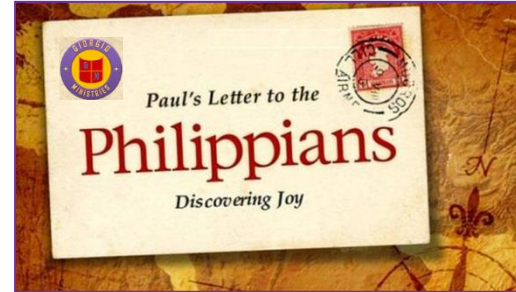




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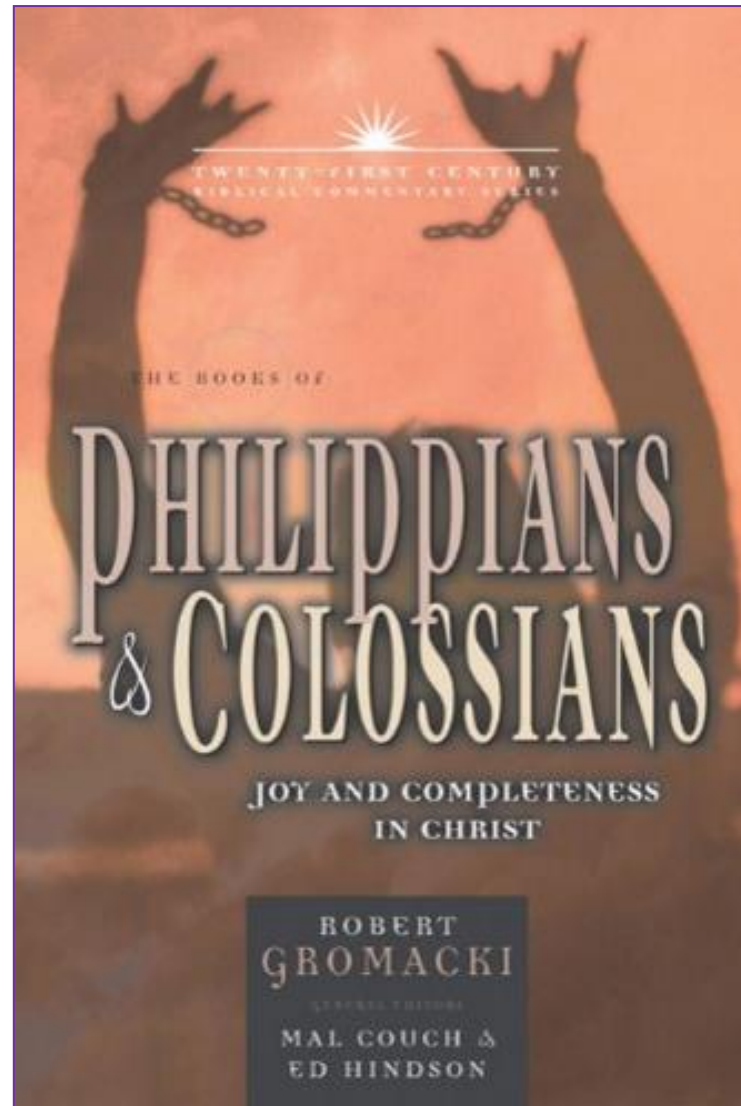
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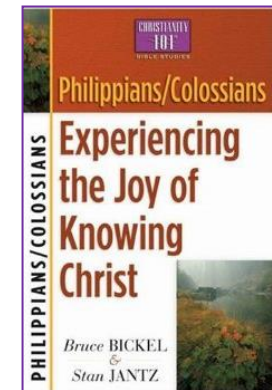
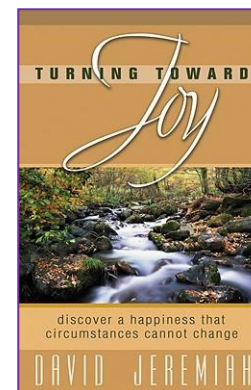
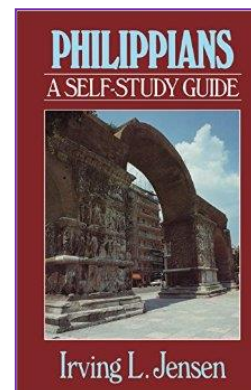
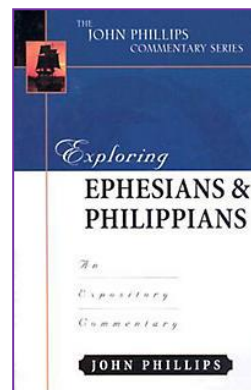
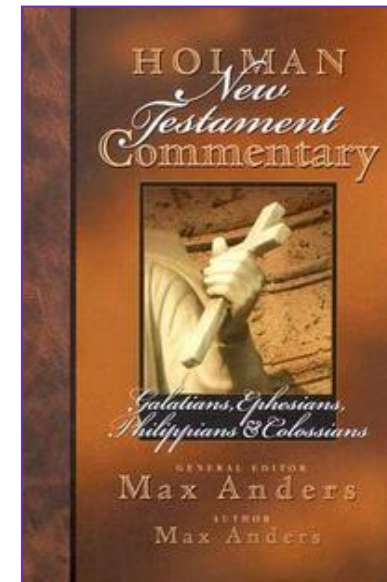
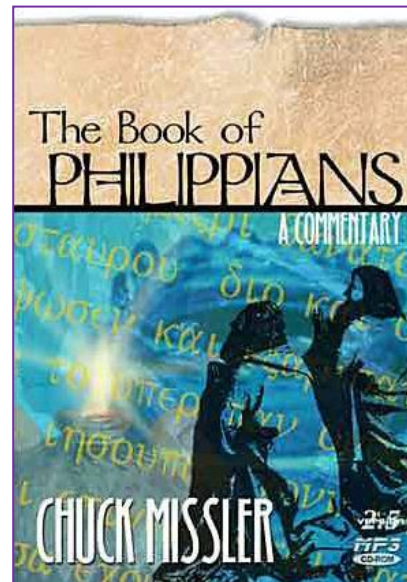


