

# PHILIPPIANS

Philp. 1:1 Paul and Timothy, bondslaves belonging to Christ Jesus, to all the saints in union with Christ Jesus [positional truth], the ones who are located in and around Philippi, together with overseers [pastors, teachers] and deacons [table waiters]:

Philp. 1:2 Grace [logistical blessings] to you and prosperity [beyond logistics] from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philp. 1:3 I keep on giving thanks to God on the basis of my entire memory [corporate fondness] of you [the whole congregation],

Philp. 1:4 (Always *remembering you* in every prayer of mine, while offering continual prayer with inner happiness on behalf of all of you),

Philp. 1:5 Because of your generous contribution [financial gift] towards the purpose of *furthering* the Gospel, from that first day [prior contribution in Thessalonica] until [including their 2nd gift at Corinth] now [most recent contribution in Rome],

Philp. 1:6 Being confident of this thing [doctrinal truth] itself: that the One and only One [God] who started a good work in you [justification salvation], will fully complete *His work* [glorification salvation] until the day of Christ Jesus [the rapture],

Philp. 1:7 In so far as it is right [natural] for me to hold this correct opinion concerning all of you [favorable conclusions based on objective thinking], because I have you all [Paul's favorite congregation] in the mentality of my soul [spiritual rapport], during my imprisonments and my legal defense [legal plea: Not Guilty of any crime] and confirmation of the good news [when presenting the gospel & related doctrines to Nero's court], all of you being partners during this practical application of grace under pressure [sharing in Paul's accomplishments].

Philp. 1:8 For God *is* my witness as to how I long after all of you [I miss you] with the emotions [fragrant memories] characterized by Christ Jesus.

Philp. 1:9 In fact, I myself repeatedly [by intercession] pray this: That your virtue love might be extremely rich and abundant [stage 1], still more [stage 2], even to a greater degree [stage 3], by means of full knowledge [a soul saturated with biblical truth] and all spiritual discernment [wise doctrinal application],

Philp. 1:10 So that as a result you may test and approve those things which are really important to you [priorities], so that you may be pure in motives [perfect integrity in *thought*] and without offense [perfect scale of values manifested in *actions*] unto the day of Christ [the rapture],

Philp. 1:11 Being filled to the point of overflowing [a full harvest] with the fruit of righteousness [spiritual progress], the *fruit* which *is* from Jesus Christ for the glory [inner revelation] and praise [outer expression] of God.

Philp. 1:12 Now brethren, I want you all to comprehend that my extreme circumstances [incarcerations and lawsuits] have come upon me repeatedly for the advancement of the good news,

Philp. 1:13 With the result that my imprisonments due to Christ have been made well known [by public notice] throughout the entire Praetorian Guard and to all the rest [SPQR: citizens of Rome].

Philp. 1:14 In fact, the majority of the brethren, because of my imprisonments due to the Lord, have become confident and are continuing to be confident [due to doctrine in their soul] to have courage beyond measure to communicate the Word [both gospel and doctrine] without fear.

Philp. 1:15 On the one hand [with false motivation], some people [reversionists] are proclaiming Christ even in a state of envy [pride, ambition] and strife [rivalry, contention], but on the other hand, others [with true motivation] in a state of goodwill instead.

Philp. 1:16 On the one hand, certain people [with true motivation] characterized by virtue love have known and continue to know that I myself am destined for the defense [apologetics] of the good news;

Philp. 1:17 On the other hand, certain people [with false motivation] out of selfish ambition are not proclaiming Christ with pure motives [ulterior motives], supposing within themselves that they might apply mental pressure to my bonds [add further torment to Paul while he is in prison].

Philp. 1:18 What then [is my conclusion], except that in every way, whether with falsely alleged motives [pretext] or with true motives, Christ is being proclaimed. As a matter of fact, I am maintaining inner happiness during this situation [proclamation of Christ with false motivation]; and furthermore, I plan to continue maintaining inner happiness in the future.

