

**The Epistle Of Paul The Apostle
To The PHILIPPIANS PHILIPPIANS 1**

Paul thanks God for the Philippians' participation with him and prays for them

CHAPTER 1

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus being in Philippi, with *the* overseers¹ and ministers. ² Cor 3:6

2 Grace to you, and peace, from our Father God, and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,

4 Always in every petition of mine for all of you making the petition with joy,

5 Over your partnership in the good news from the first day until now,

6 Being convinced of this selfsame thing, that the one having begun an inherent good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ,

7 Even as it is righteous for me to exercise my mind on this for all of you, because of having me in your heart, both in my bonds, and in the defense and establishment of the good news, all of you are co-participants of my grace,

8 Because God is my witness, how greatly I crave after all of you in the insides of Jesus Christ.

9 And I pray this, that your love may super-abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all perception,

¹ **1:1 overseers and ministers**, *episkopois kai diakonos*, overseers and ministers, pastors and the assistant ministers. Note 2 Cor 3:6.

10 That you may test the surpassing things, that you may be judged under the sunlight, and not be a cause of stumbling unto the day of Christ,

11 Being filled with *the* fruits of righteousness, those through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

12 And I will you to know, brothers, that the things against me have gone rather to the advancement of the good news,

13 So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the governor's palace, and all the rest,

14 And many of the brothers in *the* Lord, being convinced by my bonds, are superabundantly daring to speak the word fearlessly.

15 Some indeed preach Christ even through envy and strife, and some also through good thinking.

16 Those indeed preach Christ out of self-aggrandizing intrigue, absolutely not sincerely, thinking to bring tribulation on top of my bonds,

17 And those *others* out of love, seeing that I am set for the defense of the good news.

18 What then? Notwithstanding, in every manner, whether in pretense, or in truth, Christ is preached, and in this I rejoice, but also I will rejoice,

19 Because I see that this will disembark to my salvation through your petition, and the full supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

PHILIPPIANS 2 *Paul's longing to depart to be with Christ but is convinced he will stay; exercise same inddedness*

20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in absolutely not one thing I shall be ashamed, but that with all outspokenness, as always, also now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life, or through death,

21 Because to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

22 And if I live in the flesh, this *is the* fruit of my work, and what I shall take to myself, I absolutely do not know,

23 Because I am pressed by the two, having the longing to depart, and to be with Christ, *which is* much, much better,²³

24 And to stay over in the flesh *is* necessary because of you.

25 And being convinced of this, I see that I will stay, and stay alongside of all of you for your advancement and joy of faith,

26 That your boasting in me may super-abound in Christ Jesus through my coming again to be at your side.

27 Only let your behavior as a citizen be worthy of the good news of Christ, that whether I come and see you, or whether I am away, I hear the things concerning you, that you stand firm in one spirit, with one soul wrestling together for the faith of the good news,

28 And not frightened in even one thing by those stretched out against you, which is to them a dis-

²³ **1:23 much, much better**, *polloo mallon kreisson*, literally, much more better, but this is incorrect English. But who says English is correct? Correct is according to common usage, and common usage could be incorrect.

play of destruction, and to you of salvation, and that of God,

29 Because to you it is graced for Christ, absolutely not only to believe into him, but also to suffer for him,

30 Having the same contest³⁰ which you saw in me, and now hear *to be* in me.

CHAPTER 2

1 If *there is* therefore any comfort in Christ, if any consolation^{1 a} of love, if any partnership of the Spirit, if any inside *tendernesses*^{1 b} and pities,

2 Fulfill my joy, that you exercise same mindedness, having the same love, *your* souls together, exercising one mind,

3 Nothing according to self-aggrandizing intrigue or vainglory, but in humility of mind govern holding one another above yourselves.

4 Each one not *attentively* scoping⁴ the things of himself, but also each one *attentively* scoping the things of others;

5 Therefore exercise this mind in yourself, which *was* also in Christ Jesus,

³⁰ **1:30 contest**, *agon*, a contest as held in a stadium, agony.

^{1a} **2:1 consolation**, *paramuthion*, to tell a story alongside of someone to console and encourage him or her. This is the only place the noun appears. The verb appears in John 11:19, 31; 1 The 2:11; 5:14.