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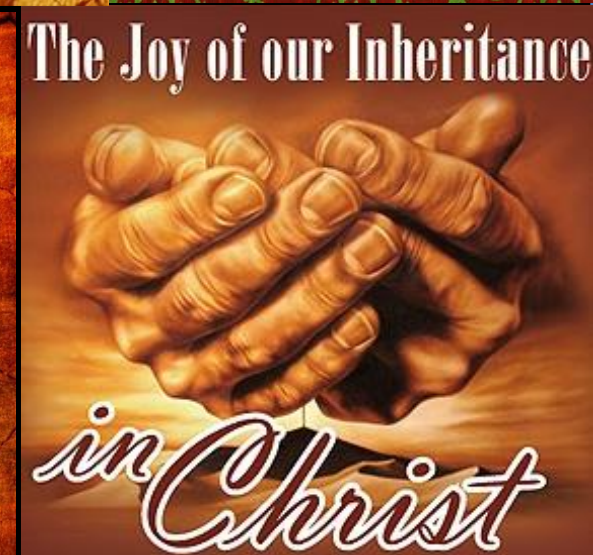
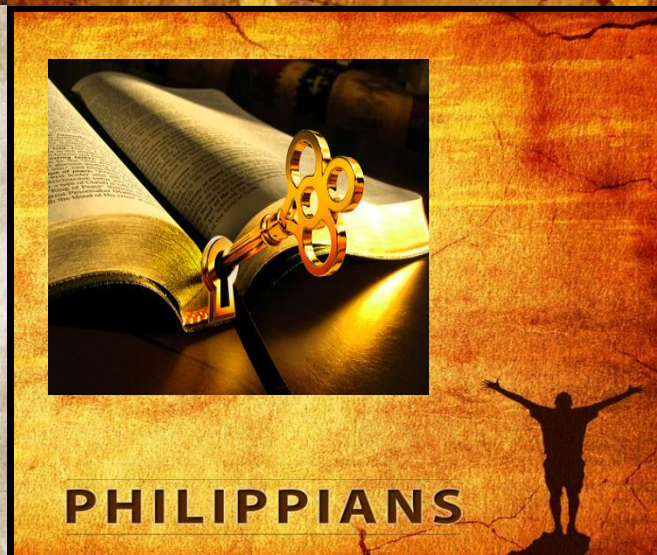
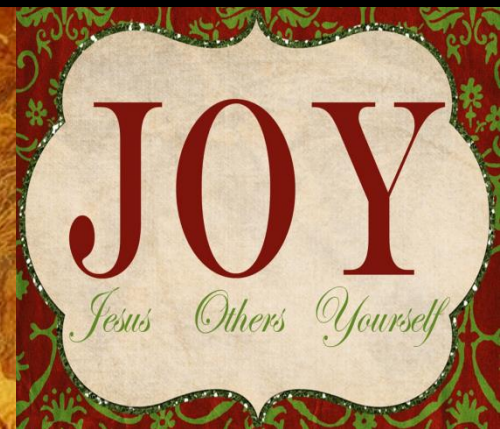
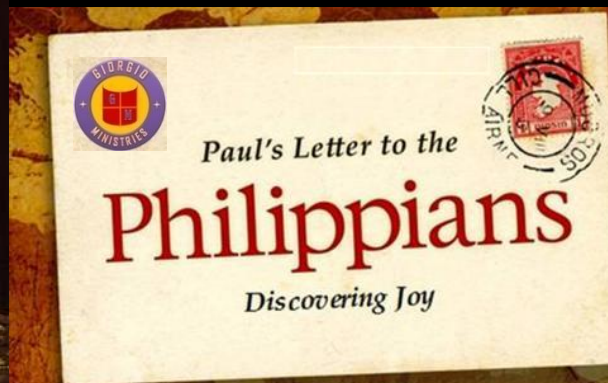
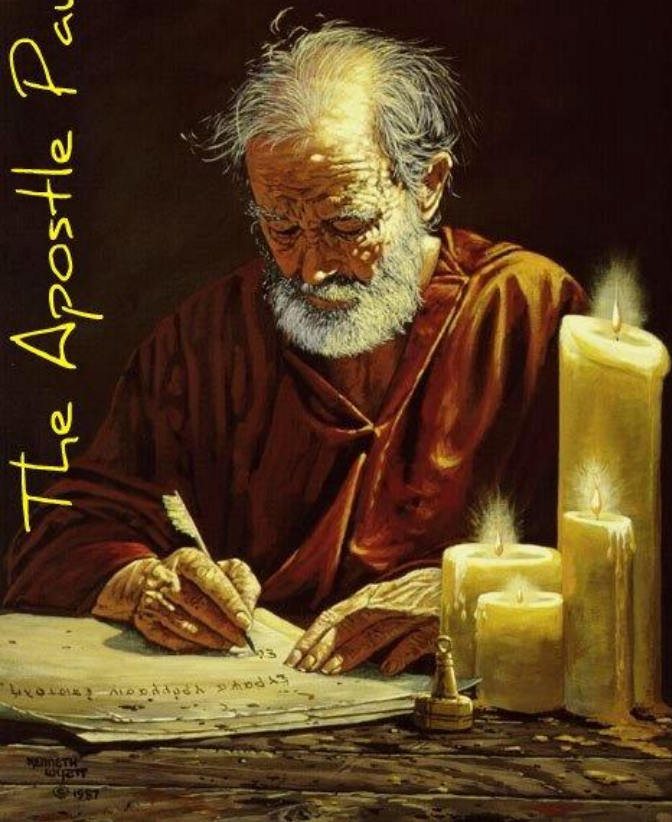




