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Philippians

Chapter 1

¹Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the overseers and deacons. ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all {my} remembrance of you, ⁴always, in every prayer of mine for all of you, making {my} prayer with joy ⁵because of your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; ⁶having been persuaded of this very thing, that the one having begun a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ; ⁷just as it is right for me to think this {way} about all of you because, I have you in {my} heart, all of you being partakers with me of grace both in my chains and in {my} defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God {is} my witness, how I long for all of you with the inner parts of Christ Jesus. ⁹And I pray this: that your love would abound still more and more in knowledge and all understanding ¹⁰so that you may approve what excels, so that you might be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, ¹¹being filled with the fruit of righteousness that {is} through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.

¹²Now I want you to know, brothers, that the things concerning me have really happened for the advancement of the gospel. ¹³As a result, my chains in Christ became apparent among the whole palace guard and all the others. ¹⁴And most of the brothers have been encouraged in the Lord by my chains to dare more fearlessly to speak the word. ¹⁵Some indeed even proclaim Christ because of envy and strife, but also some because of goodwill, ¹⁶the ones from love having understood that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel, ¹⁷but the ones from selfish ambition proclaim Christ not sincerely, supposing to raise up trouble in my chains. ¹⁸What then? Only that in every way—whether in pretext or in truth—Christ is proclaimed, and in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹for I know that this will result to me in deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, ²⁰according to my eager expectation and hope that I will in nothing be ashamed, but in everything have boldness, and that now, as always, Christ will be exalted in my body, whether through life or through death. ²¹For to me to live {is} Christ, and to die {is} gain. ²²Now if to live in the flesh, this {is} fruitful labor for me, but I do not know which I will choose. ²³But I am hard pressed between the two, having the desire to depart and to be with Christ, for {that is} very much better, ²⁴but to remain in the flesh {is} more necessary for your sake. ²⁵And having been persuaded of this, I know that I will remain and will continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith ²⁶so that in me your boasting in Christ Jesus might abound through my coming to you again. ²⁷Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ so that whether having come and having seen you or whether being absent, I might hear about you, that you stand firm in one spirit, with one soul striving together for the faith of the gospel. ²⁸And do not be frightened in anything by those opposing you. This is a sign to them of {their} destruction, but of your salvation—and this from God. ²⁹For it has been freely given to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer on behalf of him, ³⁰having the same struggle which you saw in me, and now you hear in me.

Chapter 2

¹Therefore, if {there is} any encouragement in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affections and compassions, ²fulfill my joy that you might think the same, having the same love, united in soul, thinking the one thing. ³{Do} nothing according to selfish ambition or according to empty conceit, but with humility considering others better than yourselves, ⁴each one not considering the things of themselves, but also the things of each other. ⁵Have this attitude in you which also {was} in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, existing in the form of God,
did not consider being equal with God
something to be grasped.

⁷Instead, he emptied himself,
having taken the form of a servant,
having been born in the likeness of men,
and having been found in appearance as a man,

⁸he humbled himself, having become obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore, God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that {is} above every name

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee would bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue would confess that Jesus Christ {is} Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²So then, my beloved, just as you always obeyed, not only as in my presence, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. ¹³For God is the one working in you both to will and to work for {his} good pleasure. ¹⁴Do all things without complaining or arguing ¹⁵so that you might become blameless and pure, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding forth the word of life for my boasting on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain nor labor in vain. ¹⁷But even if I am being poured out as an offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Now in the same manner, you also rejoice and rejoice with me.

