

PHILIPPIANS



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Bible study

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PHILIPPIANS - INTRODUCTION

To begin your study of Philippians, turn to the Appendix and **take out the Philippians study worksheets**, which are the text of Philippians typed out and double-spaced. This will make it easy for you to underline, circle, and write on as you study. You can use your own Bible to look up cross-reference verses. (The worksheets provided in this study are the NASB version. If you prefer you can use your own Bible for the study.)

For each lesson, simply read the instructions one by one and do what they say. You will find the questions to be very factual and the answers easy to find right from the text. No need to read ahead, just follow the questions step by step and you will unearth the rich depths of God's powerful Word as you go.

And please don't allow yourself to get discouraged; you don't have to "get it all" right away. Just do the best you can. Set your timer for 15-20 minutes each day, pray, think, and study hard. Then praise God for all He has shown you!! (If you get behind pick up where you should be – you can always go back and do the rest later.) Remember that Satan, the enemy of your soul, will try to discourage you, persuade you that it is too hard, or convince you that other things are more important. Don't let him! Fix your eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of your faith. He will help you by the power of His Spirit for the glory of His Name. (Hebrews 12:2-3)

And don't forget to really enjoy spending time at your Lord's feet and listening to Him through His Word. Oh beloved child of the King, He has so much to say to you, and to do in you. Listen intently, hear willingly, and obey quickly. Now GET EXCITED!! The Lord has great things in store for you, and you will never be the same!

In spite of prison, persecution, and betrayal, Paul's attitude was one of joy, thanksgiving, and contentment. He encouraged the Philippians—and us—to stand firm, press on, and walk in a manner worthy of the gospel. Find out how to let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and minds and how to rejoice in the Lord in all circumstances as you study the book of Philippians.

"An astronomer was once exploring, on a clear night, the surface of the moon. His telescope, as he thought, was in perfect order. A new lens had recently been inserted in the tube. With his splendid lens he hoped to make discoveries not seen by any astronomer before him. He was not at first disappointed. He distinctly saw living inhabitants in the moon. He rubbed his eyes with astonishment, and again gazed, and gazed again, with trembling rapture. He certainly saw moving creatures walking with gigantic strides over the valleys and mountains.

At last the mystery was solved. One side of his new lens had not been cleansed. Upon it were a few infinitesimal insects, which, magnified, looked like strange animals, unlike any known to earth. When the lens was rubbed clean, the strange animals vanished.

The principle holds good in the study of the Word of God. Grave errors are foisted into the sacred pages, and hidden truths remain hidden, for the want of undistorted vision in the looker-on."

(Hints on Bible Study, by John Wattles & Co. 1897)

PHILIPPIANS - OVERVIEW

The first step is to gain a broad general understanding of the book as a whole. This is called an overview. The overview will help you discover the setting, occasion, and purpose of the book and give you a solid foundation on which to build your in-depth study of each chapter afterwards.

At this point, it is like the fly-over from the plane where you look down and see the forest, lakes, and buildings. You don't see what is in them until you land. In the same way, you are going to take a look at the general makeup of the book. Then, in following weeks, you will "land" and look at the details.

1. Begin by finding a quiet place where you will not be disturbed. Ask the Lord to give you clarity and insight, then read through the whole book of Philippians in one sitting. You do not have to understand it all right now. The goal is to simply become familiar with it.

The book of Philippians is a letter; therefore, it must have an author and recipients. Recipients are also known as the audience of the letter. To begin your overview, see what you can learn about the author and audience from the book of Philippians.

2. Read Philippians 1:1-5 and Philippians 2:19. According to these verses:
 - a. Who is the author? How does he describe himself?
 - b. Who is he writing to?
3. Now read the following passages to see what else you can learn about the author. Look for facts about where he is and why, who he is with, what he has done, what his attitude is, etc. Briefly note your insights:

Philippians 1:7,13-14; Philippians 1:8, 2:19-28; Philippians 1:18,21, 2:17, 3:7-8

4. Next, read Philippians 1:28-30. What do you learn about the audience in these verses?

OPTIONAL GO DEEPER: Use your Greek word study tools to look up the following words from Philippians 1:1 and briefly record what you learn:

bond-servant

saints

5. Read through Philippians again and circle the words **joy/rejoice** in one color and the words **mind/attitude** in another. As you read, you may want to look for other repeated words and phrases throughout the book or in certain chapters. These will help you discover the main topics and themes the author is concerned about in his letter.

6. Next, look for the author's main points or messages. What provoked or caused him to write what he did? The book of Philippians does not have a clear purpose statement as other books do. Therefore, you will need to look for repeated themes and think about what he was saying. Prayerfully read the following passages and then give a brief summary of his main points, or purposes:

Philippians 1:12,18;

Philippians 1:27, 2:2,14-15;

Philippians 3:1-2, 17-18;

Philippians 4:14-18

7. Finally, take some time to review the historical context of Philippians by reading Acts 15:36-17:1 to see how the church at Philippi was started. Briefly summarize what you learned:

Conclude your study this week by spending time in prayer and personal reflection. Read Philippians 4:20 and turn it into a prayer of praise to your God, to whom is the glory forever and ever!