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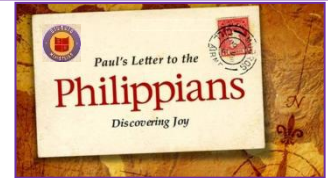


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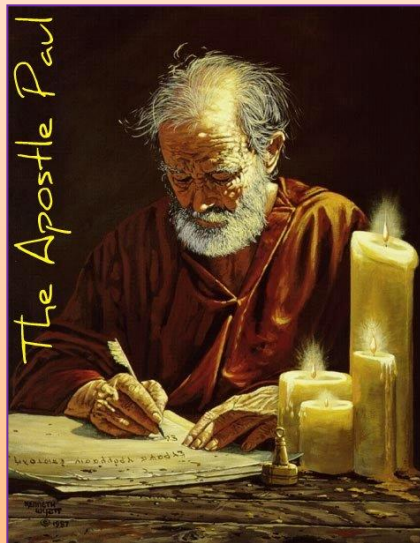
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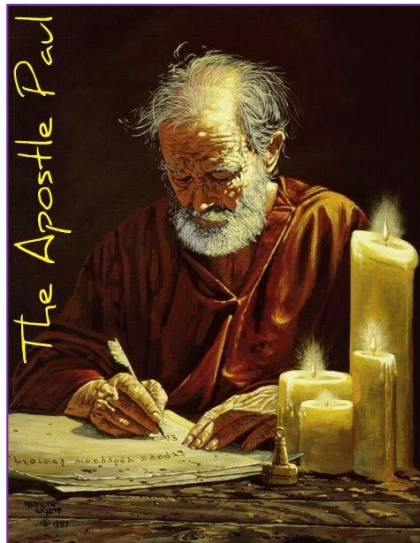
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Lesson Preview - INTRODUCTION

