

### C. Entreaty

This form does not convey the finality of a command, but has the force of urgency or request.

The Christians at Philippi were advanced believers, most were in spiritual maturity and thus formed a major segment of the Roman Pivot.

Paul issued them an imperative of entreaty in Philippians 2:1, Philippians 2:2:

**Philippians 2:1** - If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Holy Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

**Philippians 2:2** - make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. "Make my joy complete" is the aorist active imperative of the verb

*pleroo* and is Paul's way of appealing to the few Philippian believers, who are not yet with the program, to acquire the same unity of thought possessed by the others. This use of the imperative is an appeal in the sense of an urgent request and therefore assumes that the object of the appeal has enough orientation to authority to respond accordingly.