

Philippians

Part 1

Philippians 2:1-5

1 **THEREFORE** if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is 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 (*eritheia: rivalry, hence ambition*) or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;

1 Corinthians 10:24 Let no one seek his OWN good, BUT that of his neighbor.

Philippians 2:4-5

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,

Philippians 1:1

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:

Philippians 1:2-24

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 perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 2:12 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.

Philippians 1:7-24

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 all are 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 abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment,

10 so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ;

11 having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

12 Now I want you to know, brethren, 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 brethren, 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 to cause 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 earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that 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 sake.

We see the Apostle Paul considering his options.

1. To live is Christ = fruitful labour for Paul himself.

2. The desire to depart (death) and be with Christ=the Resurrection, when Christ returns NOT immediately

1 Thessalonians 4:14 For IF we believe that Jesus died and rose again, **even so God WILL** (*future tense-not present tense*) bring with Him **those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.**

Philippians 3:8-11

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.

May Attain: *Aorist- undefined as to the progress or the completion of the action. Active- the subject is acting. Subjunctive- expresses the idea of probable completion of the action of the verb with the possibility of the action of the verb failing to be completed.*

24 yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake. 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 proud confidence in me may abound in Christ Jesus through 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 of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; 28 in no way alarmed by your opponents—which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that 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.