

THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

CHAPTER 1

Thanksgiving

PAUL and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

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

3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,

4 always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all,

5 because of your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now.

6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

7 For it is only right for me to think this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are fellow partakers with me in this grace.

8 For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in full knowledge and all discernment,

10 so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to

be sincere and without fault until the day of Christ,

11 having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

The Progress of the Gospel

12 Now I want you to know, brothers, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel,

13 so that my chains in Christ have become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else,

14 and that most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord because of my chains, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear.

15 Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will;

16 the latter *do it* out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel;

17 the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me affliction in my chains.

18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in this I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice,

19 for I know that THIS WILL TURN OUT FOR MY SALVATION through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

20 according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but *that* with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.

To Live Is Christ

21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

22 But if I am to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me; and I do not know what I will choose.

23 But I am hard-pressed between the two, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better,

24 yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

25 And convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith,

26 so that your reason for boasting may abound in Christ Jesus in me, through my coming to you again.

27 Only live your lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear about your circumstances, that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind contending together for the faith of the gospel,

28 in no way alarmed by your opponents—which is a sign of salvation 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 having the same struggle which you saw in me, and now hear *to be* in me.

CHAPTER 2

Christ's Humility and Exaltation

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 affection and compassion,

2 fulfill my joy, that you think the same way, by maintaining the same love, *being* united in spirit, thinking on one purpose,

3 doing nothing from selfish ambition or vain glory, but with humility of mind regarding one another as more important than yourselves,

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

5 Have this way of thinking in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

6 who, although existing in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

7 but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a slave, by 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 on a cross.



9 Therefore, God also 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.

12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing,

15 so that you will be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

16 holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to boast because I did not run in vain nor labor in vain.

17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all.

18 And you also, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.

Timothy and Epaphroditus Sent

19 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that

I also may be in good spirits when I learn of your circumstances.

20 For I have no one *else* of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned about your circumstances.

21 For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus.

22 But you know of his proven worth, that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child *serv*ing his father.

23 Therefore I hope to send him immediately, as soon as I evaluate my own circumstances,

24 and I am confident in the Lord that I myself also will be coming shortly.

25 But I regarded it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger and minister to my need;

26 because he was longing for you all and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.

27 For indeed he was sick to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, so that I would not have sorrow upon sorrow.

28 Therefore I have sent him all the more eagerly so that when you see him again you may rejoice and I may be less concerned.

29 Receive him then in the Lord with all joy, and hold men like him in high regard

30 because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to fulfill what was lacking in your service to me.

CHAPTER 3

Righteousness Through Faith in Christ
FINALLY, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things *again* is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.

2 Beware of the dogs! Beware of the evil workers! Beware of the mutilation!

3 For we are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,

4 although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more:

5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee;

6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

8 More than that, I count all things to be loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ

9 and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own which is from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God upon faith,

10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Pressing On Toward the Goal

12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

13 Brothers, I do not consider myself as having laid hold of *it* yet, but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead,

14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, think this way; and if in anything you think differently, God will reveal that also to you.

16 However, *let us* keep walking in step with the same *standard* to which we have attained.

17 Brothers, join in following my example, and look for those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.

18 For many walk—of whom I often told you, and now tell you even crying—as enemies of the cross of Christ,

19 whose end is destruction, whose god is *their* stomach and glory is in their shame, who set their thoughts on earthly things.

20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

21 who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by His working through which He is able to even subject all things to Himself.

CHAPTER 4

Rejoice in the Lord Always

THEREFORE my brothers, loved and longed for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.

2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to think the same way in the Lord.

3 Indeed, I ask you also, genuine companion, help these women who have contended together alongside of me in the gospel, with also Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

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

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is dignified, whatever

is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, consider these things.

9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

God Will Fill Your Needs

10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived thinking about me; indeed, you were thinking about me *before*, but you lacked opportunity.

11 Not that I speak from want, for I learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.

12 I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in abundance; in any and all things I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.

13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

14 Nevertheless, you have done well to fellowship *with me* in my affliction.

15 And you yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church fellowshipped with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone.

16 For even in Thessalonica you sent *a gift* more than once for my needs.

17 Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek the fruit which increases to your account.

18 But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I have been filled, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

19 And my God will fulfill all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

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

21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you.

22 All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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