

Philippians

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[Philippians 4:6](#)

*Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by prayer and
petition, with thanksgiving, present
your requests to God.*

[Philippians 2:1](#)

**Therefore if you have any
encouragement from being
united with Christ, if any
comfort from his love, if any
common sharing in the Spirit,
if any tenderness and
compassion**

[Philippians 4:13](#)

*I can do all this
through him who gives
me strength.*

[Philippians 4:8](#)

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. [NIV](#)

[Philippians 2:5](#)

In your relationships with one another, have the same attitude of mind Christ Jesus had:

[Philippians 4:19](#)

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. [NIV](#)

[Philippians 3:20](#)

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ [NIV](#)

[Philippians 2:3](#)

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves [NIV](#)

[Philippians 2:6](#)

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage [NIV](#)

[Philippians 4:4](#)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

[Philippians 1:21](#)

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. [NIV](#)

Philippians 2:25

²⁵ But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. ²⁶ For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill.

Philippians 4:18

¹⁸ I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

Philippians 1:12-14

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, ^[b] that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard ^[c] and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

Greek false teachers?

- Phil 3:18: “many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ”

Judaizers

- Phil 3:² Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. ³ For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh—
⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day...

Purpose of Philippians

1. Thanks for the money
2. Encourage that prison is not failure
3. Stay true to the faith – not returning to old ways
4. Rejoice – due to faith not circumstances...

Acts 16:12-15

¹² From there we travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. ¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us

Phil 4:16

¹⁵ Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷ Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account.

The work is shared

- 2:4 “not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others”,
- 2:12 “continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling”
- 2:14 “Do everything without grumbling or arguing so that you may become blameless and pure”
- 3:17 “Join together in following my example, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do”
- 4:1 “stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friend”
- 4:9 “whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you”

Phil 1:9-11

“This is my prayer: - That your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”

Paul's concern for them over their concern for him, in prison, 1:12-26

a. God had used his time in prison to spread the gospel

(1) to the Imperial guard, 1:13

(2) to others of Caesar's house, 1:13; 4:22

(3) Paul's imprisonment also emboldened preachers, 1:14-18

b. Paul's confidence for release because of

(1) their prayers, 1:19

(2) Holy Spirit, 1:19

c. Paul's confidence whether in release or in death, 1:20-26

Paul's encouragement, 1:27-2:18

- a. call to Christlike unity amidst persecution, 1:27-30
- b. live in Christlike selflessness, 2:1-4
- c. Christ our example, 2:5-11
- d. in light of Christ's example to live in peace and unity, 2:12-18

Paul's plans related to Philippi, 2:19-30

- a. send Timothy, 2:19-24
- b. return Epaphroditus, 2:25-30

Stand firm against false teachers, 1:27; 4:1

- a. the dogs, the false circumcisers, the Judaizers (Acts 15, Galatians), 3:1-4
- b. Paul's Jewish heritage
 - (1) in light of the false teachers, 3:5-6
 - (2) in light of Christ, 3:7-16
- c. Paul's grief for them, 3:17-21

Paul repeats his admonitions

a. unity, 4:1-3

b. Christlike characteristics, 4:4-9

Paul repeats his gratitude for the Philippians' help

a. their recent gift, 4:10-14

b. their previous gift, 4:15-20 (1:5)

A typical Pauline closing, 4:21-23

Areas of Application?

- Unity
- Rejoicing
- Focus on Jesus
- Sharing the missional work

Bless

Listen

Eat

Share

Serve