PHILIPPIANS - CHAPTER ONE

Review all you have learned in your overview, then spend a few minutes in prayer asking the Lord to give you wisdom and understanding as you study.

1. Read through Philippians chapter one to get the general idea of what it is about.
2. Now read through Philippians chapter one again carefully to comprehend the details. As you read, underline or highlight the words *prayer* and *gospel* (include synonyms for the *gospel* such as *preaching Christ*)

OPTIONAL GO DEEPER: Read through chapter one again. As you read, look for: repeated words/phrases, contrasts and comparisons, questions and answers, exhortations, or instructions. Watch for terms of conclusion or relationship (For/Therefore/Because/But/For this reason/Also/In order that etc.) You may find it helpful to underline, circle or highlight the different words/phrases in distinguishing ways as you study so it easy to go back and see what you found later.

3. Using the following section divisions of chapter one, give a brief summary statement of the main point of each section by finishing this sentence: This section is about....
 - a. Verses 3-11
 - b. Verses 12-26
 - c. Verses 27-30
4. Read Philippians 1:1-11 again.
 - a. Summarize what you learn about Paul's attitude and feelings toward those in Philippi:
 - b. What was Paul confident about according to verse 6? How is this encouraging? (*Read Hebrews 4:14-16 and 12:1-3 and consider them in light of Philippians 1:6.*)
 - c. What three requests does Paul pray for them? (Philippians 1:9)
 - d. In verses 10-11, what reasons does Paul give for these requests?

OPTIONAL GO DEEPER: Use your Greek word study tools to look up the following words which are used in Philippians 1:9-10 and briefly note what you learn:

knowledge

sincere

5. Read Philippians 1:12-26 and answer the following questions:
 - a. Why was Paul in prison?
 - b. What effect did this have on the gospel and on many of the other believers?
 - c. What two groups of preachers are contrasted in verses 1:15-17?
 - d. What is Paul's reaction to these two groups? (verse 18)
 - e. What was Paul's eager expectation and hope, and why? (verses 19-21)
 - f. What is the conflict Paul deals with and what is his conclusion? (verses 22-26)

6. Read Philippians 1:27-30. What is a believer's conduct to be worthy of, and what does that look like according to these verses?

In Philippians Chapter One, Paul demonstrates that the furtherance of the gospel is of primary importance. No matter his circumstances, no matter what it cost him, no matter what he had to endure. What mattered most was the preaching of the gospel—the good news about Jesus Christ—and the eternal salvation of souls.

What an inspiration and example to us!

The fact that Christ was proclaimed brought him great joy in every situation! And so it should be for us. Therefore, it is important for believers to have a solid Biblical understanding of the gospel and to be able to communicate it simply and plainly.

The **accuracy** of the gospel message is crucial. All of eternity is at stake! (Galatians 1:8-9)

In light of this we want to complete our study of chapter one with the following one-page Bible study of the gospel.

Our hope is that this will not only be a great study for you, but also a resource that you can share with others or use to lead others through the gospel.

After you complete the Gospel Study on the next page, conclude your study this week by spending time in prayer and personal reflection: Are you praying with concern and joy for the walk and spiritual growth of your Christian friends and fellow believers the way Paul did? Are you walking in a manner worthy of the gospel? Do you remember that the Lord is at work in you, completing what He began? When you suffer for Christ's sake will you stand firm and continue to rejoice and proclaim Christ? Read Philippians 1:20 and turn it into a personal prayer.

THE GOSPEL

The **accuracy** of the gospel message is crucial. All of eternity is at stake! Look up the following scriptures to learn about the true gospel message:

1. According to Romans 1:16 why is the gospel important?

2. Paul wrote a letter to the Corinthians in which he states the basic truths of the gospel. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 carefully. Reread 1 Cor. 15:3-5 and circle the word **that**. Now list each of the four points following **that** in the text. (*Be sure to note what points A and C are according to.*)
 - A

 - B

 - C

 - D

3. Look carefully at your list above. Note the two main points of the gospel, and how points B and D support or prove the main points.

4. Now read Luke 24:44-48 and observe the **main points** of the gospel in these verses. Note who is speaking. What phrase does He repeat in verses 44 and 46, and how does this compare with 1 Corinthians 15:3-5?

5. According to Luke 24:47, what **additional key point** is part of the gospel message?

6. Compare the passage in Luke with Acts 17:30-31 and Acts 26:19-20.

7. What does Paul call the gospel in Acts 20:24? Compare this with Ephesians 2:8-9. What are you saved by? What are you not saved by?

