

OUTLINE OF PHILIPPIANS

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I. <u>ENCOURAGEMENT FOR LIVING THE CHRISTIAN:</u>	1:1-30
A. Paul's praise of the saints at Phillipi:	1:1-8
1. Introduction:	1:1, 2
a. Paul and his disciple Timothy	1:1
b. Salutation of grace and peace	1:2
2. Paul constantly prays for the Philippians	1:3, 4
3. Paul commends their previous faithfulness	1:5
4. Paul anticipates their continued faithfulness	1:6
5. Paul remembers their sharing in his adversity	1:7
6. Paul desires to be with them	1:8
B. Paul's prayer for the saints at Philippi:	1:9-11
1. Paul prays for their love to abound	1:9
2. Paul prays for their focus on excellence	1:10
3. Paul prays for their fruit of righteousness	1:11
C. Paul presents his circumstances:	1:12-30
1. Paul makes great progress presenting the gospel	1:12-18
a. Paul's imprisonment expands the gospel outreach	1:13
b. Paul's prison outreach emboldens believers to witness	1:14
c. Some give the gospel inadvertently	1:15a
d. Some give the gospel from pure motivation	1:15b, 16
e. Some unbelievers mock the gospel	1:17
f. However, in pretense or truth, Christ is proclaimed	1:18
2. Paul's confident testimony	1:19-26
a. Paul anticipates his physical deliverance	1:19
b. Paul knows his life or death will exalt Christ	1:20
c. Paul's living is Christ and his dying is gain	1:21
d. Paul's living will produce fruitful labor	1:22
e. Paul's dying will place him with Christ	1:23
f. Paul's living is necessary for the Philippian's sake	1:24
g. Paul believes he will live and go to Philippi again	1:25, 26
3. Paul's solemn exhortations:	1:27-30
a. Conduct yourselves worthy of the gospel	1:27a
b. Stand firm in the Spirit	1:27b
c. Be of one mind	1:27c
d. Strive together for the faith of the gospel	1:27d
e. Do not be alarmed by opponents	1:28
f. Suffer for Christ's sake if it has been granted to you	1:29, 30

II. <u>THE STANDARD FOR LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE:</u>	2:1-30
A. Believers should demonstrate the thinking of Jesus Christ:	2:1
1.; Be encouraged being united with Christ	2:1a
2. Be comforted from His love	2:1b
3. Be in fellowship filled with the Holy Spirit	2:1c
4. Be compassionate and merciful with others	2:1d
B. Believers should be united:	2:2-5
1. Be making Paul's joy complete	2:2a
2. Be of the same mind	2:2b
3. Maintain the same love	2:2c
4. Be united in the Holy Spirit	2:2d
5. Have one purpose	2:2e
6. Do not be selfish	2:3a
7. Do not be conceited	2:3b
8. Elevate the interests of others above your own	2:4
9. Demonstrate Christ-like humility	2:5
C. The humiliation of Jesus Christ:	2:6-8
1. The undiminished deity of Jesus Christ	2:6a
2. The humility of Jesus Christ	2:6b
3. The <i>kenosis</i> of Jesus Christ	2:7
4. The death of Jesus Christ on the cross	2:8
D. The victory of Jesus Christ :	2:9-11
1. The resurrection of Jesus Christ	2:9
2. The worship of Jesus Christ	2:10
3. The declaration that Jesus Christ is Lord	2:11
E. Believers should demonstrate their salvation:	2:12-17
1. Demonstrate your own salvation in fear and trembling	2:12
2. God is working in believers	2:13
3. Work without grumbling or complaining	2:14
4. Prove yourselves to be blameless	2:15a
5. Be lights in a perverse generation	2:15b
6. Hold fast the word of life until the day of Christ	2:16a
7. Paul anticipates his own martyrdom	2:16b
8. Rejoice and share joy with those who serve	2:17, 18
F. The servants of God to follow as examples:	2:19-30
1. Paul desired to send Timothy to Phillipi	2:19
2. Timothy had genuine concern for the Philippians	2:20, 21
3. Timothy has proven character in presenting the gospel	2:22