^{1b} **2:1 inside tendernesses**, *splangchna*, the word that is normally translated insides in *The Heritage Bible*, and bowels in KJV. It is the word for spleen referring to the insides of a person. We have added the word tendernesses to give the intended meaning in this passage.

⁴ **2:4 scoping**, *skopountes*, to scope, to take aim at, to attentively watch, as in a tele-scope, or a micro-scope. In other words, to look out for, or watch out for one another and his things.

6 Who, existing in the shape of God, governed *it* absolutely not something seized to be equal with God, Note Gen 18:1

7 But emptied himself, taking the shape of a servant, and became in the likeness of men;

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient as far as death, even *the* death of the cross.

9 Therefore God also exalted him to the highest position, and graced to him a name above every name,

10 That in the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of heavenly things, and earthly things, and under the earth things,

11 And every tongue should acknowledge that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you always attentively listened, not as in my coming to be at your side only, but now much more in my absence, work fully your own salvation with fear and trembling,

Note Mtt 24:3

13 Because God is the one supernaturally working in you both to will and to super-naturally work *his* good thinking.

14 Do all things apart from grumblings and reasonings,

15 That you may be blameless and innocent, children of God, unblemished, in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine as luminaries in *the* world,

16 Holding up *the* word of life for a boast to me to *the* day of Christ, that I have absolutely not run in vain, and absolutely not worked hard in vain.

17 On the contrary, also if I am poured out as an offering upon the sacrifice and public ministry of your faith, I rejoice, and rejoice with all of you.

18 And you also rejoice in the same, and rejoice with me.

19 And I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy shortly to you, that I also may be well in soul, knowing the things concerning you,

20 Because I have absolutely no one similar in soul, who will genuinely care for the things concerning you,

21 Because all seek their own, absolutely not the things of Christ Jesus.

22 And you know the test of him, that, as a child to a father, he has served with me for the good news.

23 This one therefore truly I hope to send, possibly the hour I see fully the things concerning myself.

24 And I am convinced in *the* Lord that I also myself shall come shortly.

25 And I governed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and fellow-worker, and fellow-soldier, and your apostle, and an official minister to my need,

PHILIPPIANS 3 *Timothy having recovered, Paul sent him to Philippi; Paul's testimony of losing all to gain Christ*

26 Since he was craving after all of you, and was distressed, on the very account that you heard that he was weak,

27 Because also he was weak, close to death, but God had mercy on him, and absolutely not on him only, but also me, so that I should not have sadness upon sadness.

28 Therefore with earnest speed I sent him, that seeing him again, you may rejoice, and that I may be without sadness.

29 Receive him therefore to yourself in *the* Lord with all joy, and hold such as valuable,

30 Because through the work of Christ he drew near to death, not regarding his soul, to fill up your lack of public service toward me.

CHAPTER 3

1 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in *the* Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is absolutely not a hesitancy, and for you, security.

2 Look out for dogs; look out for evil workers; look out for the mutilators,²

3 Because we are the circumcision, who officially minister to God in the Spirit, and boast in Christ Jesus, and have absolutely no confidence in the flesh.

4 Although I might also have confidence in the flesh; if any other thinks he could have confidence in the flesh, I more;

² 3:2 mutilators, *katatome*, used here only in sarcasm of those insisting that every believer be circumcised.

5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the kin of Israel, tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; according to the law, a Pharisee;

6 According to zeal, pursuing the church; according to righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

7 But what things were gain to me, those I governed *to be* a violent loss because of Christ.

8 But indeed therefore I also govern all things to be loss because of holding uppermost the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, through whom I have experienced the violent loss of all things, and govern them *to be* refuse thrown to dogs, that I may gain Christ,

9 And be found in him, not having my righteousness, the one out of the law, but the one through Christ's faith, the out of God righteousness upon the faith,

See Notes Rom 1:17; Gal 3:26

10 To know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the partnership of his experiences, being fashioned with his death,

11 If somehow I might arrive into the resurrection out of the dead.

12 Absolutely not that I even now had taken *it*, or even now were completed, but I pursue *it*, if also I may seize upon that also *for which* I am seized by Christ Jesus.

I pursue the prize of the high calling of God; rejoice, prayer, peace, etc. **PHILIPPIANS 4**

13 Brothers, I absolutely do not calculate myself to have seized *it*, but *there is* one thing, forgetting those things behind, and stretching out to those things in front,

14 I pursue according to what is scoped out, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Therefore as many as *are* perfect, let us exercise our mind on this. Also if you exercise your mind on any other thing, God will also reveal this to you.

