

# Joyride

Identify with Christ

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<sup>27</sup> Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one Spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel <sup>28</sup> without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you.

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This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him, <sup>30</sup> since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

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<sup>1</sup> If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.

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<sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God,

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did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

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<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should 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.

Philippians 1:27-2:11

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**How are you *known*?**

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**Jesus understood hardship.**

- He was chased out
- He was threatened
- He was betrayed
- He was deserted
- He was accused
- He was convicted
- He was beaten
- He was executed

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**Jesus knew what it took  
to *overcome hardship*.**

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**“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.”**

Hebrews 4:15

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**Four ways we can identify  
with Christ**

1. Be united in Christ

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**“From him, the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up, in love, as each part does its work.”**

**Ephesians 4:16**

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**“In matters of biblical doctrine, *unity*;  
In matters of opinion, *liberty*;  
And in all things, *love*.”**

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**“...stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man, for the faith of the gospel.”**

**Philippians 1:27b**

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**“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”**

**Ephesians 6:12**

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**“Make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit, through the bond of peace.”**

(Ephesians 4:3)

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**Four ways we can identify with Christ**

2. Suffer for Christ.

Jesus never promised us a *rose garden*, but he did promise us a *cross*!

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**“Stand firm on one spirit, contending as one man, for the faith of The Gospel, without being frightened in any way, by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them, that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved, and that, by God. For it has been granted to you, on behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also, to suffer for Him.”**

Philippians 1:27b-28

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**“I want to know Christ, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of sharing with Him in His sufferings; becoming like Him, in His death.”**

Philippians 3:10

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**“*Misery* is optional, but *adversity* is inevitable.”**

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**Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the one who has the power to destroy both soul and body in hell!**

Matthew 10:28

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**“Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.”**

Luke 12:5

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**“For it has been granted to you, on behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for Him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.”**

Philippians 1:29-30

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**Four ways we can identify with Christ**

1. Be united in Christ
2. Suffer for Christ
3. Behave like Christ.

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**“To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps.”**

1 Peter 2:21

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**“Do nothing out of selfish ambition, or vain conceit, but in humility, consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”**

Philippians 2:3-4

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If you want to be first, be willing to be last.  
 If you want to be recognized, get out of sight.  
 If you want to be rich, then give it all to the poor.  
 If you want to live, you must be willing to die.

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### Four ways we can identify with Christ

#### 4. Think like Christ.

“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 2:5)

“Who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God, something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing...” (Philippians 2:6)

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He had a *submissive mindset*, because He sought to accomplish God’s will rather than his own.

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He had a *servant’s mindset*.  
 He had a *sacrificial mindset*.

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***Deliverance*** is not always the answer.

***The Deliverer*** is the answer!

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**The world is coming to the day  
when every knee shall bow and  
every tongue confess that Jesus  
Christ is Lord.**

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