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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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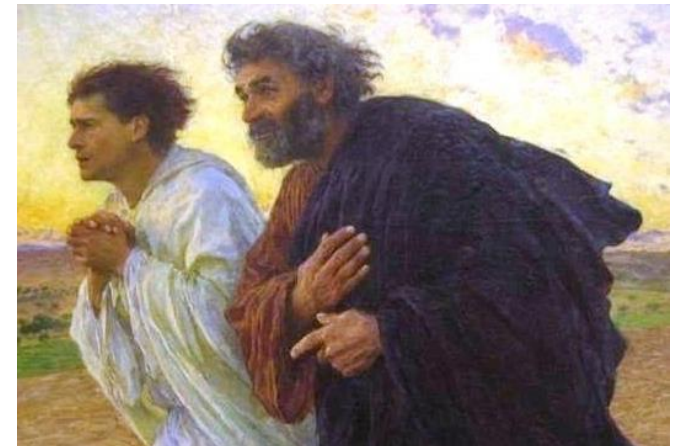
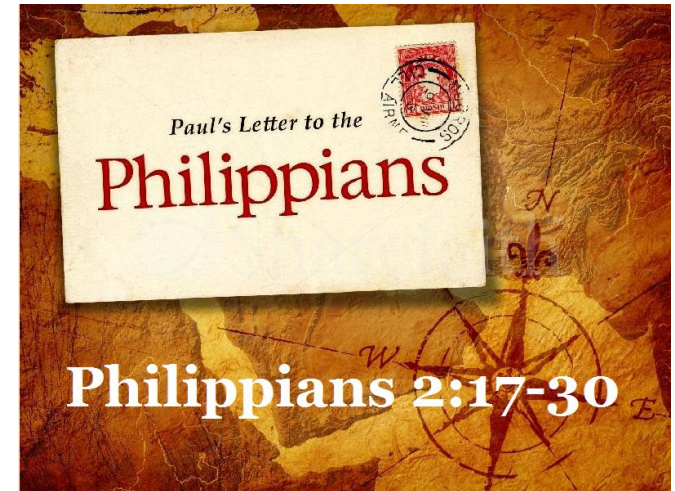
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Theory must be put into practice and ideas must be dressed in flesh.

Learners want to be shown as well as be told.

Paul cites three men, himself (17-18), Timothy (19-24), and Epaphroditus (25-30), who manifest the mind of Christ and who were working out what God was working in.

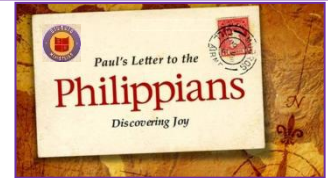
All three exhibited the joy of unity, humility, and concern for others.



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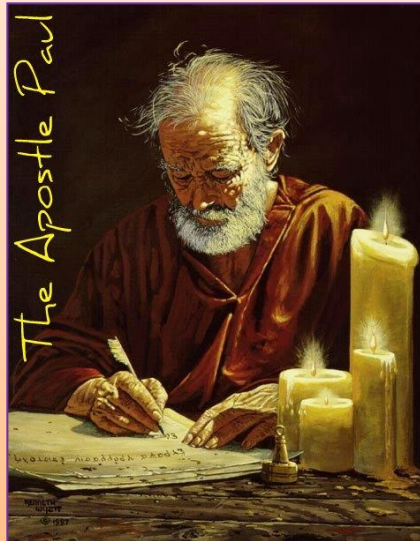
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¹⁸ For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me.

-- Philippians 2:17-18 ... NKJV

²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

-- Matthew 16:24-25 ... NKJV

• Paul Poured Out - His Offering

• IN THE PAST

- The phrase "**ON THE SACRIFICE AND SERVICE OF YOUR FAITH**" points to the time when Paul completely surrendered his life to God.
 - Unfortunately, many believers never make this decision to lose their lives for Christ's sake (Matthew 16:24-25).
- The "**SACRIFICE**" refers to the Jewish rite of the burnt offering in which an animal was totally consumed on the altar to show the complete and voluntary dedication of a person to God.
 - Offerers made this sacrifice because they were thankful for all that God had done for them.
 - Paul gave his life entirely over to God to live for His glory (1:20).

