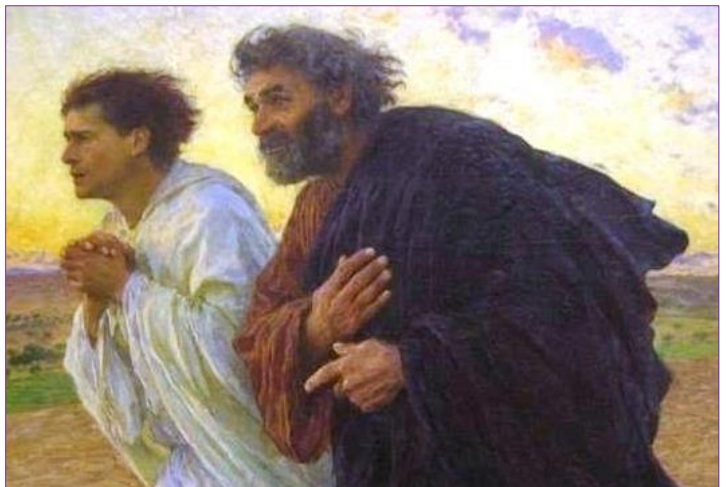
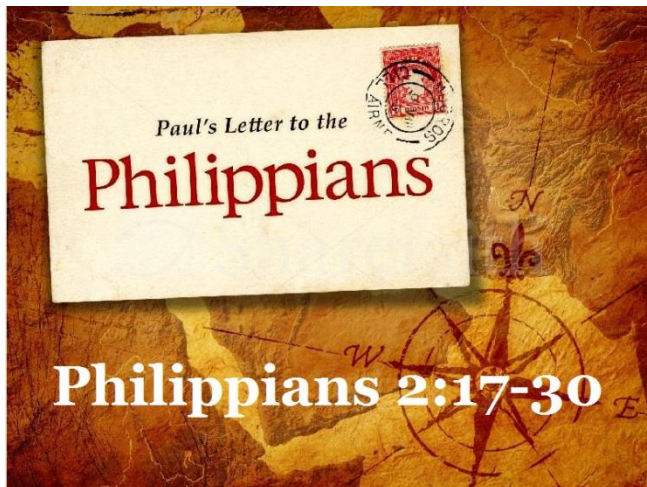




Paul rejoices in his service to the Lord, despite not knowing his fate, whether release or death at the hands of his captors, and asks his readers to do the same. He prepares to send two men back to the Philippians, with this letter. The first is Timothy, who according to Paul, has a tender heart for the Philippians and who has been a faithful servant to both Paul and the gospel. The second is Epaphroditus, who brought the original message to Paul from Philippi. Epaphroditus suffered much, almost to the point of death, for the gospel and still had a great concern for his fellow Christians in Philippi.

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- Paul Poured Out ..... Philippians 2:17-18
- Timothy Commended ..... Philippians 2:19-24
- Epaphroditus Praised ..... Philippians 2:25-30



TRUTHS & PRINCIPLES	APPLICATIONS
God calls us humbly to love and serve others.	Thank God for Christ's model of humility.
Sacrificial love is the result of God working in us.	With humble attitudes and acts of love, seek to repair the strained relationships in your life.
When you look out for the interests of others, you look out for the interests of Christ.	Honor people who "go the extra mile."



*Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21*

1. Paul was being poured out as what (2:17)? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did Paul want from the Philippian believers (2:18)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who did Paul trust the Lord Jesus to send to Philippi (2:19)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What are the two traits of Timothy mentioned in this verse (2:20)? \_\_\_\_\_
5. In contrast to Timothy, what do all seek after (2:21)? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What type of relationship does Paul have with Timothy (2:22)? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What was Paul hoping to do (2:23)? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What was Paul trusting to do (2:24)? \_\_\_\_\_
9. According to Paul, what roles did Epaphroditus fill (2:25)? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What was Epaphroditus' reaction when the church discovered he was sick (2:26)? \_\_\_\_\_
11. How sick was Epaphroditus (2:27)? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What were the two benefits of sending Epaphroditus back to the Philippian church (2:28)? \_\_\_\_\_
13. How are we to regard men like Epaphroditus (2:29)? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Why did Epaphroditus come close to death (2:30)? \_\_\_\_\_

## Study Questions

1. Read PHILIPPIANS 2:17-18 and reflect on Paul's first example of humility - Paul.
  - ❖ What does it mean to offer oneself as a living sacrifice to God?
  - ❖ How many Christians have done this? Have you?
  - ❖ What motivates a person to die for a cause?
  - ❖ What prevents that person from doing so?
2. Read PHILIPPIANS 2:19-24 and reflect on Paul's second example of humility - Timothy.
  - ❖ In what ways do Christians make plans without consulting God?
  - ❖ How can human and divine plans be harmonized?
  - ❖ In what ways do Christians manifest personal ambition and greed in the work of the Lord? How are they encouraged in this unwholesome pursuit?
3. Read PHILIPPIANS 2:25-30 and reflect on Paul's third example of humility - Epaphroditus.
  - ❖ Does God perform works of healing today?
  - ❖ Are there genuine faith healers today?
  - ❖ How do you discriminate between the genuine and the counterfeit?