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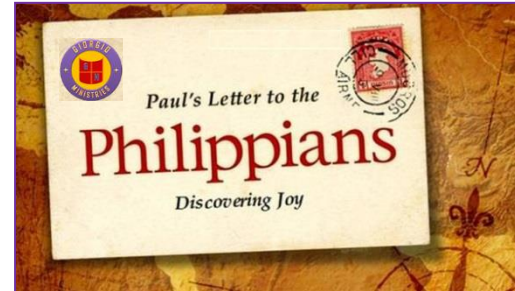
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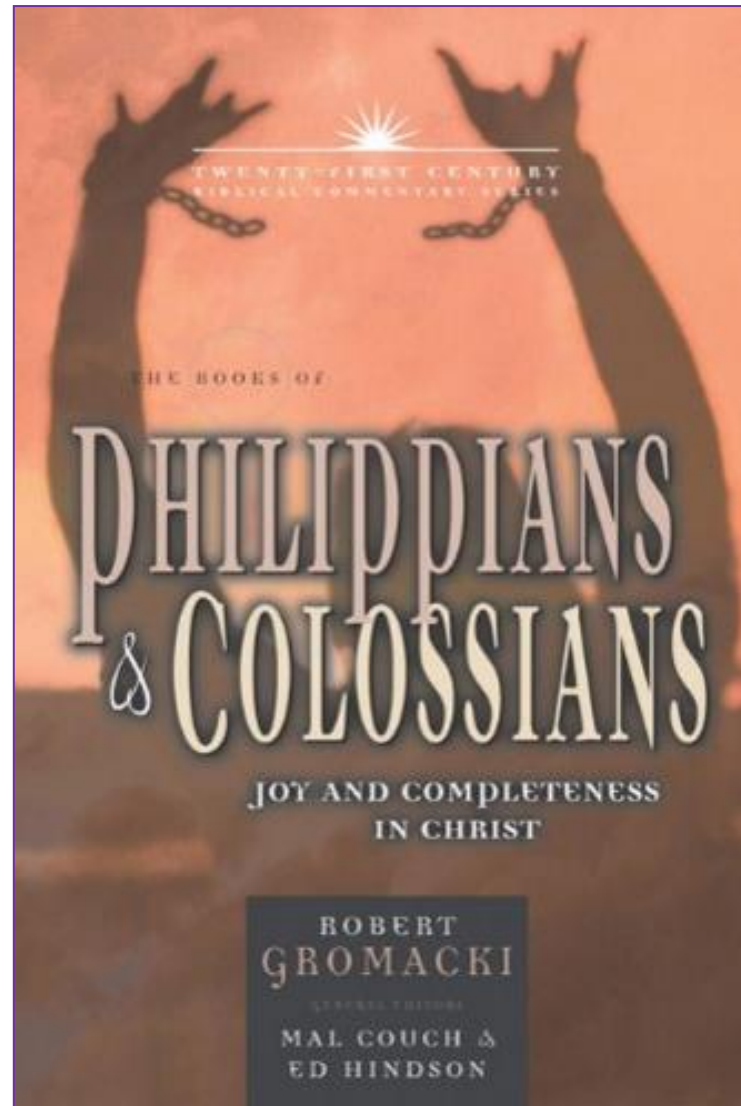
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