

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Philippians

¹ Paul and Timothy, slaves of Jesus Christ,
To all the holy ones in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi with overseers and
servants:

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

³ I am thanking my God upon every remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every
request of mine, in behalf of you all, making request with joy ⁵ over your fellowship in
the good message from the first day until the present, ⁶ having been persuaded of this very
thing: that the One beginning a good work in you will complete it until the day of Christ
Jesus; ⁷ just as it is right for me to think this concerning you all, through my having you in
the heart both in my bonds and in the defense and confirmation of the good message, you
all being partakers with me of the grace. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I am longing for
you all in the inward parts of Jesus Christ. ⁹ And this I am praying so that your devotion
might be abounding yet more and more in recognition and all discernment
¹⁰ toward your testing the things differing so that you may be sincere and not causing
stumbling till the day of Christ, ¹¹ having been filled with fruits of righteousness which
are through Jesus Christ to the glory and great praise of God.

¹² Now I want you to know, brethren, that the things against me have come out
more for the progress of the good message, ¹³ so that my bonds have become evident as in
Christ among the whole praetorium and to all the rest; ¹⁴ and the majority of the brethren
in the Lord, having been persuaded by my bonds are much more bold to speak the word
fearlessly. ¹⁵ Some indeed also are proclaiming the Christ, through envy and strife, but
some also through goodwill: ¹⁶ those indeed out of selfish ambition are proclaiming the
Christ not purely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds; ¹⁷ but those out of devotion
having known that I am appointed for defense of the good message. ¹⁸ What then? As
long as by every means, whether in pretense or truth, Christ is being announced; and in
this I am rejoicing, but also I shall rejoice.

¹⁹ For I know that this will turn out to me for salvation through your request,
namely the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, ²⁰ according to my anticipation and
expectation that I will be ashamed in nothing, but in all liberty of speech, as always, also
now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death. ²¹ For to
me, to be living is Christ, and to die, gain. ²² But if I am to be living in flesh, this to me
will mean fruit from work, and what I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ But I am held together
by the two, having the craving to depart and be with Christ, which is better by much
more, ²⁴ but to be remaining in the flesh is more needful for your sake. ²⁵ And having
been persuaded of this, I know that I shall remain and will continue together with you all
for your progress and joy of the faith, ²⁶ so that your boasting may be abounding in Christ
Jesus in me through my coming again to you.

²⁷ Only conduct yourselves worthily of the good message of the Christ, so that
whether coming and seeing you or being absent, I may hear of the things concerning you,
that you are standing in one spirit, in one soul, striving together in the faith of the good

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message, ²⁸ and not being terrified in anything under those opposing, which is indeed to them a proof of destruction, but to you of salvation, and this from God. ²⁹ Because to you it was granted on behalf of Christ, not only the believing in Him, but also the suffering on His behalf, ³⁰ having the same contest which you saw in me and now you are hearing is in me.

Philippians 2

¹ Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if any comfort of devotion, if any fellowship of spirit, if any inward parts and compassions, ² fill my joy so that you may think the same, having the same devotion, united in soul, thinking the one thing, ³ doing nothing according to selfish ambition or empty glory, but with humility regarding one another more excellent than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out for your own concerns, but each one also the concerns of others.

⁵ For let this thinking be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider it a robbery to be equal to God, ⁷ but emptied Himself, having taken the form of a slave, having come to be in likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as man, He humbled Himself, having come to be obedient unto death, even a death from a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted Him and gave Him a name which is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of heavenly beings and earthly beings and subterranean beings, ¹¹ and every tongue should publicly confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

¹² So then, my beloved, just as you always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now with much more in my absence, with fear and trembling be working out your own salvation; ¹³ for God is the One energizing in you, both to desire and to energize for His good pleasure. ¹⁴ Be doing all things without grumblings and disputes, ¹⁵ so that you might become blameless and pure, children of God unblemished in the midst of a crooked and distorted generation, among whom you are shining as luminaries in the world, ¹⁶ gripping the Word of life, toward my boasting in the day of Christ, that I did not run for nothing, nor did I toil for nothing. ¹⁷ But even if I am being poured as a libation upon the sacrifice and service of your faith I rejoice, and rejoice together with you all. ¹⁸ For the same you also are rejoicing and rejoice together with me.

¹⁹ Now I am expecting in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you quickly, so that I also may be encouraged, having known the things concerning you. ²⁰ For I am having no one equal-souled, who will genuinely worry about the things concerning you. ²¹ For all are seeking the things of themselves, not the things of Christ Jesus. ²² And you are knowing his proven character, that as a child with a father, he slaved with me for the good message. ²³ I am expecting therefore to send this one at once, whenever I may see the outcome of the things concerning me. ²⁴ But I have been persuaded in the Lord that I myself will also come quickly.

