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Chapter 1

1 ¶ Paul and Timothy, the bondservants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the overseers and "menservants.
2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

3 ¶ bI thank my God upon every remembrance of you,
4 always in cevery prayer of mine for you all, making request with joy
5 dfor your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,
6 being confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.
7 For it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my bonds 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 greatly long for you all in the affections of Christ Jesus.
9 ¶ And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment,
10 so that you may approve the things that are excellent, and that you may be sincere and without offense until the day of Christ,
11 being filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, gto the glory and praise of God.

Paul’s Trials for Christ

12 ¶ But I want you to know, brethren, that the things that happened to me have turned out for the furtherance of the gospel,
13 so that it has become manifest throughout the whole Praetorian guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ,
14 and many of the brethren in the Lord, being confident by my chains, are more courageous to speak the word without fear.
15 ¶ Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from good will.
16 The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel.
17 The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not with pure motives, supposing to add distress to my chains.
18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached. And in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.
19 ¶ For I know that hthis will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

Chapter 1: a 1 Tm 3:8-13 b 1 Co 1:4 c Ep 1:16 d Rm 12:13 e Jn 6:29 f Cl 1:6 g Jn 15:8 h Ph 4:22 i Jb 13:16

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20 according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be ashamed, but \textit{with} all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or \textit{by} death.

21 For to me, to live \textit{is} Christ and to die \textit{is} gain.

22 But if I live in the flesh, this \textit{is} the fruit of my labor. Yet what I will choose, I do not know.

23 For I am torn between the two, having a \textit{desire} to depart and to be with Christ, \textit{which is} \textit{much} better.

24 Nevertheless, to abide in the flesh \textit{is} more beneficial for you.

25 And being confident of this, I know that I will abide and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith,

26 so that \textit{your} rejoicing may be more abundant in Christ Jesus for me by my coming to you again.

27 \textit{Only} \textit{let} your behavior be \textit{worthy} of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, \textit{with} one mind \textit{striving} together for the faith of the gospel,

28 and in nothing \textit{be} frightened by your adversaries, which is to them proof of destruction, but to you of salvation, and that \textit{too}, from God.

29 For to you \textit{it} has been granted on behalf of Christ, \textit{not} only to believe \textit{on} Him, but also to \textit{suffer} for His sake,

30 \textit{having} the same conflict \textit{that} you saw in me, and now hear \textit{to be} in me.

Chapter 2

The Mind of Christ

1 ¶ Therefore, if \textit{there is} any encouragement in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any \textit{affection} and mercy,

2 \textit{fulfill} my joy \textit{by} being likeminded, having the same love \textit{and} \textit{being} of \textit{one} accord, of \textit{one} mind.

3 \textit{Let} nothing \textit{be done} through rivalry or empty conceit, but \textit{in} humility of mind let each esteem others better than themselves.

4 \textit{Let} each one not look out \textit{merely} for his own interests, but also for the interests of \textit{others}.

5 ¶ \textit{Let} this mind be in you that was \textit{also} in Christ Jesus,

6 \textit{who,} \textit{being} in the form of God, 

7 \textit{but} \textit{He} made Himself of no reputation, \textit{taking} the form \textit{of} a bondservant \textit{and} \textit{being} made in the likeness of men.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, \textit{He} humbled Himself and \textit{became} \textit{obedient} unto death, even the death of the cross.

9 \textit{Therefore}, God also \textit{has} highly exalted \textit{Him} and \textit{given} \textit{Him} the name that is above every name,

10 \textit{that} at the name of Jesus \textit{every} knee should bow, of those in heaven and those on earth and those under the earth,
11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.  
12 ¶ Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,  
13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to work for His good pleasure.  
14 Do all things without grumbling and disputing,  
15 so that you may be blameless and harmless children of God, above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,  
16 holding fast the word of life so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.  
17 ¶ Yes, and if I am being offered on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.  
18 For the same reason also, you be glad and rejoice with me.  