16 Moreover, to which we have arrived beforehand, walk by the same rule, by the same mind.

17 Be fellow-imitators of me, brothers, and scope out those walking so as you have us for an example,

18 Because many walk - of whom I have told you many times, and now even weeping I say to you - as those hating the cross of Christ,

19 Whose completion *is* destruction, whose God *is* their belly, and the glory *is* in their shame, those exercising their mind upon the things on earth,

20 Because our community²⁰ *is* in heaven, out of where we also fully expect *the* Savior, *the* Lord Jesus Christ,

21 Who will transfigure the lowly condition of our body, to be shaped like his glorious body, according to the supernatural

²⁰ **3:20 community**, *politeuma*, a political community of which a person is a citizen. It could just as correctly be translated citizenship, but the word proper means community, the things one holds in common with others to be a citizen.

working of his power even to arrange all things under himself.

CHAPTER 4

1 So also, my brothers beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand firm in *the* Lord, beloved.

2 I call on Euodias, and I call on Syntyche, to exercise the same mind in *the* Lord.

3 And I ask you also, genuine yoke-fellow, take hold together with them³ who wrestled together with me in the good news, with Clement also, and the rest of my co-workers, whose names *are* in the Scroll of Life.

4 Rejoice in *the* Lord always; again I speak, Rejoice.

5 Let your appropriateness be known to all men. The Lord *is* near.

6 Do not be anxious for one thing, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving make your requests known to God,

7 And the peace of God, which is held above every mind, will guard beforehand your hearts and the exercise of your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 For the rest, brothers, whatever is true, whatever *is* revered, whatever *is* righteous, whatever *is* holy, whatever *is* lovable, whatever *is* well-spoken of,

³ **4:3 them**, *autais*; the word women is not in the text, only them, but them refers to the women in the previous verse.

PHILIPPIANS 4 *I have learned to be of unfailing strength within myself; Paul thanks them if there is any manliness,⁸ and if there is any praise, calculate on these things.*

9 What also you have learned, and taken to yourself, and heard, and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

10 And I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last the exercise of your mind over me has flourished, upon which you also exercised your mind, but you lacked opportunity.

11 Absolutely not that I speak according to lack, because I have learned in whatever I am, to be of unfailing strength within myself.¹¹

12 I see both *how* to be humbled, and I see *how* to super-abound; in all things I am initiated,¹² both to be full, and *to be* hungry, both to super-abound, and to lack.

13 I am strong for all things in Christ who empowers me.

⁸ **4:8 manliness**, *arete*, from the word male, referring to Man as originally created as Adam when all manliness resided in the one human. Its meaning in the Bible is man (human, both male and female) as originally created and as recreated in Christ to be morally excellent as God originally intended all males and all females to be. That is why KJV translated the word virtue and praises. See 1 Pet 2:9; 2 Pet 1:3,5.

¹¹ **4:11 of unfailing strength within myself**, *autarkes*; *auto* is self, and *arkeo* is to be possessed of unfailing strength. It is used here only, and it does not mean to be satisfied to lack. It means that whatever your need, you have the internal resources in Christ to obtain what you need and want.

¹² **4:12 initiated**, *mueo*, from the word mystery, and means to be initiated into a mystery. Paul had been initiated into the mystery of Christ in us, and our being in Christ, to take from Christ everything we need when we need it.

14 Besides, you have beautifully well done, being co-participants with me in tribulation.

15 And you Philippians also see, that in *the* beginning of the good news, when I went out from Macedonia, absolutely not even one church shared with me into the word of giving and taking, except you only,

16 Because even in Thessalonica you also sent one time and twice to my need.

17 Absolutely not because I seek after the gift, but I seek after the fruit increasing to your word.

18 And I have all things in full from *you*, and super-abound; I have been filled, having received alongside of Epaphroditus the things from you, a fragrance of a good smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

19 And my God shall fill all your need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

20 And to God and our Father *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

21 Embrace every saint in Christ Jesus. Those brothers with me embrace you.

22 All the saints embrace you, most of all, those of Caesar's household.

23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with all of you. Amen.