¹⁹Now I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon so that I also might be encouraged, having come to know the things concerning you. ²⁰For I have no one like-minded, who will be genuinely anxious about the things concerning you, ²¹for they all seek {their} own things, not the things of Jesus Christ. ²²But you know his proven worth, that as a child with {his} father, he served with me in the gospel. ²³Therefore, I hope to send him at once, as soon as I would see {how} the things concerning me {go}. ²⁴But I trust in the Lord that I myself will also come soon. ²⁵Now I consider it necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister for my needs, ²⁶seeing that he has been longing to be with you all, and he is distressed because you heard that he was sick. ²⁷For indeed he was sick nearly to death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only, but also on me, so that I might not have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸Therefore, I sent him all the more eagerly, so that, having seen him again, you might rejoice, and I might be free from pain. ²⁹Therefore, welcome him in the Lord with all joy, and hold in honor those like him, ³⁰since for the sake of the work of Christ, he came near even to death, risking {his} life so that he might make up your lack of service to me.

Chapter 3

¹{As to} the rest, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write these same things to you {is} no trouble, and {is} a safeguard for you. ²Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the mutilation. ³For we are the

circumcision—the ones worshiping by the Spirit of God and boasting in Christ Jesus and having no confidence in the flesh, ⁴although I myself having confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else thinks to have confidence in the flesh, I even more: ⁵circumcision on the eighth day, from the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; according to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶according to zeal, persecuting the church; according to righteousness that {is} in the law, having become blameless. ⁷Whatever {things} were gains for me, I consider these {things} loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸But on the contrary, I consider even all things to be loss because of the surpassing value of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, because of whom I have suffered the loss of all things—and I consider them dung—so that I might gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having my own righteousness that {is} from law, but that which {is} through faith in Christ—the righteousness from God by faith— ¹⁰to know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, ¹¹if, in some way, I might attain to the resurrection that {is} from the dead. ¹²Not that I already received it, or have already been made perfect, but I am pursuing it, if perhaps I might also grasp that for which I was also grasped by Christ Jesus. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider myself to have grasped it. But one thing: forgetting what {is} behind and straining for what {is} ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward calling of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Therefore, as many as are perfect should think this {way}; and if you think differently about anything, God will also reveal that to you. ¹⁶However, in what we have attained, we should live in it.

¹⁷Become imitators of me, brothers, and watch closely those who are walking in this manner, just as you have us {as} an example. ¹⁸For many walk—about whom I have often told you, but now even weeping, I say—{as} enemies of the cross of Christ, ¹⁹whose end {is} destruction, whose god {is their} belly, and {whose} glory {is} in their shame, who think about earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship exists in heaven, from where we also eagerly await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to conformity to his glorious body, according to the working of his power even to subject all things to himself.

Chapter 4

¹Therefore, my brothers, beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to think the same in the Lord. ³Yes, I also ask you, true companion, to help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with also Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names {are} in the Book of Life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord {is} near. ⁶Be anxious about nothing, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God, ⁷and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸{As to} the rest, brothers, as many as are true, as many as honorable, as many as just, as many as pure, as many as lovely, as many as reputable, if anything {is} virtuous, and if anything {is} praiseworthy, think about these things. ⁹And what you learned and received and heard and saw in me, do these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰Now I greatly rejoice in the Lord, because now at last you renewed {your} concern on my behalf, for which indeed you were concerned, but were lacking opportunity. ¹¹Not that I speak according to need, for I myself have learned in whatever I am to be content. ¹²I know both {how} to be brought low, and I know {how} to abound. In each {situation} and in all {situations}, I have learned both to be filled and to be hungry, and to abound and to be in need. ¹³I can do all things in the one who strengthens me. ¹⁴However, you did well, having shared together in my affliction. ¹⁵Now you Philippians also know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I went out from Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving except you alone, ¹⁶for even in Thessalonica, both once and twice you sent for my needs. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your account. ¹⁸Now I have all things in full, and I abound. I have been filled, having received from Epaphroditus the things from

you, an aroma, a sweet smell, an acceptable, pleasing sacrifice to God. ¹⁹Now my God will fulfill all your need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰Now to our God and Father {be} the glory forever {and} ever. Amen.

²¹Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers with me greet you. ²²All the saints greet you, but especially those from the household of Caesar.

²³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ {be} with your spirit. Amen.^[1]

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