Philp. 1:19 Indeed, I know that this [proclamation of Christ] shall lead to my deliverance [release from prison] through your prayers and monetary support motivated by the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Philp. 1:20 According to my eager expectation [intense concentration] and confidence [in doctrine], so that I shall be disgraced in nothing [at the Judgment Seat of Christ], but with all courage [fearlessness in spiritual childhood], as always [looking forward to spiritual maturity], even now at this present time [in spiritual adolescence], Christ shall be magnified in my person [spiritual maturity], whether by life [super-abounding grace blessings] or whether by death [dying grace blessings].

Philp. 1:21 Because for me, living *is* [occupation with] Christ, likewise, dying *is* gain [face-to-face with Christ with rewards & decorations].

Philp. 1:22 But since this living in the flesh is for me the fruit of production [potential for more rewards], then I do not know which [living or dying] I should choose for myself.

Philp. 1:23 In fact, I am in a dilemma between the two [options], having the desire to depart from this life and as a result to be together with Christ - certainly more preferable by far -

Philp. 1:24 Yet to remain in the flesh [alive on earth] is more important for you all.

Philp. 1:25 Furthermore, since I have this confidence, I know that I shall remain [alive on earth] and continue to be at your side, all of you, for the purpose of your spiritual progress, even [especially] *your* inner happiness from the source of doctrine,

Philp. 1:26 So that your confidence may continue to abound [multiply] in Christ Jesus by means of myself [as your teacher], by my face-to-face return to you again.

Philp. 1:27 Only [at all costs] live your life as a citizens of heaven in a manner worthy of the good news about Christ [royal family honor code], so that whether I come and see you or whether I remain absent, I may hear from time-to-time things [reports] about you all, that you have been and are continuing to be stabilized [holding your ground] by means of one and the same spirit [maturity] *and* by means of one and the same soul [teamwork], continually fighting together [angelic conflict] for the doctrine characterized by the good news.

Philp. 1:28 Likewise, do not be intimidated [fear-panic ploy] in any way by those who are your enemies [reversionists and unbelievers], which is a sign [evidence] of destruction [impending doom] for them, but for you, deliverance, and this [deliverance] from God,

Philp. 1:29 Because it [saving faith & suffering for blessing] has been graciously given [by the sovereignty of God] to you [the elect] on behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him [justification-salvation], but also to suffer [spurs our spiritual growth] on His behalf [persecution, torture, imprisonment and other disaster tests],

Philp. 1:30 Having [being engaged in] the same struggle [angelic conflict] which you saw in me and now you are hearing through me [as a seasoned veteran].

Philp. 2:1 Therefore, if *there* is any exhortation [encouragement to grow] in the sphere of Christ [and there is: from Bible doctrine], if *there* is any incentive toward virtue love [and there is: from Bible doctrine], if *there* is any fellowship with the Spirit [and there is: from Bible doctrine], if *there are* any emotional responses and [resultant] tender mercies [and there is: from Bible doctrine],

Philp. 2:2 Bring my inner happiness to completion [filled to the point of overflowing], so that you might increasingly think [good decisions from a position of strength] the same category of thing [systematic theology in the soul]: having the same virtue love [occupation with Christ in spiritual childhood], united in soul rapport [in spiritual adolescence], concentrating together on one thing [having the mind of Christ in spiritual maturity],

Philp. 2:3 Doing nothing on the basis of [motivated by] selfish ambition nor on the basis of delusion [false doctrine], but by means of genuine humility [grace orientation] be regarding each other as having surpassed yourselves [absence of spiritual competition],

Philp. 2:4 Not repeatedly concentrating on every one of the interests of yourselves [avoid narcissism and arrogant hypersensitivity], but also [being thoughtful towards] every one of the interests [pressures] of others [concern for others as they advance in the spiritual life].