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- Paul Poured Out - His Offering

- IN THE PAST

- A commitment to God also brings a commitment to others.
 - Paul knew that his service to God would involve service to others - “**AND SERVICE OF YOUR FAITH**”.
 - The term “**SERVICE**” transliterates as “LITURGY” - helping others is actually a religious ministry.
 - The apostle served them by declaring how they could have saving faith and by encouraging them to grow in faith.

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• Paul Poured Out - His Offering

• IN THE FUTURE

- The conditional clause **"IF I AM BEING POURED OUT"** reveals the strong possibility of imminent martyrdom of the apostle.
 - Paul had given his life to live for God and others; now he was willing to give his life to die for them.
 - In this way he emulated the self-emptying of Christ and His obedience unto death (2:7-8).
 - Paul elsewhere confessed his willingness to die for Christ as a drink offering.
(Acts 21:13; 2 Timothy 4:6-8)

⁶ For I am already being poured out as a **drink offering**, and the time of my departure is at hand. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

--- 2 Timothy 4:6-8 ... NKJV [PAULS' VALEDICTORY]

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- **Paul Poured Out - His Rejoicing**

- **REJOICING HAS TWO DIRECTIONS.**

1. **"I AM GLAD AND REJOICE WITH YOU ALL."**

He rejoiced in the prospect of a death that would glorify God and advance the believers' faith.

2. He called upon them to rejoice with him ...

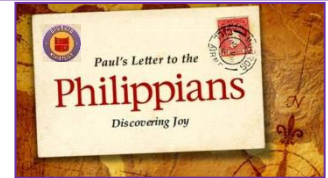
"FOR THE SAME REASON YOU ALSO BE GLAD AND REJOICE WITH ME"

They were saddened by his imprisonment, but he wanted their despair to be turned into joy by the truth of his letter and by the personal witness of Timothy and Epaphroditus.

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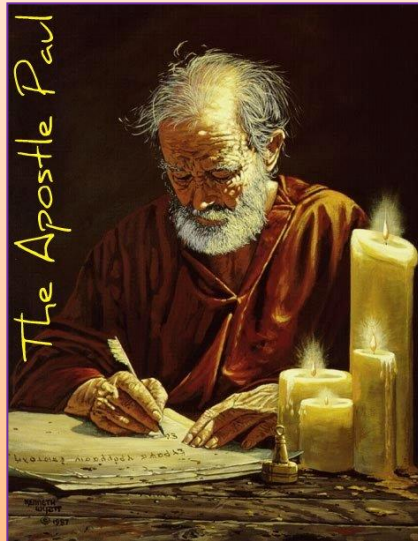
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--- Philippians 2:19, 23-24 ... NKJV

• Paul's Purpose for Timothy

- Timothy assisted Paul in the original evangelization of the city. He was also a co-sender of the epistle (1:1). Now he is mentioned as a **second** example.
- Paul always made his travel plans in total submission to God's will (Acts 18:21; Romans 15:32).
 - His human desire is seen in the verb "**I HOPE**".
 - His acknowledgment of the divine will is evident in the phrase, "**I TRUST IN THE LORD.**"
- At the beginning and the end of this section, Paul presents THREE purposes concerning Timothy.
- In between, he discusses the character qualification of his young associate.

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• Paul's Purpose for Timothy

1. TO SEND HIM TO THE CHURCH (2:19, 23).

- Paul hoped to send Timothy to the church **"SHORTLY."**
- Paul was awaiting the disposition of his appeal before Caesar and the Roman authorities **"AS SOON AS I SEE IT GOES WITH ME" ... (2:23).**

2. TO BE ENCOURAGED (2:19).

- The word **"THAT"** shows the second purpose:
 - **"THAT I ALSO MAY BE ENCOURAGED WHEN I KNOW YOUR STATE."**
- Timothy would be the first to be cheered by the response of the church to Paul's letter;
- Then he would report back to Paul either by personal visit or by representative.