8. Read Romans 3:23-24 and 6:23. What do you learn about sin and eternal life?

9. Compare the passages in Romans with Matthew 25:46 and Revelation 20:13-15

10. Read Romans 5:8-9 and John 3:16-18 to see what God did for us, when, and why.

11. Finally, read Romans 10:9-13 and Ephesians 1:7,13-14 to find out what one must do to be saved, and what happens next.

6. Read Philippians 2:12-13. Notice the words *work* and *for*. What was Paul's instruction, and what did God have to do with it?

7. Read Philippians 2:14-16 and answer the following questions:
 - a. What was the world like in Paul's day according to verse 14?
 - b. When is it ok to grumble and dispute/argue?
 - c. Why? List the reasons in verses 15-16:

 - d. How would their obedience relate to Paul? (verse 16)

8. Read Philippians 2:17-18. What was Paul's attitude and exhortation?

9. Read Philippians 2:19-24. What do you learn about Timothy?

10. Read Philippians 2:25-30.
 - a. How is Epaphroditus described in verse 25?
 - b. Summarize what you learn about him in these verses. (Also check Philippians 4:18).
 - c. What is Paul's final instruction in this chapter? (verse 29)

Conclude your study this week by spending time in prayer and personal reflection: Do you look out for the interests of others? Are you allowing the Spirit of God to work powerfully in and through you? Do you do appear as a light in the midst of this crooked and perverse generation, above reproach, and holding fast the Word of life no matter your circumstances? Read Philippians 2:5-8 and turn it into a personal prayer of petition and praise.

PHILIPPIANS - CHAPTER THREE

Before you begin, review all you have learned so far. Then spend a few minutes in prayer asking the Lord to give you understanding and discernment as you study.

1. Read through Philippians chapter three to get the general idea of what it is about.
2. Now read through chapter three again slowly and carefully to comprehend the details. Once again, watch for instructions and put an **I** in the margin next to each one.

OPTIONAL GO DEEPER: Read through chapter three again. As you read look for repeated words and phrases. Pay attention to contrasts, comparisons, lists of instructions etc.. Watch for terms of conclusion or relationship (For/Therefore/But/Also/In order that etc.) You may find it helpful to underline, circle or highlight the different words/phrases in distinguishing ways as you study.

3. Read Philippians 3:1-7 again—underline the words **beware** and **confidence**.
 - a. What three things were they to beware of?
 - b. What is the contrast in verses 2 and 3?
 - c. How are those of the *true circumcision* described? Who are they?
 - d. What do you learn about Paul in verses 4-6. What does he mean when he talks about having confidence in the flesh? What does he say about it all in verse 7?
4. Read Philippians 3:7-9 and underline the words **things** and **loss**.
 - a. What does Paul say about *things* and *Christ* in these verses?
 - b. What is the contrast about righteousness in verse 9? (Compare with Philippians 3:6)

PHILIPPIANS - CHAPTER FOUR

Before you begin, review all you have learned so far. Then spend a few minutes in prayer asking the Lord to give you wisdom and insight as you study.

1. Read through Philippians chapter four to get the general idea of what it is about.
2. Read through chapter four again slowly and carefully to comprehend the details. Once again, watch for instructions and put an **I** in the margin next to each one.

OPTIONAL GO DEEPER: Read through chapter four again. As you read look for repeated words and phrases. Pay attention to contrasts, comparisons, lists of instructions etc.. Watch for terms of conclusion or relationship (For/Therefore/But/Also/In order that etc.).

3. How does chapter 4 begin? What was Paul's attitude toward the Philippians in verse 1, and what did he tell them to do? Compare this with Philippians 1:27.
4. Who and what did Paul address in verses 4:2-3? Compare this with Philippians 2:1-4.
5. What can we do when worry rears its ugly head threatening to steal our peace and cause us to stumble? Read Philippians 4:4-9 to find out, then complete the chart below.

What to do	What is the result?

6. Compare Philippians 4:8 with 2 Corinthians 10:3-5. What do you learn about your thoughts and how do these verses go together?

GO DEEPER. Read the following Scriptures to gain additional encouragement for dealing with anxiety and worry: Psalm 27:14; Psalm 33:20-22; Psalm 55:22; Psalm 94:18-19; Isaiah 26:3-4; Isaiah 41:10; Matthew 6:25-34;

7. Read Philippians 4:10-20, then answer the following:
 - a. Why was Paul rejoicing? What had the Philippians done for him?
 - b. According to verses 11-13, what had Paul learned to do and how could he do it? How does this relate to Philippians 4:8?
 - c. What did Paul remind them of in Philippians 4:19? What is the context of this promise? How does this relate to what they had done for him?
8. Read Philippians 4:20-23. How does Paul end his letter and how would that be encouraging to the Philippians?
9. Conclude your study by going back through the following passages to review Paul's heart in Philippians: Chapter 1 verses 3-4, 18, 21; Chapter 2 verses 2, 17-18; Chapter 3 verses 1,7-8, 14, 20-21; Chapter 4 verses 1,4, 6-7,9,19-20,23.