Philp. 2:5 Keep on thinking this [doctrine] within you, which [doctrine] was also in Christ Jesus,

Philp. 2:6 Who although He pre-existed [pre-incarnate Christ] in the form [divine essence and attributes] of God [Christ as eternal God], He did not consider equalities with God [the other two members of the Trinity] to be a gain to be seized and retained [spiritual booty],

Philp. 2:7 But He deprived Himself [by exercising divine sovereignty] when He took the form [inner essence] of a slave, when He was born in the overt likeness of men. In fact, although He was discovered in outward appearance like a man [humanly speaking],

Philp. 2:8 He humbled Himself [voluntarily submitted to the Father] by becoming obedient to the point of spiritual death, that is, *the* spiritual death of the cross.

Philp. 2:9 Therefore, God [the Father was the Originator of the plan] then super-exalted Him [the resurrection, ascension & session of Christ] and bestowed on Him the Name [rank] which *is* above every Name,

Philp. 2:10 In order that in the presence of Jesus, every knee in the heavens [elect angels go 1st] shall bow [genuflex], including *those* on earth [believers, humans go 2nd] and under the earth [the underworld goes 3rd, bowing in defeat],

Philp. 2:11 And every tongue will verbally acknowledge that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, resulting in the glory of God the Father.

Philp. 2:12 So then, my beloved [special group of mature believers], just as you have always [every single day] obeyed my authority, not only in my presence, but also now much more in my absence [non-resident pastor-teacher], keep on accomplishing [spiritual advance] with reverence [caution & vigilance] and respect [for Bible doctrine] your own preservation in danger [sanctification-salvation],

Philp. 2:13 Since it is God [the Holy Spirit] Who continues to work in you [inner spiritual dynamics], both to will [motivation] and to do [function] with a view to the [His] good pleasure [super-abounding grace status].

Philp. 2:14 Keep doing all things without complaining [to God] or arguing [with men],

Philp. 2:15 In order that you yourselves might become blameless [not involved in the arrogance complex of sins] and innocent [not involved in the hatred complex of sins], students of God [always learning], blameless [not under divine discipline] in the midst of a crooked [unscrupulous] and perverse [depraved] generation, among whom you yourselves may shine as lights [historical impact] in the world [Satan's cosmic system],

Philp. 2:16 Continually concentrating on the Word of Life [Bible doctrine], so that on my part *I may have* something to boast about [being proud of my students] with reference to the day of Christ [rewards at the Judgment Seat], so that I have not exerted myself to the limit [studying] in vain nor struggled [teaching] in vain.

Philp. 2:17 But even if I am poured out as a libation [demanding life of a pastor or teacher] by sacrifice [studying] and service [teaching] with reference to your doctrine [so you can grow], I keep on having inner happiness and I congratulate all of you [for keeping up with me].

Philp. 2:18 And for this same reason [because you have been progressing in the spiritual life], you yourselves [those who are progressing with Paul's teaching] should also keep on having inner happiness and ought to congratulate me [for teaching you so well].

Philp. 2:19 Now I plan (with the permission of Jesus) to send Timothy to you as soon as possible, so that I may also have tranquility of soul when I come to know things concerning you [your status quo],

Philp. 2:20 For I have no one of equivalent soul [spiritual rapport], who would be genuinely concerned [by the very nature of spiritual maturity] with reference to the things concerning you [your affairs & spiritual welfare],

Philp. 2:21 For they all [believers in Rome] continue to seek their own things [arrogant preoccupation with themselves], not the things [interests] of Jesus Christ.

Philp. 2:22 But [in contrast to the Romans] you have come to know his [Timothy's] character, that as an apprenticed student, he labored as a slave [serving you] together with me for the sake of the gospel [Bible doctrine].

Philp. 2:23 Therefore, on the one hand, I expect to send this one [Timothy] immediately, as soon as I am able to ascertain the things concerning me [my status quo];

Philp. 2:24 But on the other hand, I have complete confidence in the Lord [occupation with Christ] that I myself will also return soon.