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• Paul's Purpose for Timothy

3. TO PREPARE FOR THE VISIT OF THE APOSTLE (2:24).

- Paul then expressed confidence that he would be able to visit Philippi.
- The verb "**I TRUST**" is different than the one used for the sending of Timothy (2:19).
 - It denotes a settled assurance and conviction of heart produced by the indwelling Holy Spirit.
- Both the pronoun "**MYSELF**" and the adverb "**SHORTLY**" reinforce that inner persuasion.
- Such news would bring joy to the hearts of the Philippians and would stimulate them to obey the directives of Paul's letter.

Timothy Commended - Philippians 2:20 - OBSERVATIONS

¹⁹ But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state.

²⁰ For I have no one **like-minded**, who will **sincerely care** for your state. ²¹ For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.

²² But you know his proven character, that as a son with *his* father he served with me in the gospel.

--- Philippians 2:19-22 ... NKJV

• Paul's Preference for Timothy

• WHY DID PAUL DECIDE TO SENT TIMOTHY?

1. HE WAS "LIKE-MINDED" (2:20)

- Both Paul and Timothy shared the mind of Christ, thought the same things, and had the same spiritual goals.

2. HE HAD CONCERN (2:20)

- Timothy manifested the same care for the churches that Paul showed (2 Corinthians 11:28). He prayed, taught, and counseled others.
- He was legitimate in his spiritual birth and development, and he manifested the same nature as Paul, his spiritual father.
- Timothy shared the apostle's concern over the weakness of the believers. He wanted to be the human instrument by which God would remedy the situation.

Timothy Commended - Philippians 2:21 - OBSERVATIONS

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• Paul's Preference for Timothy

• WHY DID PAUL DECIDE TO SENT TIMOTHY?

3. HE WAS NOT SELFISH (2:21)

- The words “**FOR ALL SEEK THEIR OWN**” have a ring of sadness in them.
- Selfishness, is a trait of sinful humanity.
 - Unfortunately selfishness permeates the Christian world as well.

4. HE MANIFESTED CHRIST (2:21)

- Selfish persons do not seek the things “**OF CHRIST JESUS.**” These things include the mind of Christ as seen in humility, obedience, and concern for others.
- Christ emptied Himself, Paul was willing to pour out himself, and Timothy was determined to seek the glorification of the Savior in his ministry to the church.

Timothy Commended - Philippians 2:22 - OBSERVATIONS

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• Paul's Preference for Timothy

• WHY DID PAUL DECIDE TO SENT TIMOTHY?

5. HE WAS A SERVANT (2:22)

- Timothy was a **Proven Servant**.

- The Philippians were aware of his character ("**YOU KNOW**"), for they had had contact with him.

- Timothy was a **Cooperative Servant**.

- Paul said of Timothy, "**HE SERVED WITH ME.**"
- Timothy, however, served "**AS A SON WITH HIS FATHER**"

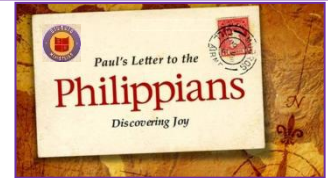
- Timothy was a **Servant of the Gospel**.

- He determined to further the outreach of the redemptive message in the lives of both sinners and believers.

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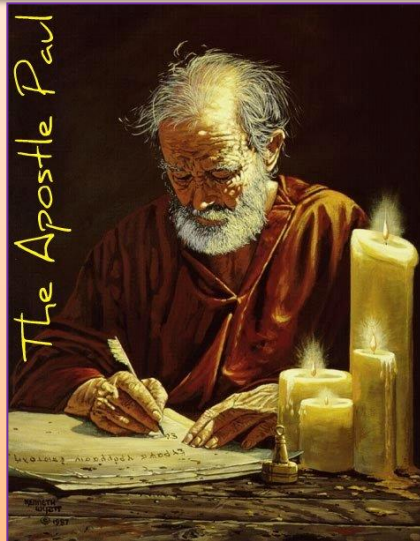
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--- Philippians 2:25 ... NKJV

• Epaphroditus - His Character

- **Epaphroditus** means “LOVELY” or “CHARMING”.
- It is probably based on Aphrodite, the pagan goddess of love and beauty.
- His name occurs only twice in the Scriptures, both times in this book (2:25; 4:18).

• THE BROTHER.

- Relationship is more crucial than responsibility; so
- Paul first describes Epaphroditus as his **BROTHER**.
- They were both in the family of God through regeneration, and they were joined together with the brothers and sisters at Philippi (1:12; 3:1).

