

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the **PHILIPPIANS**

Philippians 1

1 ¶ Paul and Timothy, slaves of Jesus Christ, 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 on all the remembrance of you,

4 always in my every prayer on your behalf making *my* prayer with joy

5 over your fellowship in the gospel, from *the* first day until now,

6 being persuaded of this very thing, that the *One* having begun a good work in you will complete *it* until *the* day of Jesus Christ;

7 ¶ as it is righteous for me to think this of you all because you have me in *your* heart, both in my bonds and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you are all sharers of the grace with me.

8 For God is my witness how I long after you all in *the* bowels of Jesus Christ.

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

10 for your examining the differing things, that you may be sincere and without blame for *the* day of Christ,

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

12 ¶ Now I want you to know, brothers, that the things concerning me have more fully come to *the* advancement of the gospel,

13 so that in all the praetorium, and to all the rest, my bonds have become clearly revealed *to be* in Christ.

14 And the most of the brothers in *the* Lord, having been persuaded in my bonds, more exceedingly dare to speak the Word fearlessly.

15 Some, indeed, even proclaim Christ because of envy and strife, but some also

because of good will.

16 These, indeed, proclaim Christ out of self-seeking, not sincerely, thinking to bring affliction to my bonds.

17 But the *others* out of love, knowing that I am appointed for defense of the gospel.

18 What then? Yet in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and I rejoice in this; yet also I will rejoice.

19 For I know that this will turn out into deliverance to me through your petition and *the* supply of *the* Spirit of Jesus Christ, *Job 13:16*

20 according to my earnest expectation and hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but as always in all boldness even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.

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

22 But if *I* live in *the* flesh, this to me *is* fruit of *my* labor, and what I shall choose I do not know.

23 For I am pressed together by the two: having a desire to depart and to be with Christ, *which is* far better,

24 but to remain in the flesh *is* more necessary on account of you.

25 And being persuaded of this, I know that I will remain and will continue with you all for your advancement and joy of faith,

26 so that your glorying may abound in Christ Jesus in me through my presence with you again.

27 ¶ Only conduct yourself worthily of the gospel of Christ, so that whether coming and seeing you or being absent, I hear the things concerning you, that you stand fast in one spirit and one soul, striving together in the faith of the gospel,

28 and not being terrified in no *thing* by the *ones* opposing, which to them truly is a proof of destruction, but to you of salvation, and this from God;

29 because it was granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer on His behalf,

30 having the same struggle which you saw in me and *even* now you hear *to be* in me.

Philippians 2

He persuades them to unity, and to all humbleness of mind, by the example of Christ.

1 ¶ Therefore, if *there is* any comfort in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of *the* Spirit, if any *tender* bowels and mercies,

2 fulfill my joy, that you think the same, having the same love, one in soul, being mindful of the one thing,

3 *doing* nothing according to intrigue or self-glory, but in humility, esteeming one another, as being better than themselves;

4 each *one* not looking at the things of themselves, but each *one* also *the* things of others.

5 For think this within you, which *mind* was also in Christ Jesus,

6 who subsisting in the form of God thought *it* not robbery to be equal with God,

7 but emptied Himself, taking *the* form of a slave, coming to be in *the* likeness of men

8 and coming to be found in figure as a man, He humbled Himself, coming to be obedient until death, even *the* death of a cross.

9 Because of this also God highly exalted Him and gave Him a name above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus “every knee should bow,” of heavenly *beings*, and earthly *beings*, and under *the* earth *beings*,

11 and “every tongue should confess” that Jesus Christ is “Lord,” to *the* glory of God *the* Father. *Isa. 45:23*

12 ¶ So, then, my beloved, even as you always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much rather in my absence, cultivate your salvation with fear and trembling,

13 for it is God who is working in you both to will and to work for the sake of *His* good pleasure.

14 ¶ Do all things without murmurings and disputings,

15 that you may be blameless and guileless, children of God, without fault in *the* midst of a crooked generation, even being perverted, among whom you shine as luminaries in *the* world,

16 holding forth *the* Word of life, for a boast to me in *the* day of Christ, that I ran not in vain, nor labored in vain.

17 But if indeed I am poured out on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice; yea, I rejoice with you all.

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

19 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I may also be of good cheer, knowing the things about you.