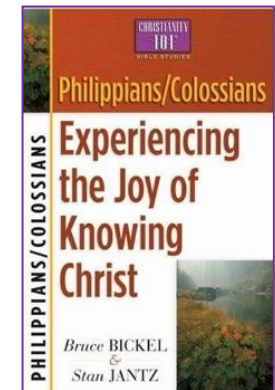
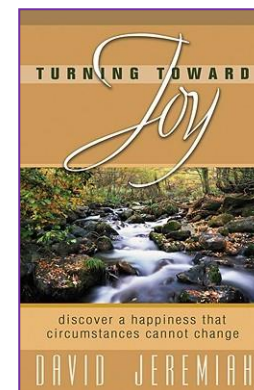
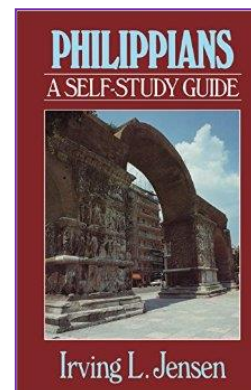
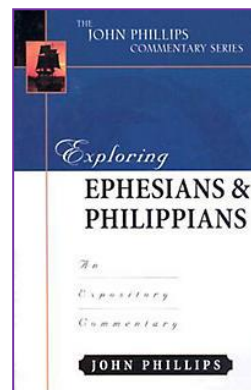
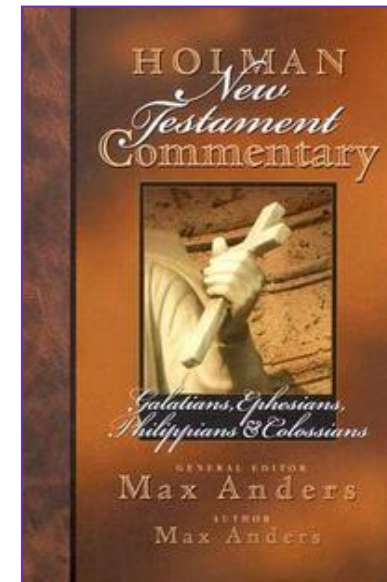
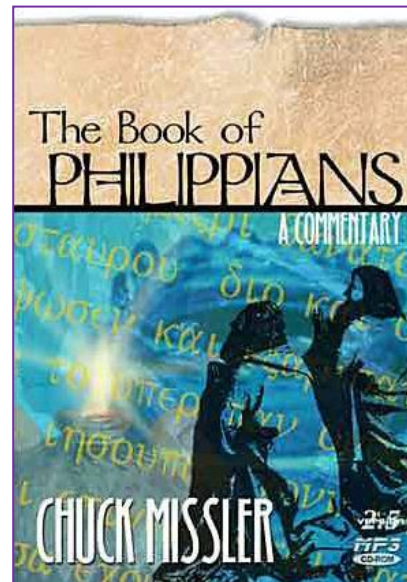


