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# *Philippians*

**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 become confident about 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 become confident 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 become confident 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.

**2** **1** 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,  
**who**, existing in the form of God,  
did not consider being equal with God  
something to be grasped.  
**I**nstead, 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,  
**H**e humbled himself, having become obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross!  
**T**herefore, God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name **that is** above every name  
**10** that at the name of Jesus every knee would bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
**a**nd every tongue would confess that Jesus Christ **is** Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

**12** 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. **13** For God is the one working in you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. **14** Do all things without complaining or arguing **15** 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, **16** 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. **17** 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. **18** Now in the same manner, you also rejoice and rejoice with me.

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

**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. **2** Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the mutilation. **3** For we are the circumcision—the ones worshiping by the Spirit of God and boasting in Christ Jesus and not being confident in the flesh, **4** although I myself having confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else thinks to be confident 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.

**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>