²⁵ But I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, the brother and co-worker and my fellow-soldier, but your emissary and minister to my need, ²⁶ since he was longing for you all and was distressed because you heard that he was sick. ²⁷ For indeed he was sick, near to death; but God showed him mercy, and not him only, but me also, so that I should not have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ Therefore I sent him the more diligently so that having seen him again you may be made to rejoice, and I may be more free from

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sorrow. ²⁹ Receive him therefore in the Lord with all joy, and be holding such in honor, ³⁰ because through the work of the Christ he drew near to death, exposing his soul to danger so that he might fill up your deficiency of ministry to me.

Philippians 3

¹ For the rest, my brothers, be rejoicing in the Lord. To write to you the same things is not irksome to me, but is the safe thing for you. ² Watch out for the dogs. Watch out for the evil workers. Watch out for the mutilation. ³ For we are the circumcision, the ones ministering in the Spirit of God and boasting in Christ Jesus, and not having put confidence in flesh, ⁴ though I am having confidence also in flesh. If any other is supposing to have had confidence in flesh, I more so: ⁵ in circumcision on the eighth day, of kindred of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew from Hebrews; according to law, a Pharisee; ⁶ according to zeal, persecuting the assembly; according to righteousness which is in law, being blameless. ⁷ But such as were to me gain, these I was considering loss through the Christ. ⁸ But more than that, I also am considering all to be loss through the superiority of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, through whom I have lost all things and I am considering them to be waste, so that I may gain Christ ⁹ and may be found in Him, not having my righteousness (the righteousness from law), but that which is through faith from Christ, the righteousness from God upon this faith; ¹⁰ the knowing Him and the power of His resurrection, and the sharing of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹ if by some means I may attain to the out-resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I already received or already have been perfected, but I am pursuing if I also may take hold of that for which I also was taken hold of by the Christ – Jesus!

¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have taken hold; but one thing: forgetting the things behind, and stretching forward upon the things ahead, ¹⁴ I am pursuing according to a goal for the award of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Therefore, as many as are complete, let us think thus; and if you are thinking anything otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. ¹⁶ Nevertheless, to what we have achieved, be in line with the same rule, thinking the same.

¹⁷ Brethren, be fellow-imitators of me, and consider those thus walking, just as you are having us for an example. ¹⁸ For many are walking, of whom I was speaking many times to you, and now also I am speaking of – weeping – as the enemies of the cross of the Christ, ¹⁹ whose end is destruction, whose god is the stomach, and whose glory is their shame, those minding earthly things. ²⁰ For our citizenship exists in the heavens, from which also we are eagerly awaiting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ Who will transform the body of our humiliation for it to become conformed to the body of His glory, according to the energizing of His ability also to subject all to Himself.

Philippians 4

¹ So then, my beloved and longed for brethren, my joy and crown, thus be standing in the Lord, beloved.

² I am encouraging Euodia and I am encouraging Syntyche to be thinking the same way in the Lord. ³ Yes, I am asking you also, genuine yoke-fellow, help these

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women who struggled together with me in the good message, with Clement also and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the Scroll of Life.

⁴ Be rejoicing in the Lord always. Again I will say, “Be rejoicing.” ⁵ Let your clemency be known to all men. The Lord is near! ⁶ Be worrying about nothing, but in everything, with prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God which is surpassing all comprehension will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ For the rest, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is dignified, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is friendly, whatever is commendable, if any virtue and any great praise – consider these things. ⁹ And the things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these be practicing, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ Now I was made to rejoice greatly in the Lord that now once again your mindfulness on my behalf has flourished again, upon which you were mindful, yet you were without opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking according to poverty. For I learned to be content in that which I am. ¹² And I have known how to be abased, and I have known how to abound. In everything and in all things I have been initiated in the secrets of how both to be satiated and to be hungry, both to abound and to be in poverty. ¹³ I am strong to do all in Christ, the One empowering me. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, you did well, sharing with my affliction.

¹⁵ Now you also have know, Philippians, that in the beginning of the good message, when I went out from Macedonia, no assembly shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving except you only. ¹⁶ Because even in Thessalonica, both once and twice you sent for my need. ¹⁷ Not that I am seeking the gift, but I am seeking the fruit increasing to your account. ¹⁸ And I am having all in full and I am abounding. I have been filled, having received from Epaphroditus the things from you, a fragrance of aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will fill all your need according to His wealth in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ Now to our God and Father be the glory into the ages of the ages. Amen.

²¹ Greet every holy one in Christ Jesus. The brethren with me are greeting you. ²² All the holy ones are greeting you, and especially the ones from the household of Caesar.

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