20 For I have no one like-minded, who genuinely will care for the things about you.

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

22 But you know the proof of him, that as a child to a father, he served with me for the gospel.

23 Therefore I hope to send this *one* at once, when ever I have seen the things about me.

24 But I am convinced in *the* Lord that I myself also will come soon.

25 But I thought it needful to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow-worker, and my fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister of my need,

26 since he was longing after you all and being distressed because you heard that he was sick.

27 For indeed he was sick, coming near to death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him, but also me, lest I should have grief on grief.

28 Therefore, I sent him more eagerly, that seeing him again you may rejoice, and I may be less grieved.

29 Therefore receive him in *the* Lord with all joy and hold such in honor,

30 because through the work of Christ he drew near as far as *to* death, *his* life having been exposed, that he may fill up your lack of service toward me.

Philippians 3

1 He warns them to beware of false teachers.

18 He persuades them to reject the ways of carnal Christians.

1 ¶ For the rest, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you truly is not troublesome to me, but safe for you.

2 Watch for the dogs, watch for the evil workers, watch for the cutting off party.

3 For we are the circumcision, the ones who worship by the Spirit of God, and who glory in Christ Jesus, and who do not trust in flesh.

4 ¶ Even though I might have trust in flesh; if any other thinks to trust in flesh, I more;

5 in circumcision, the eighth day, of the race of Israel, the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; according to Law, a Pharisee;

6 according to zeal, persecuting the Assembly; according to righteousness in Law, being blameless.

7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss because of Christ.

8 But, nay, rather I also count all things to be loss because of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them to be trash, that I might gain Christ

9 ¶ and be found in Him; not having my own righteousness of Law, but through the faith of Christ, having the righteousness of God on faith,

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

11 if somehow I may arrive to the resurrection out of the dead.

12 Not that I already received or already have been perfected, but I pursue, if I also may lay hold, inasmuch as I also was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

13 Brothers, I do not count myself to have laid hold, but one thing I do, forgetting the things behind, and stretching out for the things before,

14 I am pursuing a goal for the prize of the upward calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 ¶ Therefore as many as are perfect, think this; and if you think any other thing, God will also reveal this to you.

16 Yet as to where we have arrived, walk by the same rule, being of the same mind.

17 ¶ Be fellow-imitators of me, brothers, and consider the ones walking this way, even as you have us for a pattern.

18 For many walk as hostile to the cross of Christ, of whom I often told you, and now even weeping I say it,

19 whose end is destruction, whose god is the belly, and who glory in their shame, the ones thinking earthly things.

20 For our citizenship is in Heaven, from where we also wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

21 who will transform the body of our humiliation, for it to be conformed to His body of glory, according to the working of Him to be able even to subject all things to Himself.

Philippians 4

He proceeds to general persuasions.

1 ¶ So then, my brothers, beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand firm in the Lord, beloved ones.

2 I entreat Euodias, and I entreat Syntyche, to mind the same thing in the Lord.

3 And I also ask you, true yoke-fellow, together help with them, women who struggled along with me and with Clement in the gospel, and the rest, fellow-workers with me, whose names are in the Book of Life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, Rejoice!

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

6 Be anxious about nothing, but in everything by prayer and by petition with thanksgivings, let your requests be made known to God;

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

8 For the rest, brothers, as many things as are true, as many as are honorable, as many as are right, as many as are pure, as many as are pleasing, as many as are of good report, if of any virtue, and if of any praise, meditate on these things.

9 And what *things* you learned and received and heard and saw in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

10 ¶ But I rejoiced in *the* Lord greatly that now once again you revived *your* thinking on my behalf, on which you also were thinking, but lacked opportunity.

11 Not that I speak as to need, for I have learned to be content in whatever state I am.

12 And I know to be humbled, and I know to abound; in everything, and in all things, I am taught both to be full and to hunger, both to abound, and to be in need.

13 I can do all things in Christ, the *One* strengthening me.

14 Yet you did well in sharing my affliction.

15 And you know, too, Philippians, that in *the* beginning of the gospel, when I went out from Macedonia, not one assembly

shared with me in *the* matter of giving and receiving, if not you only.

16 Because truly in Thessalonica you sent to my need, both once and twice.

17 Not that I seek a gift, but I seek the fruit, the *one* multiplying to your account.

18 But I have all things and more than enough; I have been made full, receiving from Epaphroditus the things *from you*, a fragrance of sweet smell, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.

19 And my God will fill your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

20 ¶ Now may glory *be* to our God and Father to the ages of the ages. Amen.

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

22 All the saints greet you, most of all the *ones* of Caesar's house.

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