

## The Epistle of Paul to the Philippians

**1** Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the holy *ones* in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi along with 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 at every remembrance of you, (<sup>4</sup>always in my every supplication on behalf of you all making my supplication with joy), <sup>5</sup>for your participation in the Good News from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup>being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>even as it is right for me to think this way about all of you because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the Good News, you all are partakers with me of grace. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the bowels of Christ Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>And this I keep praying, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>in order to determine the things that are best, so that you may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>being filled with the fruit of righteousness, which *is*

through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.

<sup>12</sup>Now I want you to know, brothers, that the things *that happened* to me have contributed to the advancement of the Good News, <sup>13</sup>so that my imprisonment for *the cause of Christ* has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard, and to everyone else, <sup>14</sup>and most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord because of my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word of God without fear.

<sup>15</sup>Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even out of envy and strife, and some also from good will. <sup>16</sup>The latter *do it* out of love, knowing that I am set for the defense of the Good News, <sup>17</sup>but the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, thinking to cause affliction for me in my imprisonment.

<sup>18</sup>What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretence or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.

<sup>19</sup>For I know that through your supplication and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, this will turn out to my salvation, <sup>20</sup>according to my eager expectation and hope, that in nothing will I be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, *so* now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life, or by death.

<sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to

die is gain. <sup>22</sup>But if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me. Yet what will I choose? I do not know. <sup>23</sup>Now I am hard pressed from the two *directions* (having the intense desire for the return and to be with Christ, for it is very far better), <sup>24</sup>yet to remain in the flesh is more necessary for your sake. <sup>25</sup>And convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that by me your pride may abound in Christ Jesus because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the Good News of Christ, in order that whether I come and see you or be absent, I may hear of your state, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one soul, contending together for the faith of the Good News, <sup>28</sup>and in nothing frightened by those who oppose you, which for them is evidence of *their* destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God, <sup>29</sup>because it has been granted to you for the sake of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup>experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear *to be* in me.

**2** Therefore, *if there* is any encouragement in Christ, if any persuasive power in love, if any fellowship in spirit, if any bowels and compassions, <sup>2</sup>fully fill my *cup of joy* by thinking the same thing,

having the same love, united in soul *while* thinking this one thing, <sup>3</sup>not out of selfishness or out of empty conceit, but in humility each counting the other better than himself, <sup>4</sup>each of you looking not to *just* his own things, but each of you *looking* also to the things of others.

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind in you that was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, existing in the form of God, did not regard being equal with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient *even* to death, yes, the death of the cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore also God highly exalted him, and gave to him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and so that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>So then, my beloved, even as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, continue to work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is working in you both to want *to do*, and to do, his good pleasure.

<sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling and disputing, <sup>15</sup>in order that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without

blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding forth the word of life, that I may have a reason for boasting in the day of Christ, that I did not run to no purpose neither labored to no purpose. <sup>17</sup>Yes, and if I pour myself out *as a drink offering*, in addition to the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice, and rejoice together with you all, <sup>18</sup>and in the same way you also rejoice, and rejoice together with me.

<sup>19</sup>Now I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be of good comfort when I know your state. <sup>20</sup>For I have no man likeminded, who will care truly for your state. <sup>21</sup>For they all seek their own, not the things of Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>But you know of his proven worth, that as a child *serves* a father, *so* he served with me in the Good News. <sup>23</sup>Therefore I hope to send him immediately, as soon as I shall see how it will go with me, <sup>24</sup>but I have confidence in the Lord that I myself also will come shortly.

<sup>25</sup>But I counted it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow-worker and fellow-soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, <sup>26</sup>since he longed after you all, and was very troubled, because you had heard that he was sick. <sup>27</sup>For indeed he was sick, near to death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only,

but on me also, that I might not have sorrow upon sorrow. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, I have sent him all the more eagerly, that when you see him again, you may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful. <sup>29</sup>So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and hold such in honor, <sup>30</sup>because for the work of Christ he came near to death, risking his life to supply that which was lacking in your service toward me.

**3** Furthermore, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things is not tiresome to me, while for you *it is* a safe *measure*.

<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 serving by *the* spirit of God, and boasting in Christ Jesus, and not having confidence in the flesh. <sup>4</sup>Although I myself might have confidence in the flesh also. If any other man thinks to have confidence in the flesh, I yet more. <sup>5</sup>As to circumcision, an eighth day one, of *the* stock of Israel, *of the* tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews. As touching *the* law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as touching zeal, persecuting the congregation; as touching the righteousness which is in the law, having become blameless. <sup>7</sup>But what things were gain to me, these I have considered loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, more than that, I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the

knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and count them but dung, that I may gain Christ,<sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, *even* that which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith,<sup>10</sup> that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming conformed to his death,<sup>11</sup> if by any means I may attain to the resurrection out from among *the* dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained, or have already been perfected, but I diligently pursue, if indeed I may lay hold on that for which also I was laid hold on by Christ Jesus.<sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider myself as having laid hold of *it* yet, but one thing *I do*, letting go of the things that are behind, and straining forward to the things that are before,<sup>14</sup> I press toward the goal to *win* the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.<sup>15</sup> Let us therefore, as many as are mature, keep this in mind, and if in anything you think differently, God will reveal this also to you.<sup>16</sup> However, to those things we have attained, by that same *standard* let us walk.

<sup>17</sup>Brothers, be imitators together of me, and take note of the ones who are walking according to the pattern you have *seen* in us.

<sup>18</sup>(For many walk, of whom I told

you often, and now tell you even crying, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ,<sup>19</sup> whose end is destruction, whose god is *their* stomach, and *whose* glory is in their shame, who set their mind on earthly things.)<sup>20</sup> For our citizenship is in heaven, from where also we wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body, *that it may be* conformed to his glorious body, according to the exertion of the power that he has, even to subject all things to himself.

**4** So then, my brothers beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup>I exhort Euodia, and I exhort Syntyche, to be of the same mind in the Lord.<sup>3</sup> Yes, I ask you also, true Yokefellow, help these women, for they contended together with me in the Good News, with Clement also, 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 *it*, rejoice!<sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to all men, the Lord is near.<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God.<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever *is* honorable, whatever *is* righteous, whatever *is* pure, whatever *is* lovely, whatever *is* of good report, if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think on these things. <sup>9</sup>The things that you learned and received and heard and saw in me, put into practice, and the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup>I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have caused your thinking of me to blossom anew. Indeed, you were concerned *before*, but you lacked opportunity.

<sup>11</sup>Not that I speak in respect of lack, for I have learned in whatever circumstances I am *in*, to be content.

<sup>12</sup>I know how to be abased, and I also know how to abound. In everything and in all things I have learned the secret both to be filled and to be hungry, both to abound and to be in need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through him who empowers me. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, you have done well to share *with me* in my affliction.

<sup>15</sup>And you yourselves also know, Philippians, that in the beginning of the Good News, when I departed from Macedonia, no congregation shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you only, <sup>16</sup>for even in Thessalonica you sent once and again to my need. <sup>17</sup>Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that accumulates to your account. <sup>18</sup>But I have all things, and

abound. I am filled, having received from Epaphroditus the things *that came* from you, and odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup>And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup>To our God and Father *be* the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>21</sup>Greet every holy *one* in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. <sup>22</sup>All the holy *ones* greet you, especially those who are of Caesar's household.

<sup>23</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