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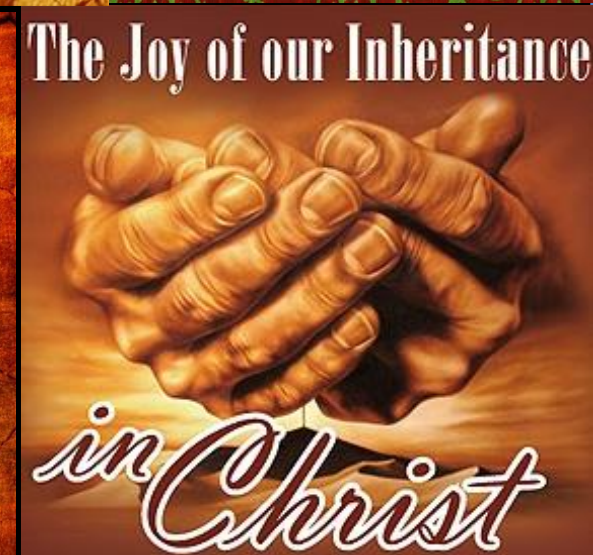
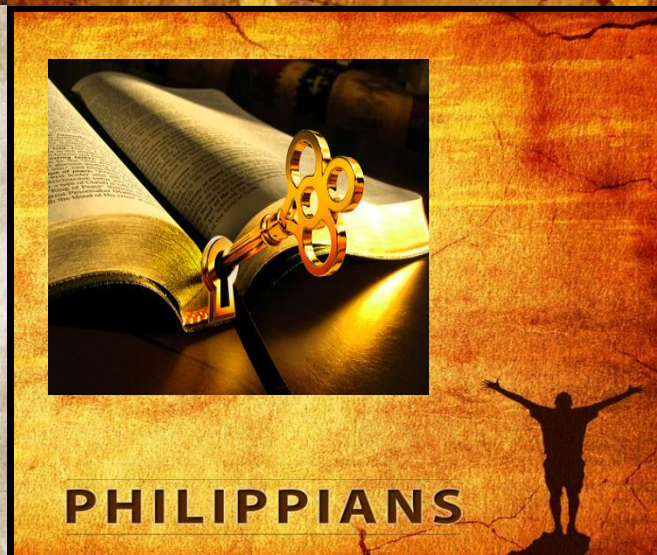
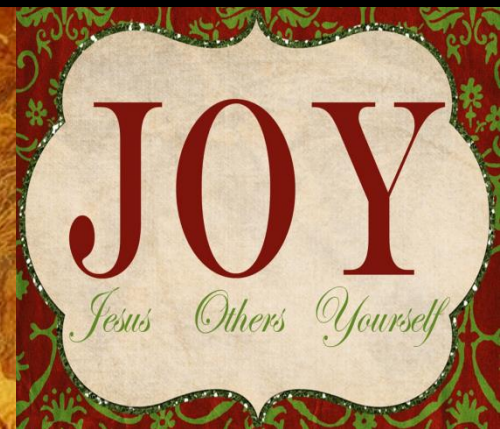
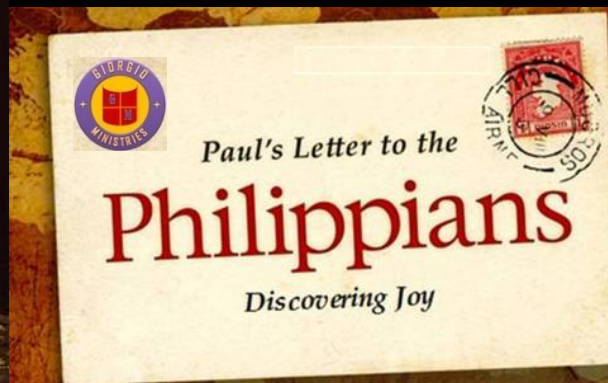
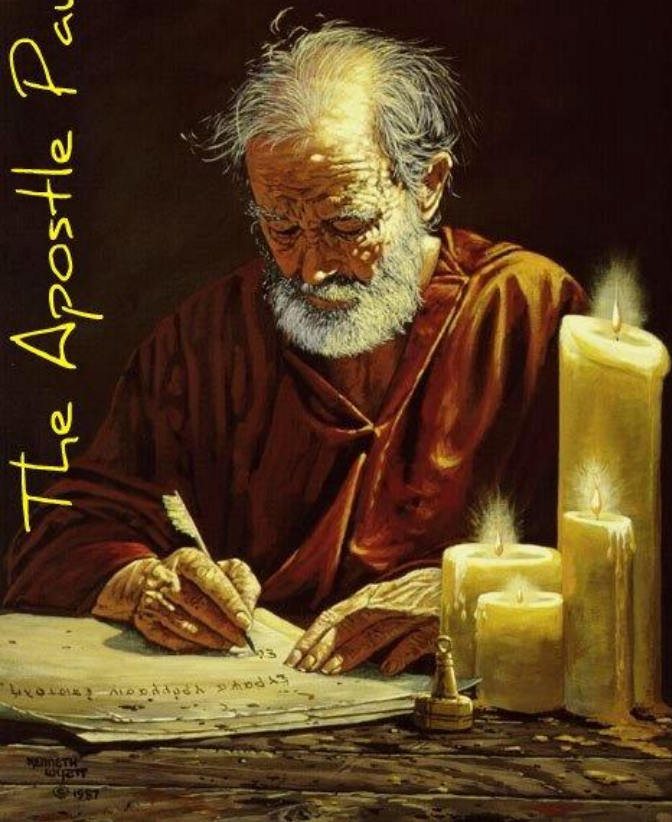