Philp. 2:25 But now I consider it necessary [a pressing need] to send Epaphroditus face-to-face to you, my brother [fellow believer] and co-worker [communicator] and fellow soldier [in the angelic conflict], your envoy, even a minister with reference to my needs [companion to Paul in his time of need],

Philp. 2:26 Because he was longing to be with all of you [homesick] and was concerned [distressed] because you heard that he was critically ill,

Philp. 2:27 For truly he was so critically ill that he resembled death, but God had mercy on him, and not only him, but also me [blessing by association], so that I might not have sorrow upon sorrow [excessive grief].

Philp. 2:28 Therefore, I have sent him [Epaphroditus] with great urgency, so that when you see him again, you may have restored happiness and I may be less anxious.

Philp. 2:29 Therefore, you yourselves welcome him back [throw your arms around him] in the Lord with all inner happiness. Furthermore, keep on regarding such persons with great respect [highest honor & esteem],

Philp. 2:30 Because due to the work [business] of Christ, he came close to the point of death, when he recklessly exposed his own life to danger, in order that he might bring to completion your lack of service [unfinished business] face-to-face with me [social life].

Philp. 3:1 In addition, my brethren, keep on having inner happiness in the Lord. To repeatedly write these same things to you [continual reminders] *is* to be sure not troublesome to me, but for your spiritual security.

Philp. 3:2 Beware of those dogs [their *nature* as reversionistic believers], beware of those evil workers [their *practice* of opposing Paul's ministry], beware of the mutilations [their legalistic & ritualistic *message*],

Philp. 3:3 For as for us, we [super-abounding grace believers] continue to be the [true] circumcision, the ones who continually worship in the Spirit of God [in fellowship] and who boast in Christ Jesus [spiritual esprit de corps] and who do not have confidence in the flesh [human ability, external rites, ceremonies, and rituals are irrelevant],

Philp. 3:4 Although in spite of that [even though Paul now worships in the Spirit and not the flesh], I myself could also have confidence in the flesh [legalistic religion was Paul's life in the past]. If anyone of the same category [fellow Jewish believers] presumes to place confidence in the flesh [like the false Judaistic teachers], I myself *could presume* more [Paul's superiority in legalism was publicly known in times past]:

Philp. 3:5 Circumcision on the eighth day, from the race of Israel [not a proselyte], from the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew from the Hebrews [born of conservative Hebrew parents], with reference to the law a Pharisee [a separatist],

Philp. 3:6 With reference to zeal [ruthlessness] having persecuted the church [breathing out threatenings and slaughter], with reference to righteousness having myself become blameless in the law [a model Jew],

Philp. 3:7 But what quality of things [thought by some to be spiritual assets] were gains to me [debit side of the ledger], I concluded in the past [on the road to Damascus] and am still concluding as an expert to this very day [as an apostle] those things as loss [credit side of the ledger] because of Christ.

Philp. 3:8 Indeed, and I cannot emphasize this enough, I myself also conclude all things [my former resume, human celebrityship] to be loss [a hindrance to the spiritual life] compared to the

surpassing greatness of the knowledge of [intimate fellowship with] Christ Jesus my Lord, for Whom I have been caused to suffer the loss of all things [money, family, friends, easy living]. In fact, I myself consider [after mature deliberation] *all these things to be excrement*, in order that I might gain Christ [appropriate His spiritual life as my own],

Philp. 3:9 Also that I may be found in Him [building *experiential* sanctification upon *positional* sanctification], not holding up my own righteousness from the law [illegitimate], but that [righteousness] through the faithfulness of Christ [legitimate], that righteousness from God within the context of faithfulness [doctrine],

Philp. 3:10 So that I may come to know Him [spiritual self-esteem] and the power of His resurrection [spiritual autonomy] and the fellowship of His sufferings [spiritual maturity], taking on the same form unto His death [super-abounding grace status],

Philp. 3:11 If in some way I might attain [super-abounding grace status] the exit-resurrection [a special resurrection by rank at the rapture] out from among the dead ones [separated from unbelievers in eternity and loser believers by rank].

