

Philippians 1

Introduction by Paul to Philippi – vs. 1 & 2

- I. Characteristics of this church
 - a. Paul is able to pray for them in joy – vs. 4
 - b. Fellowship – vs 5
 - c. Confident in God's work in their lives – vs. 6
 - d. Partners – regardless of geography – vs 7

- II. Paul's requests for this church – vs. 8 & 9
 - a. Love may abound
 - b. Level of discernment – vs 10
 - c. Sincere
 - d. Blameless
 - e. Filled with the fruits of righteousness – vs 11

- III. Paul's personal witness – vs. 12
 - a. Now a prisoner in Rome

- b. More opportunities to spread the gospel – vs. 13
- c. Instills confidence in others – vs. 14
- d. Gospel is often spread in spite of man's reasons – vs. 15-19

IV. Paul's commitments – vs. 20-26

- a. Expectation: to magnify Christ
- b. Commitment – Christ
- c. Struggle - Ready to die or to live
- d. Willingness – whatever Christ delivers

V. Courage – vs. 27-30

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Chapter 2: 1-19

- I. Importance of Love (verses 1-4)
 - a. Likeminded in love
 - b. Not working in strife
 - c. Lowliness of mind – humility
 - d. Concern for others wellbeing
- II. The humility of Christ (verses 5-11)
 - a. Christ in human form
 - b. Every knee will bow
 - c. Every tongue confess
- III. Working out one's Salvation (verses 12-19)
 - a. It is God that doeth the work
 - b. Without murmurings
 - c. Should be blameless
 - d. Hold forth the Word
 - e. Rejoicing with others

Philippians 2: 19-30

Philippians 3:1-16

- I. Godly Examples
 - a. Timothy (2:19-24)
 - i. Likeminded to Paul
 - ii. Cared for others over himself
 - iii. Had a reputation
 - b. Epaphroditus (2:25-30)
 - i. Looked after others
 - ii. Cared for others feelings
- II. Guarding oneself (3:1-3)
 - a. Importance of what is being written
 - b. Beware of false teachers
 - c. Why? – we are the circumcision
 - i. Picture of leaving the flesh
 - ii. Separated for God
 - iii. Picture like unto Baptism in the NT
- III. Paul's Testimony (3:4-16)

- a. Had attained all in self-righteousness (vs. 4-6)
- b. Willing to give up all for Christ (7,8)
- c. Cloaked in Christ's righteousness (9)
- d. Paul's goal – verse 10
- e. Paul – not arrived but still attaining (sanctification) vs. 12-16

Philippians 4

- I. Care for fellow laborers (4:1-3)
- II. Commands
 - a. Rejoice (vs. 4)
 - b. Moderation (vs. 5)
 - c. Prayer (vs. 6)
 - d. Peace of God (vs. 7)
- III. How to think (vs. 8-9)
- IV. Contentment (vs. 11-19)
- V. Final Goodbye's (20-23)