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The Apostle Paul





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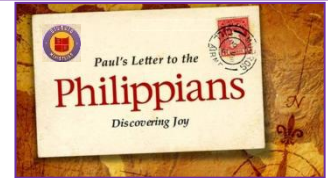


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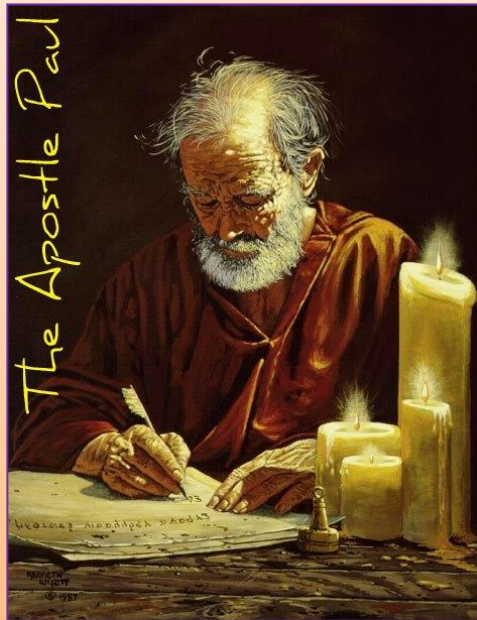
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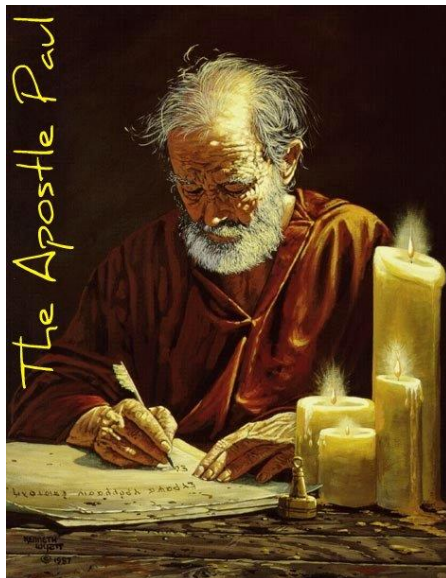


Lesson Preview - INTRODUCTION

• Preview ... THE PRAYER

Both **Paul** and **Timothy** send **greetings**, as the **servants** of **Christ** to the **church** at **Philippi**, specifically **addressing** the **leadership** of the **overseers** and **deacons**. He calls the **believers** there "the **saints** in **Christ**"; he wants **them** to **experience** both **grace** and **peace** from **God** the **Father** and the **Lord Jesus Christ**.

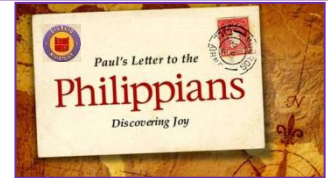
Paul is extremely **complimentary** toward this **church** that seemed to **care** so much for **him**. He tells the **Philippians** that **God** will not cease doing His **spiritual work** in **them**. He mentions **his imprisonment** because of the **gospel** but still **expresses** a longing to be with **them**.



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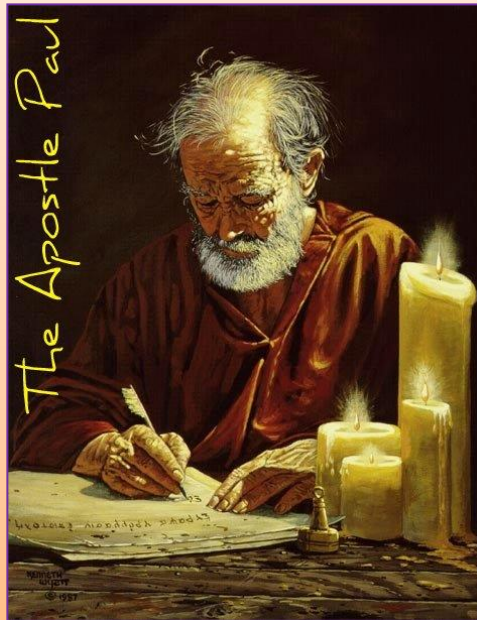


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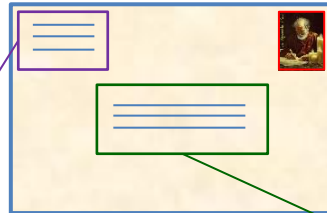


Greetings - Philippians 1:1 - OBSERVATIONS

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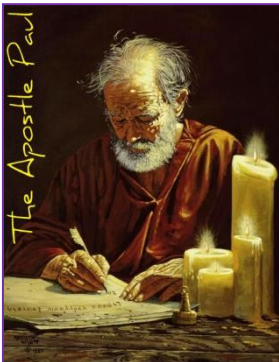
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Letter to the Philippians



CONTENTS:

*Blessing
 Thankfulness
 Confidence
 Abounding Love
 Righteous Character*



FROM:

*The Apostle Paul
 And Timothy
 "Bondservants"*

TO:

*Saints, Bishops
 And Deacons*

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Verses 3-9

• Opening - GREETING

- The opening verse contains what is typically found in the letter greetings from Paul:

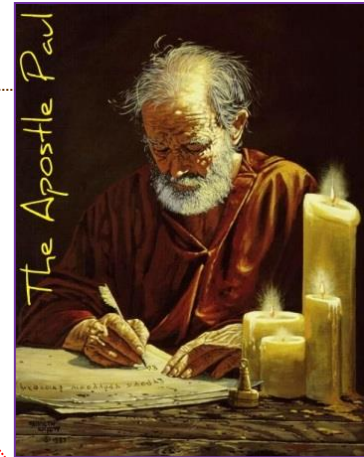
1. Self-identification,
2. Identification of associate(s),
3. Identification of the audience,
4. A blessing, and
5. A prayer of thanksgiving

Romans 1:1-8;

Colossians 1:1-3;

1 Thessalonians 1:1-2;

2 Thessalonians 1:1-3



All the Saints in Philippi

The Apostle Paul wrote this letter to his close friends, the Christians in Philippi, from his Roman house arrest described at the end of Acts (Acts 28:30-31) as he waited for his court appearance before Caesar (around the year A.D. 61).

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amanuensis

noun aman·u·en·sis
 \ə-,man-yə-'wen(t)-səs\

one employed to write from dictation or to copy manuscript

• Timothy - PROFILE

- Paul's associate was Timothy (*Greek, Timotheos*).
- His name is based on a combination of two Greek words meaning "honor" (*timē*) and "God" (*theos*).
 - He was one who honored God and who in turn was honored by God.
- Timothy was well known by the Philippians.
 - He had been in that city on at least 3 occasions and was prepared to go again (Philippians 2:19-23).
- Not only was he Paul's associated, but he also may have been the amanuensis who actually wrote the letter under the apostle's dictation and supervision.
- In six of Paul's epistles, Timothy is joined in salutation.

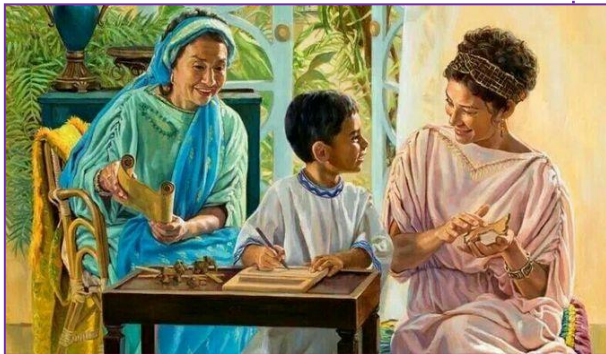
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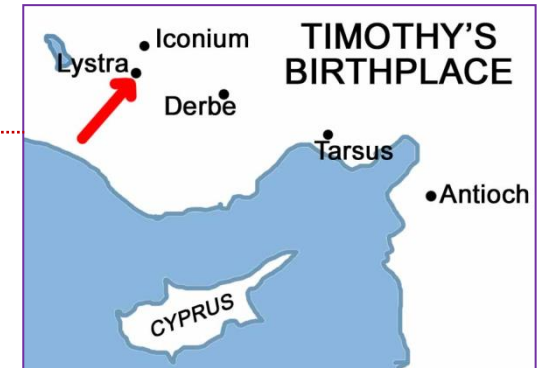
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• Timothy - PROFILE

- A native of Lystra.
- Timothy was the son of a Greek father and a Jewish mother (Acts 16:1).
- In his early youth he was influenced by the godly lives of his mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15).
- He apparently was converted to Christ through the ministry of Paul, during Paul's 1st missionary journey (1 Timothy 2, 18; Acts 14:6-23).
- Because of Timothy's spiritual gifts and maturity, he was selected by Paul to become a missionary team member during the apostle's 2nd missionary journey (Acts 16:1-3).
- Timothy shared in the establishment of the churches in Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea (Acts 16:1-17:14).



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• Bondservants - OF JESUS CHRIST

- Paul and Timothy were “**BONDSERVANTS** OF **JESUS CHRIST**”.
 - They were literally **Christ's** SLAVES (Greek, *doulos*), bought and owned by **Him**.
- To Paul the term “**BONDSERVANT**” was a title of both
 - dignity and humility.
- There was no greater position than to be the **SERVANT** of **Jehovah God**.
 - Moses was a **SERVANT** (Exodus 14:31),
 - The prophets of Israel were **SERVANTS** (Amos 3:7).
 - **Christ** also calls the aged apostle John, **His SERVANT** (Revelation 1:1).

Service is one of the distinctive themes of the epistle; it is the outward manifestation of inner humility and devotion. At His incarnation, Christ took “THE FORM OF A BONDSERVANT” even though He was the sovereign Son of God (Philippians 2:7).