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³ You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

⁴ No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

-- 2 Timothy 2:3-4 ... NKJV

• Epaphroditus - His Character

• THE WORKER.

- Epaphroditus was a **FELLOW WORKER**.
- He and Paul were working out what God was working in.
- Paul saw himself as a coworker with God and with other believers in a common effort to reach people with the gospel.

• THE SOLDIER.

- Epaphroditus was a **FELLOW SOLDIER**.
- He endured hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 2:3-4). He took his stand with Paul in aggressive defense of the gospel (1:7).

• THE MESSENGER.

- Epaphroditus was the "**MESSENGER**" of the church.
- This term is nominally translated "**APOSTLE**", but he was not an apostle in the technical sense.

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- **Epaphroditus - His Character**

- **THE MINISTER.**

- Epaphroditus was also a **MINISTER** to the needs of the apostle.
 - The phrase “**THE ONE WHO MINISTERED**” is actually a noun. It is used of official and sacred service.
 - In this context it is also used of the service of both Paul and the church (2:17, 30).
 - Just as Paul was willing to live or die in his service to the church, so Epaphroditus came close to death in his service to Paul.

Epaphroditus Praised - Philippians 2:26-28 - OBSERVATIONS

²⁶ since **he was longing for you all**, and was **distressed** because you had heard that he was sick. ²⁷ For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful.

--- Philippians 2:26-28 ... NKJV

• Epaphroditus - His Concern

- Epaphroditus truly looked on the interests of others (2:4), as clearly demonstrated in the details surrounding his sickness.

• HIS COMPASSION

- **HE LONGED** AFTER HIS HOME CHURCH.
 - It was a prolonged duration of intense desire.
 - This desire was of the same type that Paul expressed to the church (1:8).
- **HE WAS DISTRESSED**.
 - This is the same term used of Christ's agony in Gethsemane (Matthew 26:37; Mark 14:33).
 - It stresses mental (**body**), emotional (**soul**), and spiritual (**spirit**) anguish.

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• Epaphroditus - His Concern

• HIS HEALING

- The church knew that their member had become ill, but they apparently did not know the severity of the weakness.
- Paul now informed them that Epaphroditus was sick **“ALMOST UNTO DEATH.”** God extended physical mercy to Epaphroditus and psychological mercy to Paul (**“AND NOT ONLY ON HIM BUT ON ME ALSO”**).
- **LEST I SHOULD HAVE SORROW UPON SORROW** ...
 - The **first** sorrow came when the co-worker became sick, and the **second** would have come if he had died.

• HIS REUNION

- As soon as Epaphroditus was healed, Paul sent him in haste to the church.
- His return would accomplish **two** results:
 1. The church would rejoice at his coming
 2. Paul would be less sorrowful in that the anxious concern of all parties would be turned into joy.

Epaphroditus Praised - Philippians 2:29 - OBSERVATIONS

29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and **hold such men in esteem**; ³⁰ because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me.

--- Philippians 2:29-30 ... NKJV

• Epaphroditus - His Commendation

• RECEIVE HIM

- The word “**THEREFORE**” shows what response the church should have toward Epaphroditus in the light of his dedicated service and return.
- They should **RECEIVE HIM IN THE LORD WITH ALL GLADNESS** (Matthew 10:40-41).

• HONOR HIM

- They should also “**HOLD SUCH MEN IN ESTEEM**.”
- The phrase “**IN ESTEEM**” literally means “**IN HONOR**”.

⁴⁰ “He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. ⁴¹ He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward.

--- Matthew 10:40-41 ... NKJV

Epaphroditus Praised - Philippians 2:30 - OBSERVATIONS

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¹⁶ By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