Faithful Servants  
19 ¶ But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy shortly to you so that I may also be of good comfort when I learn of your state.  
20 For I have no one like-minded who will genuinely care for your welfare.  
21 For all seek their own, not the things that are of Christ Jesus.  

22 But you know of his proven worth, that as a son with his father, he has served with me in the gospel.  
23 Therefore, I hope to send him immediately, as soon as I see how it goes with me.  
24 But I trust in the Lord that I myself will also come shortly.  
25 ¶ But I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and companion in labor and fellow soldier, but your apostle and minister to my needs.  
26 p For 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 on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.  
28 Therefore, I sent him the more eagerly so that when you see him again, you may rejoice and that I may be the less anxious.  
29 Therefore, receive him in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in high honor,  
30 because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life in order to supply your lack of service toward me.

Chapter 3

All Lost for Christ

1 ¶ Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you indeed is not tedious, but for you it is safe.
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3 For we are *the true circumcision who worship God in the spirit. And we rejoice in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh,  
4 though *g*I might also have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks that he may have confidence in the flesh, I *b*far more.

5 *I was* circumcised the eighth day. *I am* of the nation of Israel, *a*the tribe of Benjamin, *a*Hebrew of Hebrews,  
6 concerning zeal, *l*persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness that is in law, blameless.

7 ¶ But *m*what things were gain to me, those things I have counted loss for Christ.  
8 Indeed more, I count all things loss *n*for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things. I count them refuse so that I may gain Christ.

9 and be found in Him, not having *o*my own righteousness that is from law, but *p*that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness that is from God by faith.

10 I want to know Him and the power of His resurrection and *p*the fellowship of His sufferings, being like Him in His death,  
11 if, by any means, I may *s*attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Pressing On Toward the Goal

12 ¶ Not that I have already *t*attained or have already *u*become perfect. But I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have laid hold. But one thing *I do, v*forgetting those things that are behind and *w*reaching forward to those things that are before.

14 *x*I press toward the mark for the prize of *y*the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 ¶ Let us, therefore, as many as *z*perfect, *a*have this mind. And if in anything you think otherwise, *b*God will reveal even this to you.

16 Nevertheless, *c*let us continue to live *d*by the same *e*rule to which we have attained.

17 ¶ Brethren, *f*be followers together of me, and note those who so walk *g*according to the example you have in us.

18 For many walk, of whom I have *h*told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *l*that they are *i*the enemies of the cross of Christ,  
19 *b*whose end is destruction, *s*whose god is their belly, and *b*whose glory is in their shame, *k*who set their mind on earthly things.

20 For *f*our citizenship is in heaven, *m*from which also we *n*look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

21 *o*who will transform our lowly body so that it may be *p*fashioned
5 according to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Chapter 4

1 ¶ Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my beloved.

Exhortations

2 ¶ I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

3 And I ask you also, loyal companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers whose names are in the book of life.

4 ¶ gRejoice in the Lord always. And again I say, rejoice!

5 ¶ Let your forbearance be known to all men. hThe Lord is at hand.

6 ¶ iDo not be anxious for anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

7 And kthe peace of God that surpasses all understanding will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

8 ¶ Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think on these things.

9 The things that you have both learned and received and heard and seen in me, do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

10 ¶ But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your concern for me has flourished again; though you were concerned, but you lacked opportunity to show it.

11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am to be content.

12 I know how to be in need and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

14 ¶ Nevertheless, you have done well that you shared in my affliction.

15 Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.

16 For even in Thessalonica you sent once and again for my needs.

17 Not because I desire the gift, but I desire the fruit that abounds to your account.

18 But I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things that were sent from you, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice that is well-pleasing to God.
19 But my God \( b \) will supply all your need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

20 \( c \) Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Farewell Greetings

21 ¶ Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren \( d \) 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 you all. Amen.

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\( a \) 2 Co 9:12 \( b \) Ps 23:1 \( c \) Rm 16:27 \( d \) Gl 1:2