4. Timothy will be sent to you immediately	2:23
5. Paul trusts the Lord for his soon visit to Philippi	2:24
6. Paul's desire to send Epaphroditus back to Philippi	2:25
7. Epaphroditus received God's mercy in healing	2:26, 27
8. Paul sends Epaphroditus to Philippi that all may rejoice	2:28
9. Paul asks that all ministers like him be held in high regard	2:29-30
III. <u>EXORTATIONS AND EXAMPLES FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING:</u>	3:1-21
A. Believers are to have no confidence in the flesh:	3:1-14
1. Paul repeats the Christian standards	3:1
2. Avoid the false circumcision	3:2a
3. Partake of the true circumcision	3:2b, 3
B. Paul's history and his new life in Christ:	3:4-14
1. Paul's valid ritual circumcision	3:4, 5
2. Paul's human zeal and righteousness in the Law	3:6
3. Paul counts his human gain as loss for gaining Christ	3:7, 8
4. Paul's righteousness comes from God based on faith in Christ	3:9
5. Paul's desire to be conformed to Christ in His death	3:10
6. Paul looks forward to his own resurrection	3:11
7. Paul presses on to attain spiritual maturity	3:12-14
C. Believers are to advance in their spiritual maturity:	3:15-21
1. Keep living by the same standards (cf. Phil. 1:27-2:30)	3:15, 16
2. Believers are to follow Paul's example	3:17
3. Believers are not to walk as enemies of the cross	3:18, 19
a. Their end is destruction	3:19a
b. They live by their emotions	3:19b
c. Their glory is their shame	3:19c
d. Their minds are set on earthly things	3:19d
4. Believers' citizenship is in heaven	3:20a
5. Believers eagerly await the rapture	3:20b
6. Believers await their resurrection bodies	3:21
IV. <u>FINAL EXORTATIONS AND CONCLUDING REMARKS:</u>	4:1-23
A. Paul's specific directives:	4:1-9
1. Stand firm in the Lord	4:1
2. Urge harmony within the local church	4:2
3. Help all who shared my struggle in presenting the gospel	4:3
4. Rejoice always in the Lord	4:4
5. Let your forbearance be known to all	4:5
6. Be anxious for nothing	4:6a
7. Let your requests be made known to God with thanksgiving	4:6b

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- B. The result of these directives: 4:7
 - 1. God's peace will surpass all comprehension 4:7a
 - 2. God's peace will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus 4:7b

- C. Paul's final directives: 4:8, 9
 - 1. Let your mind dwell on these things: 4:8
 - a. Whatever is true,
 - b. Whatever is honorable,
 - c. Whatever is right,
 - d. Whatever is pure
 - e. Whatever is lovely,
 - f. Whatever is of good repute,
 - g. If there is any excellence,
 - h. If there is anything worthy of praise,

 - 2. Practice these things: 4:9
 - a. The things you have learned in me
 - b. The things you received in me
 - c. The things you heard in me
 - d. The things you have seen in me

- D. Paul's concluding comments: 4:10-19
 - 1. Paul rejoices in the Philippian's concern for his finances 4:10
 - 2. Paul speaks concerning his humble circumstances 4:11, 12
 - 3. Paul says that he can do all things through Christ 4:13
 - 4. Paul recognizes the Philippians who share in his affliction 4:14
 - 5. Paul is grateful for the generosity of the Philippians 4:15-18
 - 6. Paul recognizes that all giving is grace from God 4:19

- E. Paul's closing salutation: 4:19-23
 - 1. All glory belongs to God the Father forever and ever 4:20
 - 2. Paul sends a greeting to all from his evangelistic team 4:21
 - 3. All the saints, even in Caesar's household, greet you 4:22
 - 4. Paul prays that the grace of the Lord will be with their spirit 4:23