Philp. 3:12 Not that I have already obtained [super-abounding grace status] or have already reached the objective [the pinnacle of spiritual progress], but I am continuing to pursue so that I may also overtake *that* [super-abounding grace status] for which [purpose] I was also overtaken [divinely grasped on the Damascus Road] by Christ Jesus [seized and held by God's grace].

Philp. 3:13 Brethren, I evaluate myself [an objective conclusion] as not yet having overtaken *it* [super-abounding grace status]. However, one thing *is certain*: on the one hand, I am constantly forgetting the things [testing, suffering, discipline] which lie behind [not focusing on the past], and on the other hand, I am straining and stretching towards the finish line ahead [super-abounding grace status].

Philp. 3:14 I keep on advancing [in spiritual autonomy] towards the goal [spiritual maturity], for the prize [reward] of the upward [heavenly] station in life [ruling & reigning in the Millennium as a winner believer] from God [Who designed the plan] in Christ Jesus.

Philp. 3:15 Therefore, as many as *are* mature ones [spiritually], let us continue objective thinking [divine viewpoint]. In fact, if you are thinking differently [negative attitude], God will reveal even that [human viewpoint] to you,

Philp. 3:16 By means of which [objective thinking & convicting ministry of the Spirit] we attain the objective [spiritual maturity]. In any case, keep advancing like a foot soldier [following Paul's teaching] towards it [super-abounding grace status].

Philp. 3:17 You yourselves try to become fellow-imitators of me [follow Paul's self-discipline], brethren, and keep your eyes open [search] for those [pastors] who are conducting themselves in this manner [advancing in the spiritual life], just as you have us [Paul, Timothy & Epaphroditus] as an example;

Philp. 3:18 For many [reversionistic pastors] are walking about concerning whom I have told you about many times [repeated warnings], and even now I am telling *you again* [hammering it home] while weeping, *they* [cosmic pastors, teachers, and other believers] *are* personal enemies of the cross of Christ [hostile toward the grace of God],

Philp. 3:19 Whose end [termination of their life] *is* ruin [sin unto death], whose god *is* emotion [emotional revolt of the soul], and whose fame *is* by means of their dishonor [complete lack of integrity], who continue to hold opinions which *are* earthly [human viewpoint as opposed to divine viewpoint].

Philp. 3:20 So then, our citizenship [as spiritual aristocrats] exists in the heavens [as opposed to the earth where we find ourselves], even from which we ourselves are eagerly waiting for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ [at the rapture],

Philp. 3:21 Who shall change the form of the body [corruptible] of our humble station in life [since the fall of Adam] into conformity with the body [incorruptible] of His glory [ultimate sanctification occurs at the rapture], according to the operating power from which He Himself is also able to bring under His ultimate authority the all things [all creatures, angelic, animate and inanimate objects in creation].

Philp. 4:1 Therefore, brethren [all believers], (especially my longed-for beloved ones [those who are making spiritual progress], my inner happiness and wreath [source of joy and rewards]), in this same way [previously mentioned mandates for the spiritual life], beloved ones [the Lord cares about all believers], stand firm in the Lord [stabilized in the spiritual life].

Philp. 4:2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind [doctrinal thinking] in the Lord.

Philp. 4:3 Indeed, I also authorize you, loyal Syzygus, to seize them [church discipline], who fought at my side [spiritual gladiatorial arena] for the cause of the Gospel along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names *are* in the Book of Life [honor roll of winner believers].

Philp. 4:4 Keep on having inner happiness in the Lord at all times. Again, I say and will continue saying: Keep on having inner happiness.

Philp. 4:5 Let your relaxed mental attitude [grace orientation] be known to all men. The Lord *is* near [imminency of the rapture].

Philp. 4:6 Worry about nothing, but in everything [all circumstances], through prayer and entreaty, after thanksgiving [expressing gratitude], let your petitions [desires of your soul] be revealed face-to-face to God.