--- 1 John 3:16 ... NKJV

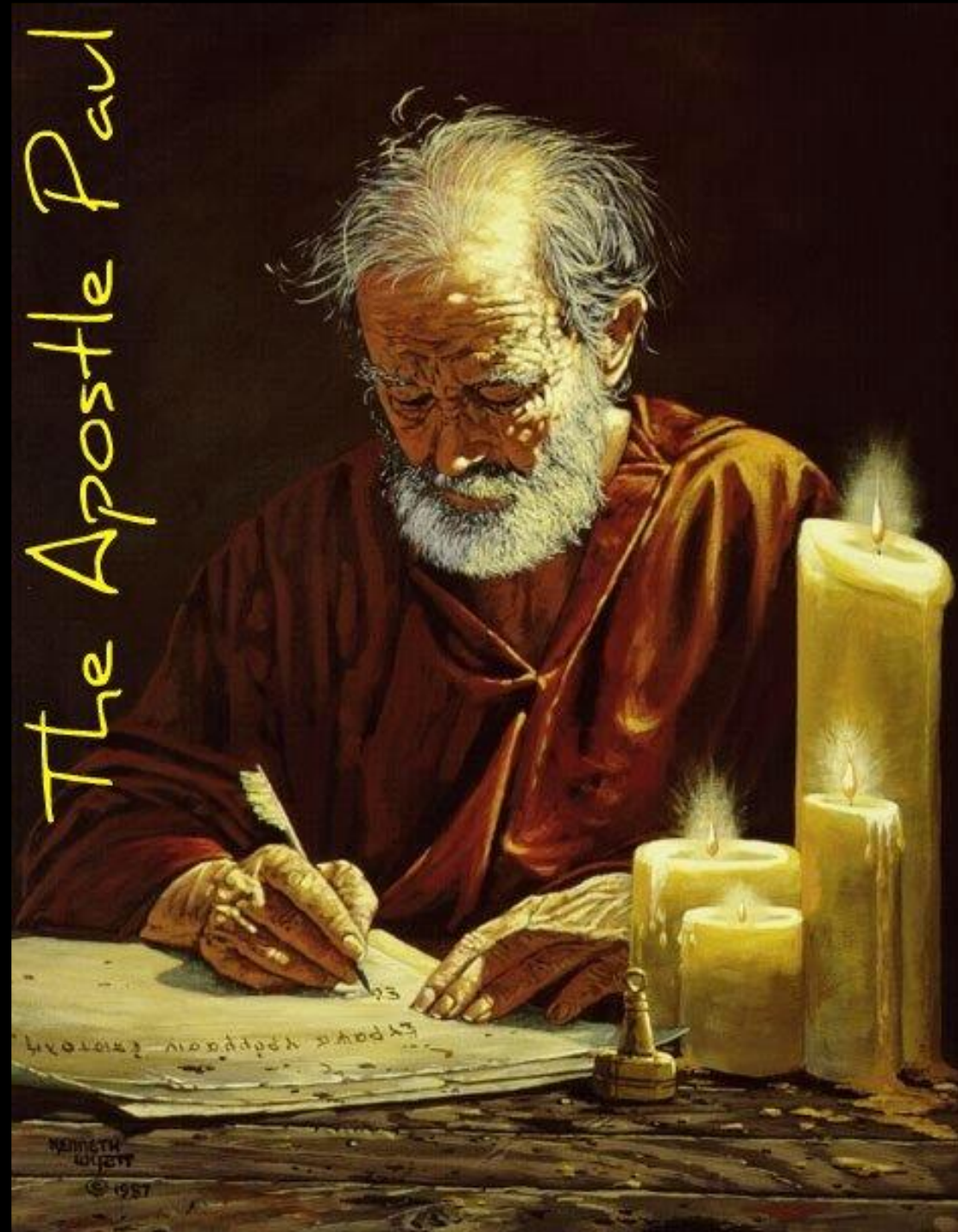
• Epaphroditus - His Commitment

• HE WORKED FOR CHRIST

- Epaphroditus' motivation was the gospel ministry.
- He declared the redemptive **WORK OF CHRIST**, namely, His death and resurrection (1 Corinthians 16:10).
- His labor took him to the door of death. Just as Christ obeyed unto the death of the cross, so Epaphroditus followed his Savior to the threshold of physical death.

• HE DID NOT REGARD HIS LIFE

- The word "**REGARDING**" was use of people who exposed themselves to danger.
- The thought is that Epaphroditus risked his life.
- In his concern for Paul's needs, he did not look on his own needs, namely, the progressive weakness of his body.



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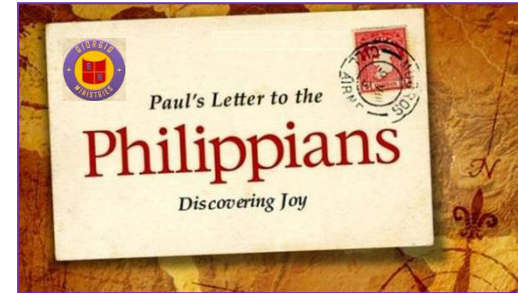
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