

The Epistle to the Philippians

(Philippians 1)

Christ Jesus Will Establish His Kingdom on Earth (1)

Christ Jesus is Master of the Saints

1 Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of **Christ Jesus**, To all the saints in **Christ Jesus** who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons:

God is Father of the Saints (1); God is a God of Grace; God is a God of Peace (1); Jesus Christ is the Lord of Grace; Jesus Christ is the Lord of Peace

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

God Deserves Gratitude

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 in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.

God Will Complete the Good Work He Began in the Saints

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 feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me.

God Sees All Things; Christ Jesus is the Source of Love

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 real knowledge and all discernment,

Christ Jesus Will Establish His Kingdom on Earth (2)

10 so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of **Christ**;

Christ is the Source of All the Benefits of Righteousness; God Receives Glory When Saints Live Righteously; God Receives Praise When Saints Live Righteously

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

Christ is the Theme of the Gospel (1)

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

Christ is the Reason for Ministry (1)

13so that my imprisonment in the cause of **Christ** has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else,

God is Trustworthy; God is the Author of the Gospel Message

14and that most of the brethren, trusting in the **Lord** because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of **God** without fear.

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

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

Christ is the Theme of the Gospel (2)

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

Christ is the Theme of the Gospel (3)

18What 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,

The Spirit Enables the Saints to Exalt Christ Through Their Bodies, Whether in Life of Death

19for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the **Spirit of Jesus Christ**,

20according 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 exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

Christ Manifests Himself Through the Saints

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

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

**Christ is the Ultimate
Reward of the Saints**

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

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

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

**Christ is the Reason for
Ministry (2)**

26so that your proud confidence in me may abound in **Christ Jesus** through my coming to you again.

**Christ is the Theme of
the Gospel (4)**

27Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of **Christ**, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

**God is the Author of
Salvation**

28in no way alarmed by your opponents--which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from **God**.

**Christ is the Reason for
Ministry, Whether in
Times of Favour or
Persecution**

29For to you it has been granted for **Christ's** sake, not only to believe in **Him**, but also to suffer for **His** sake,

30experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

(Philippians 2)

God Enables the Saints to Do His Will

1Therefore 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,

2make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

3Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;

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

5Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in **Christ Jesus**,

Christ Jesus is One with God; Christ Jesus is Subject to the Father

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

Christ Jesus Exchanged His External God-form for Human Form

7but emptied **Himself**, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

Christ Jesus Obeyed the Father to the Point of a Disgraceful Death on a Cross

8Being found in appearance as a man, **He** humbled **Himself** by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

The Father Exalted Christ Jesus Because of His Sacrifice; The Father Gave Christ Jesus the Name Above Every Name

9For this reason also, **God** highly exalted **Him**, and bestowed on **Him** the name which is above every name,

10so that at the name of **Jesus** EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

Jesus Christ is Lord (1); The Father will Receive Glory When Jesus is Worshiped; The Father Deserves Glory (1)

11and that every tongue will confess that **Jesus Christ** is Lord, to the glory of **God the Father**.

12So 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;

God Infuses the Saints with the Desire to Do His Will

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

14Do all things without grumbling or disputing;

**God is Father of the Saints
(2)**

15so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of **God** above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,

Christ is Coming Again

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

17But 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.

18You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.

**Jesus is the Source of Hope
(1)**

19But I hope in the Lord **Jesus** to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition.

20For I have no one else of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare.

Christ Jesus Reveals His Will

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

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

23Therefore I hope to send him immediately, as soon as I see how things go with me;

**Jesus is the Source of Hope
(2)**

24and I trust in the **Lord** that I myself also will be coming shortly.

25But I thought 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;

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

God is Merciful

27For 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.

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

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

**Christ is the Reason for
Ministry (3)**

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

(Philippians 3)

**The Lord is the Agent of
Joy (1)**

1 Finally, my brethren, 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 false circumcision;

**The Spirit Empowers the
Saint to Worship God;
Christ Jesus Deserves
Glory**

3 for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the **Spirit of God** and glory 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.

**Christ is the Reason for
Ministry (4)**

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

**Christ Jesus can Be Known;
Christ is the Reason for a
Sacrificial Lifestyle; Christ
Offers Favour and Fellowship
to Mankind**

8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view 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**,

**Christ is the Agent of
Righteousness to Those Who
Have Faith in Him; God is the
Source of Righteousness for
Those Who have Faith in
Christ**

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

Christ Can Be Understood; Christ Offers a New Life of Righteousness for Mankind Through His Resurrection (1); Christ Offers a Closer Fellowship With Him When We are Persecuted

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

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

Christ Offers a New Life of Righteousness for Mankind Through His Resurrection (2)

12Not 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**.

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

God Calls Those Who have Faith in Christ Jesus to Higher Things

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

God Reveals His Will

15Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, **God** will reveal that also to you;

16however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.

17Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.

Christ Calls the Saints to a Life of Self-Sacrifice.

18For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of **Christ**,

19whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things.

Jesus Christ is Coming as Deliverer; Jesus Christ is Lord(2)

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

Jesus Christ will Give the Saints Heavenly Bodies Like He Has; Jesus Christ is Powerful; Jesus Christ will Subject all Things Under Him

21who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of **His** glory, by the exertion of the power that **He** has even to subject all things to **Himself**.

The Lord Deserves Loyalty

1Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the **Lord**, my beloved.

The Lord is the Agent of Unity

2I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in harmony in the **Lord**.

3Indeed, true companion, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel, together with Clement also and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

God is the Source of Incomprehensible Peace

The Lord is the Agent of Joy (2)

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

The Lord is Coming at Any Time

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

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

God Will Keep the Hearts of Those Who Reach Out to Him in Close Connection with Christ Jesus; God Will Keep the Minds of Those Who Reach Out to Him in Close Connection with Christ Jesus

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

8Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

God is Pleased with Those who Provide for His Ministers

God is a God of Peace (2); God will Be with the Saints

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

The Lord is the Agent of Joy (3)

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

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

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

The Lord Gives Strength to His Ministers

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

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

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

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

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

18But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to **God**.

God will Provide for Those Who Provide for His Ministers; God is Rich; God is Perfect; God Revealed the Depth of His Generosity when He Provided Christ Jesus

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

The Father Deserves Glory (2)

God is Father of the Saints (3)

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

Christ Jesus is Head of the Saints

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

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

Jesus Christ Influences the Saints

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