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• All the Saints

- The title “SAINTS” (*Greek, hagios*) is descriptive of all genuine believers.
- It is not restricted to an elite group of spiritual persons, nor does it refer to a few who are declared to be “SAINTS”, years after their lives.
- The term “SAINTS” literally means “TO SET APART” or “SANCTIFY”.
- The word “SANCTIFY” applies to the present-tense form of SALVATION.



PAST:	JUSTIFICATION	- Saved from the PENALTY of Sin
PRESENT:	SANCTIFICATION	- SAVED FROM THE POWER OF SIN
FUTURE:	GLORIFICATION	- Saved from the PRESENCE of Sin

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• Bishops - OVERSEERS

- The “**OVERSEERS**” are the chief presiding officers of the local church.
- The term literally means “**OVERSIGHT**”; comparable to the modern foreman.
- It is one of the three Greek terms used to describe the position of the main church officers.
- The other two are “**ELDER** (*Greek, prebuteros*) and “**PASTOR**” or “**SHEPHERD**” (*Greek, poimēn*).
- These three English terms are used interchangeably to describe the functions of this position (Acts 20:17, 28; 1 Peter 5:1-2).



BISHOP	ἐπίσκοπος
<i>episkopos</i>	e-pē'-sko-pos
A superintendent, i.e. Christian officer in genitive case charge of a (or the) church (literally or figuratively):—bishop, overseer.	

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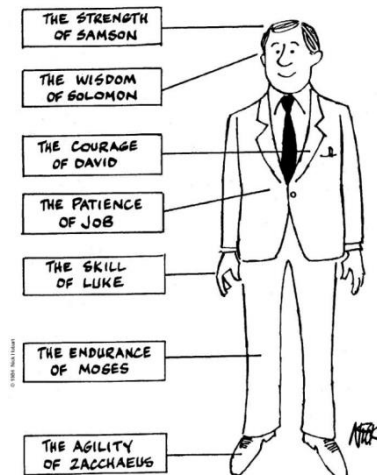
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• Bishops - OVERSEERS

- Although the **THREE** terms describe the same person, it is possible to isolate their distinctives.
- **FIRST**, the concept behind “**PASTOR**” is to shepherd and feed.
 - The main responsibility here is the supply of spiritual nourishment through biblical teaching.
 - A **PASTOR** must be a teacher, first and foremost
Ephesians 4:11; 1 Timothy 3:2.
 - **Pastoral** care has **THREE** goals delineated by **Jesus Himself**:
 1. To **TEACH** the immature, new believers (John 21:15);
 2. To **TEACH** adult believers (John 21:17);
 3. To **GUIDE** all the flock (John 21:16).
- **SECOND**, the essence of the “**OVERSEER**” is to render oversight, to see that the work of the local church is done correctly by the members who have been trained by him.
- **THIRD**, the term “**ELDER**” refers to his position and the respect due him.

The Ideal Pastor



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• Deacons - WAITERS

- The “**DEACONS**” are those officials selected by the church to assist the **ELDERS**.
- The term “**DEACON**” is a compound word in the Greek
 - *dia* - “**THROUGH**”
 - *konis* - “**DUST**”.
- The imagery suggests a man who quickly moves to perform his tasks and kicks up a trail of dust by his haste.

DEACON	διάκονος
<i>diakonos</i>	dē-ä'-ko-nos
An attendant, i.e. a waiter (at table or in other menial duties); a Christian teacher and pastor (technically, a deacon or deaconess):—deacon, minister, servant.	



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• Deacons - WAITERS

- **DEACONS** should relieve the **ELDERS** of lesser responsibilities so that the **ELDERS** might be able to devote more time and energy to prayer and preaching (Acts 6:4).
- The qualifications of **DEACONS** are extremely high 1 Timothy 3:8-13.
- **DEACONS**, need to be dependable servants of the church and faithful assistants to the **PASTOR**.



Greetings - Philippians 1:2 - OBSERVATIONS

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• The Blessing - Grace and Peace

- The content of the blessing is **TWOFOLD**: “**GRACE**” and “**PEACE**”.
 - The **FIRST** word reflects a Greek concept (**GRACE**: *charis*),
 - The **SECOND** manifests a Hebrew (“**PEACE**”: *shalom*).
 - **GRACE** always precedes **PEACE** and forms the foundation for the latter.
- **GRACE**: All believers are justified by **GRACE** through Jesus Christ (Romans 3:24).
- Their acceptable standing before God is maintained by divine **GRACE** (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- The doctrine of **GRACE** reveals that God bestows blessings on believing sinners apart from any merit within them.

GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU

*from God our Father
and the Lord*
JESUS CHRIST.

Greetings - Philippians 1:2 - OBSERVATIONS

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• The Blessing - Grace and Peace

- **PEACE**: When sinners become believing Christians, they gain an unalterable standing of peace with God (Romans 5:1).
- In the world they need the **PEACE** of God for daily protection from hostile attacks upon their mind and heart.
- Paul began and ended the epistle with a request for this sustaining **PEACE** (Philippians 1:2: 4:7, 9).
- The word "**PEACE**" appears three (3) times in this epistle (Philippians 1:2: 4:7, 9).
- The source of this blessing is from **TWO** persons within the divine being:
 - GOD, THE FATHER
 - and the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

*From the fullness of his grace
we have all received one*

Blessing

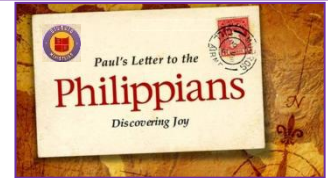
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John 1:16

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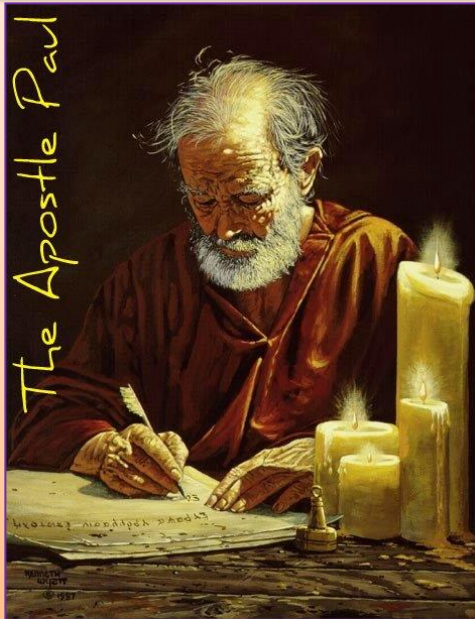


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Thankfulness - Philippians 1:3 - OBSERVATIONS

³ I **thank my God** upon every **remembrance** of **you**, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, ⁵ for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;

--- Philippians 1:3-6 ... NKJV



• Paul Thanked God for the Philippians

• PAUL'S GRATITUDE WAS PERSONAL.

- Paul's GRATITUDE was expressed to "MY GOD".
- God was not distant or impersonal to the apostle
- He was a loving Person who was directly and intimately involved in Paul's affairs (Acts 27:23).

• PAUL'S GRATITUDE WAS CONSTANT.

- The verb "THANK" (*Greek eucharisteō: yū-khā-rē-ste'-ō*) denotes continuous action in present time.
- Paul gave THANKS for the Philippians repeatedly, not just once.

• PAUL'S GRATITUDE WAS ADDRESSED TO GOD.

- In ancient letters the Romans and the Greeks began by giving THANKS to their pagan gods.
- Here Paul directed his praise to the one and only God of the universe (1 Corinthians 8:5-6).

Thankfulness - Philippians 1:4-5 - OBSERVATIONS

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--- Philippians 1:3-6 ... NKJV

• Paul Made Request For The Philippians

• CIRCUMSTANCE OF THE REQUEST.

- “**PRAYER**” and “**REQUEST**” are two translations of the same Greek word (*deēsis*: de'-ā-sēs) that refers to an **ENTREATY** or a **SUPPLICATION**.
- In this passage the **PRAYER** is directed toward **God** only.

*I thank my God
every time I
remember you.*
Philippians 1 vs. 3

Thankfulness - Philippians 1:4-5 - OBSERVATIONS

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• Paul Made Request For The Philippians

• CIRCUMSTANCE OF THE REQUEST.

• FIVE features about the PRAYER are given.

1. It occurred during the apostle's devotional period ("IN EVERY PRAYER").

Whenever he **PRAYED**, he made supplication for the spiritual needs of the church.

The adjective, "**EVERY**" shows that the **PRAYER** was made often.