Conclude your study this week by spending time in prayer and personal reflection: Are you standing firm and rejoicing in the Lord even when your circumstances are difficult? When anxious thoughts come lurking do you choose to stop, take every thought captive, and think according to the truths you learned in Philippians 4:8 instead? Will you take everything to the Lord in prayer with thanksgiving so His peace can guard your heart and mind? Have you learned to be content in every situation by the strength which God provides? Will you remember that God will supply all your needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus? Read Philippians 4:20 and turn it into a prayer of praise to your God, to whom is the glory forever and ever.

Appendix

Philippians Text

These Philippians study worksheets, which are the text of Philippians typed out and double-spaced, will make it easy for you to underline, circle, and write on as you study. You can use your own Bible to look up cross-reference verses. (The worksheets provided for this study are the New American Standard version – You can make your own worksheets in the version you prefer by typing them out, or you can use Bible software that allows you to print out the text for study.)

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PHILIPPIANS CHAPTER ONE

- 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:
- 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 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.
- 6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will complete it by 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 are all partakers of grace with me.
- 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 overflow still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment,
- 10 so that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and blameless for the day of Christ;
- 11 having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, for the glory and praise of God.
- 12 Now I want you to know, brothers, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel,

- 13 so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else,
- 14 and that most of the brothers, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear
- 15 some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will;
- 16 the latter do it out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel;
- 17 the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking that they are causing me distress in my imprisonment.
- 18 What 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,
- 19 For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
- 20 according to my eager expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but with all boldness, Christ will even now as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.
- 21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
- 22 But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose.
- 23 But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better;
- 24 yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sakes.

- 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for
your progress and joy in the faith,
- 26 So that your pride in Christ Jesus may be abundant because of me
by my coming to you again.
- 27 Only 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 about you that you are standing firm
in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;
- 28 And in no way alarmed by your opponents—which is a sign of destruction for them,
but of salvation for you, and this too, from God.
- 29 For to you it has been granted for Christ’s sake, not only to believe in Him,
but also to suffer for His sake,
- 30 Experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

PHILIPPIANS CHAPTER TWO

- 1 Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love,
if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,
- 2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love,
united in spirit, intent on one purpose.
- 3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider
one another as more important than yourselves;
- 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.
- 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,
- 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not consider equality with God
something to be grasped,
- 7 but emptied Himself by taking the form of a bond-servant and being born in the
likeness of men.
- 8 and being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming
obedient to the point of death: death on a cross.
- 9 For this reason also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name
which is above every name,
- 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven
and on the earth and under the earth
- 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

- 12 So 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.
- 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.
- 14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing;
- 15 so 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,
- 16 holding firmly the word of life, so that on the day of Christ I can take pride because I did not run in vain nor labor in vain.
- 17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and share my joy with you all.
- 18 You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.
- 19 But 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.
- 20 For I have no one else of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare.
- 21 For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus.
- 22 But you know of his proven worth, that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father.
- 23 Therefore I hope to send him immediately, as soon as I see how things go with me;
- 24 And I trust in the Lord that I myself will also be coming shortly.

- 25 But 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,
- 26 Because he was longing for you all and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.
- 27 For indeed he was sick to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but also on me, so that I would not have sorrow upon sorrow.
- 28 Therefore 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 people like him in high regard,
- 30 Because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to compensate for your absence in your service to me.

PHILIPPIANS CHAPTER THREE

- 1 Finally, my brothers, 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;
- 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 thinks he is confident in the flesh, I have more reason:
- 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.
- 7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.
- 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,
- 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,
- 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;
- 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

- 12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may take hold of that for which also I was taken hold of by Christ Jesus.
- 13 Brothers, I do not regard myself as having taken hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,
- 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
- 15 Therefore, all who are mature, let us have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that to you as well;
- 16 however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.
- 17 Brothers, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.
- 18 For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ.
- 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things.
- 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;
- 21 who 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.

PHILIPPIANS CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Therefore, my beloved brothers, whom I long to see, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.
- 2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in harmony in the Lord.
- 3 Indeed, 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.
- 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!
- 5 Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near.
- 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
- 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
- 9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.
- 10 But 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.

- 11 Not that I speak from need, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.
- 12 I 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.
- 13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.
- 14 Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my difficulty.
- 15 You 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 except you alone;
- 16 for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs.
- 17 Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek the profit which increases to your account.
- 18 But 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, pleasing to God.
- 19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
- 20 Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.
- 21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you.
- 22 All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.
- 23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

