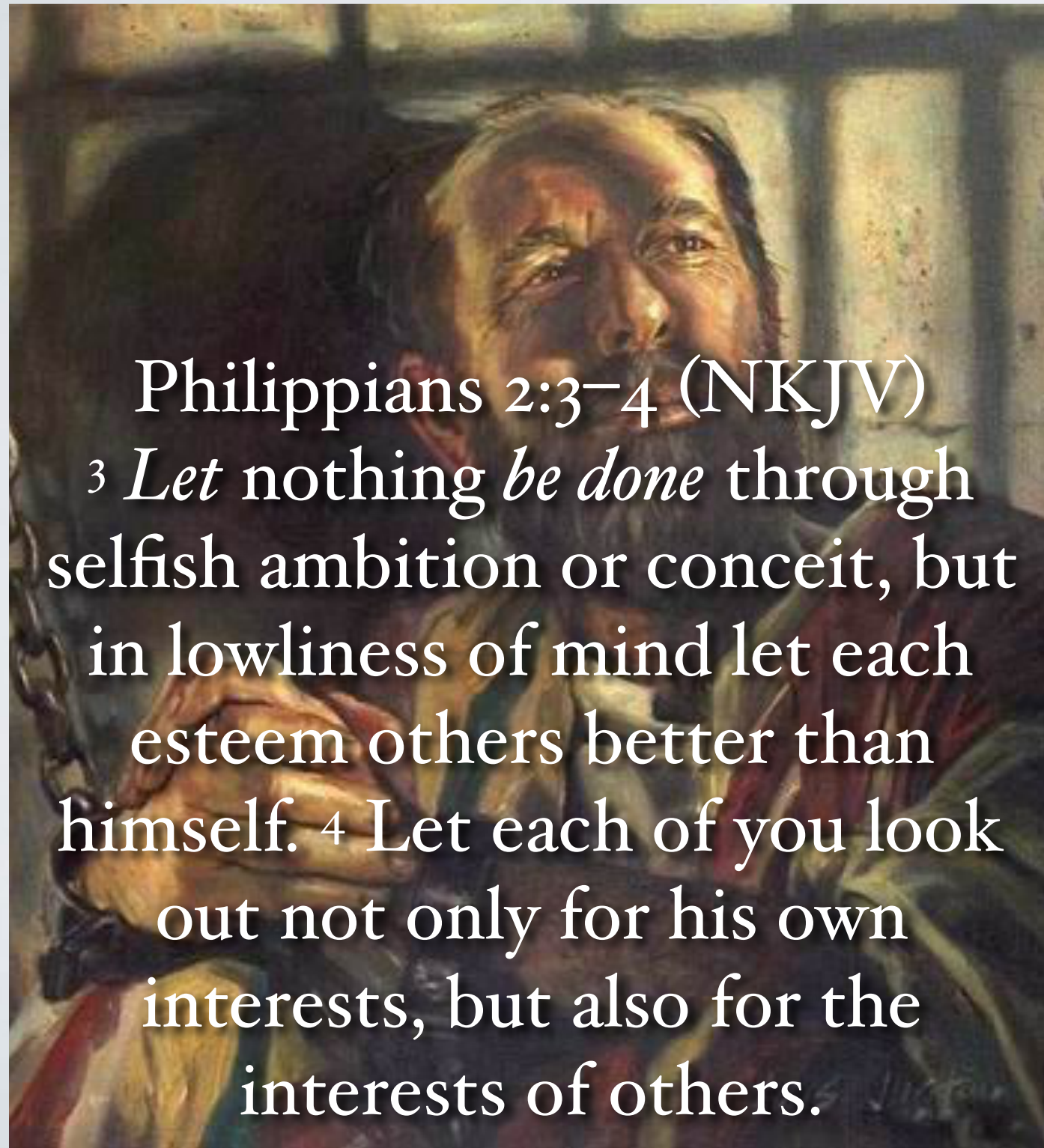


- "LETTING NOTHING BE DONE THROUGH SELFISH AMBITION OR CONCEIT"
- But in "LOWLINESS OF MIND"... In other words, humility
- This will effectively replace the problem of "conceit" - we are all in the same boat! Rom 3:23
- God resist the proud but gives grace to the humble - 1 Peter 5:5-7; etc.



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- "LET EACH OF YOU LOOK OUT ... FOR THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS."
- The practicality of humility & LOVE— Jn 13:14;
- The well being of others first — Mat 18:6; Rom 14:19-22; etc.
- The driving force behind
  - evangelism, 1 The 1:8;
  - edification, 1 Cor. 14:26;
  - benevolence, 2 Cor. 8,9



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## THE **RESULT** OF **UNITY** IN **CHRIST**

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- Does our daily life demonstrate God's rule over our hearts?
- Is our view of one another truly molded after the reality of Who Jesus Christ is?
- Could it be said of us that our actions and attitudes cause JOY in our Lord's heart?









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# Psalm 25:8–15 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> Good and upright *is* the Lord;  
Therefore He teaches sinners in the  
way. <sup>9</sup> The humble He guides in justice,  
And the humble He teaches His way. <sup>10</sup>  
All the paths of the Lord *are* mercy and  
truth, To such as keep His covenant  
and His testimonies. <sup>11</sup> For Your name's  
sake, O Lord, Pardon my iniquity, for it  
*is* great.



# Psalm 25:8–15 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> Who *is* the man that fears the Lord?  
Him shall He teach in the way He  
chooses. <sup>13</sup> He himself shall dwell in  
prosperity, And his descendants shall  
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