Philp. 4:7 In fact, the spiritual prosperity [super-abounding grace peace] from God which surpasses all basic understanding [left lobe thinking], shall protect the mentality of your soul [right lobe thinking] and your motivations [mental attitude] in Christ Jesus.



Philp. 4:8 In addition, brethren [all believers], everything that is true [Bible doctrine], everything that *is* honorable [law of divine establishment], everything that *is* just [conforms to God's norms and standards], everything that *is* pure [free from evil], everything that *is* agreeable [relaxed mental attitude], everything that *is* commendable [good reputation] – if *there is* any virtue [exercises *agape* love] and if *there is* anything worthy of praise [royal family honor code], you yourselves keep concentrating on [study and reflection] these things [characteristics of the super-abounding grace life],

Philp. 4:9 These things [Bible doctrines and their fruits in your life] which you have both learned [familiarization] and accepted [mental saturation], both heard and understood [mental perception] by means of me [my teaching]. Keep on executing these things [application of doctrine], and the God of spiritual prosperity shall Himself be with you [those who have met the conditions].

Philp. 4:10 Now I have received great inner happiness in the Lord, because your thoughts and intentions concerning me have revived once again [referring to their 2nd monetary contribution]. Indeed, you had been thinking with intent about it [it wasn't impulsive giving], but you yourselves [rather than through Epaphroditus] had no opportunity [to show me personally].

Philp. 4:11 Not that I am speaking with reference to poverty, because I have learned to be continually content [self-sufficient in super-abounding grace status by means of the Lord] in whatever circumstances I am *in*.

Philp. 4:12 In fact, I have come to know [as the result of my past recovery from reversionism] how to be humbled [by divine discipline]; I have also come to know [as a result of passing momentum tests] how to live in extreme abundance [super-abounding grace prosperity]. In every place and in all circumstances I have been initiated into a secret [by testing & recovery]: both to be satisfied [saturated with Bible doctrine] and to hunger [for more spiritual food], both to live in extreme abundance [doctrine is coming out of his ears] and to be lacking [not yet in super-abounding grace status].

Philp. 4:13 I have the spiritual strength *to attain* all things [every stage of spiritual growth] in the sphere of the One [Holy Spirit] who keeps on empowering me [filling of the Spirit].

Philp. 4:14 In any case, you have performed splendidly [no strings attached] when [by financial contribution] you shared in my affliction [imprisonment].

Philp. 4:15 Now you Philippians also know, that during the introduction of the gospel [ministry], when I had departed from Macedonia, not a single church [due to lack of maturity] contributed to me with reference to the doctrine of giving and receiving, except only you,

Philp. 4:16 As a matter of fact, even in Thessalonica you contributed [an offering, grace gift] to my needs more than once [several times].

Philp. 4:17 Not because I was seeking a gift [evil motivation], since I make it a practice to seek for the spiritual fruit [interest income] which accumulates to your account [accrues to your spiritual balance sheet] as a result of your doctrine [the investment of Bible doctrine in your soul brings great assets into your spiritual balance sheet].

Philp. 4:18 Furthermore, I have received in full the all things [monetary & super-abounding grace blessings] and I have more than enough [great abundance with leftovers]. I have been filled up to the point of overflowing in the past and I continue to be overflowing, having received from Epaphroditus the things [financial gifts] from you all: a fragrant odor, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

Philp. 4:19 Now my God shall fill up the deficiency with reference to your every need [logistical grace support] according to His wealth [infinite supply of divine investment capital] in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philp. 4:20 Now to God, even our Father, glory unto the Ages of the Ages [eternity future]. Acknowledge it.

Philp. 4:21 Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren [those who didn't discontinue Bible study] who are together with me [spiritual rapport] salute you.

Philp. 4:22 All the saints [other believers in Rome] salute you, especially those from Caesar's palace [VIPs and slaves].

Philp. 4:23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your [human] spirit.