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# Philippians

## Chapter 1

<sup>1</sup>Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus being in Philippi, with {the} overseers and deacons. <sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and {the} Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all {my} remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always, in every prayer of mine for all of you, making {my} prayer with joy <sup>5</sup>because of your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; <sup>6</sup>having 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; <sup>7</sup>just 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. <sup>8</sup>For God {is} my witness, how I long for all of you with {the} inner parts of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And I pray this: that your love would abound still more and more in knowledge and all understanding <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve {what} excels, so that you might be pure and blameless until {the} day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>being filled with {the} fruit of righteousness {that is} through Jesus Christ to {the} glory and praise of God.

<sup>12</sup>Now I want you to know, brothers, that the {things} concerning me have really happened for {the} advancement of the gospel. <sup>13</sup>As a result, my chains in Christ became apparent among the whole palace guard and all the others. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers have been encouraged in the Lord by my chains to dare more fearlessly to speak the word. <sup>15</sup>Some indeed even proclaim Christ because of envy and strife, but also some because of goodwill, <sup>16</sup>the ones indeed from love having understood that I am appointed for {the} defense of the gospel, <sup>17</sup>but the ones from selfish ambition proclaim Christ not sincerely, supposing to raise up trouble in my chains. <sup>18</sup>What 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, <sup>19</sup>for I know that this will result to me in deliverance through your prayers and {the} provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, <sup>20</sup>according 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. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live {is} Christ, and to die {is} gain. <sup>22</sup>Now if to live in {the} flesh, this {is} fruitful labor for me, but I do not know which I will choose. <sup>23</sup>But I am hard pressed between the two, having the desire to depart and to be with Christ, for {that is} very much better, <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh {is} more necessary for your sake. <sup>25</sup>And 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 <sup>26</sup>so that in me your boasting in Christ Jesus might abound through my coming to you again. <sup>27</sup>Only 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. <sup>28</sup>And do not be frightened in anything by the ones opposing {you}. This is a sign to them of {their} destruction, but of your salvation—and this from God. <sup>29</sup>For 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, <sup>30</sup>having the same struggle which you saw in me, and now you hear in me.

## Chapter 2

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

<sup>6</sup>who, existing in {the} form of God,  
did not consider being equal with God  
something to be grasped.

<sup>7</sup>Instead, 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,

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

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

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

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

<sup>12</sup>So 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. <sup>13</sup>For God is the one working in you both to will and to work for {his} good pleasure. <sup>14</sup>Do all {things} without complaining or arguing <sup>15</sup>so 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, <sup>16</sup>holding forth {the} word of life for my boasting on {the} day of Christ that I did not run in vain nor labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>But 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. <sup>18</sup>Now in the same manner, you also rejoice and rejoice with me.

<sup>19</sup>Now 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. <sup>20</sup>For I have no one like-minded, who will be genuinely anxious about the {things} concerning you, <sup>21</sup>for they all seek {their} own {things}, not the {things} of Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>But you know his proven worth, that as a child with {his} father, he served with me in the gospel. <sup>23</sup>Therefore, I hope to send him at once, as soon as I would see {how} the {things} concerning me {go}. <sup>24</sup>But I trust in {the} Lord that I myself will also come soon. <sup>25</sup>Now 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, <sup>26</sup>seeing that he has been longing to be with you all, and he is distressed because you heard that he was sick. <sup>27</sup>For 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. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, I sent him all the more eagerly, so that, having seen him again, you might rejoice, and I might be free from pain. <sup>29</sup>Therefore, welcome him in {the} Lord with all joy, and hold in honor the ones such as {him}, <sup>30</sup>since 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

<sup>1</sup>{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. <sup>2</sup>Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the mutilation. <sup>3</sup>For we are the circumcision—the ones worshiping by {the} Spirit of God and boasting in Christ Jesus and having no confidence in {the} flesh, <sup>4</sup>although I myself having confidence even in {the} flesh. If anyone else thinks to have confidence in {the} flesh, I even more: <sup>5</sup>circumcision on the eighth day, from {the} nation of Israel, of {the} tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; according to {the} law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>according to zeal, persecuting the church; according to righteousness {that is} in {the} law, having become blameless. <sup>7</sup>Whatever {things} were gains for me, I consider these {things} loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>But 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 <sup>9</sup>and 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— <sup>10</sup>to know him and the power of his resurrection and {the} fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, <sup>11</sup>if, in some way, I might attain to the resurrection {that is} from {the} dead. <sup>12</sup>Not 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. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider myself to have grasped {it}. But one {thing}: forgetting {what is} behind and straining for {what is} ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward {the} goal for the prize of the upward calling of God in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Therefore, as many as {are} perfect should think this {way}; and if you think differently about anything, God will also reveal that to you. <sup>16</sup>However, in what we have attained, we should live in it.

<sup>17</sup>Become imitators of me, brothers, and watch closely the ones walking in this manner, just as you have us {as} an example. <sup>18</sup>For many walk—about whom I have often told you, but now even weeping, I say—{as} the enemies of the cross of Christ, <sup>19</sup>whose end {is} destruction, whose god {is their} belly, and {whose} glory {is} in their shame, the ones thinking about earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship exists in heaven, from where we also eagerly await a Savior, {the} Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who 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

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in {the} Lord, beloved.

<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to think the same in {the} Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, 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.

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

<sup>8</sup>{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}. <sup>9</sup>And what you learned and received and heard and saw in me, do these {things}, and the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup>Now 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. <sup>11</sup>Not that I speak according to need, for I myself have learned in whatever I am to be content. <sup>12</sup>I 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. <sup>13</sup>I can do all {things} in the one strengthening me. <sup>14</sup>However, you did well, having shared together in my affliction. <sup>15</sup>Now 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, <sup>16</sup>for even in Thessalonica, both once and twice you sent for my needs. <sup>17</sup>Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit {that} is increasing to your account. <sup>18</sup>Now 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. <sup>19</sup>Now my God will fulfill all your need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup>Now to our God and Father {be} the glory forever {and} ever. Amen.

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

<sup>23</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ {be} with your spirit. Amen.<sup>[1]</sup>

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