2. The adverb "**ALWAYS**" indicates that Paul **PRAYED** whenever he remembered the Philippian church.

They were not always on his mind, but when they were, he always made an **ENTREATY** for them.

**NOTHING PROVES THAT YOU
LOVE SOMEONE MORE THAN
MENTIONING THEM IN YOUR
PRAYERS.**

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--- Philippians 1:3-6 ... NKJV

When my arms can't reach people who are close to my heart...

I always hug them with my prayers.



• Paul Made Request For The Philippians

• CIRCUMSTANCE OF THE REQUEST.

• FIVE features about the prayer are given.

3. He made requests continually.

The verb “**MAKING**” (*Greek, poieō: poi-e'-ō*) points out constant activity and duration.

Needs never go away and neither should the supplications for those needs.

4. Paul prayed for **ALL** of them.

This included the SAINTS, BISHOPS, and the DEACONS.

He was no respecter of persons.

He did not divide that local manifestation of the body of **Christ**.

5. The prayers were made “**WITH JOY**”

(*Greek, chara: khä-rä'*).

Here is the first mention of this key word that marks the main theme of the epistle.

Thankfulness - Philippians 1:4-5 - OBSERVATIONS

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--- Philippians 1:3-6 ... NKJV

• Paul Made Request For The Philippians

• BASIS OF THE REQUEST.

- The foundation of the request was the “**FELLOWSHIP**” or “**PARTICIPATION**”.

• THREE features are in view.

1. The noun “**PARTICIPATION**” (*Greek koinōnia: koi-nō-nē'-ä*) denotes sharing, holding something in common. Biblical participation involves believers with one another and with **God** (1 John 1:3).
2. Their **PARTICIPATION** centered “**IN THE GOSPEL**”. Their fellowship advanced the message of redemption centered in **Christ's** death, burial and resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). The source of the **GOSPEL** is **God** (Romans 1:1). The savior of the **GOSPEL** is **Christ** (Romans 1:16). The standard of the **GOSPEL** is grace (Acts 20:24). The substance of the **GOSPEL** is salvation (Ephesians 1:13). The standing of the **GOSPEL** is peace (Ephesians 6:15).
3. The Philippians' **PARTICIPATION** was constant (“**FROM THE FIRST DAY UNTIL NOW**”). It began at the time of their conversion under his ministry and it persisted until the sending of Epaphroditus.



CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Thankfulness - Philippians 1:6 - OBSERVATIONS

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• Paul Had Confidence About the Philippians

- Paul did not place his **CONFIDENCE** in the church
- He placed **CONFIDENCE** in **God** who had saved them and who was working out **His** sovereign purpose through them.
- He knew that **God** always finishes what **He** starts.
- The verb (“AM **CONFIDENT**”) actually refers to a settled persuasion of mind that was the continuing result of a crisis decision in the past.
- Paul knew what **God** had done and was doing in his life, and he also knew that **God** would do the same in their lives.



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Thankfulness - Philippians 1:6 - OBSERVATIONS

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--- Philippians 1:3-6 ... NKJV

• Paul Had Confidence About the Philippians

- GOD **BEGAN A WORK** IN THEM.

- **FIRST**, **GOD** did the work.
- **SECOND**, the “**GOOD WORK**” refers to the applied benefits of salvation secured by the gracious provision of **Christ’s** substitutionary atonement.
 - It includes a righteous standing before **God** (**JUSTIFICATION**), a progressive deliverance from the power of the sin nature (**SANCTIFICATION**), and the prospect of an immortal, incorruptible body (**GLORIFICATION**).
 - It is “**GOOD**” in that it corresponds to the very nature of **God**, who alone is good in and of **Himself** (Mark 10:18; Romans 3:12).
 - We become Christians because **God** has begun to do a good work in us, not because we are doing good works for **God** (Ephesians 2:8-10).
- **THIRD**, the work was begun in them (“**IN YOU**”). Genuine salvation involves a human response to the divine working of the **Holy Spirit**.

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• GOD WILL FINISH THE WORK IN THEM.

- Paul expressed **TWO** more features of his confidence.
- **FIRST**, **God** will thoroughly bring to a purposeful end any work **He** has chosen to do.
He is faithful to **His** promise and purpose (1 Thessalonians 5:24).
 None can stay **His** hand.
- **SECOND**, the time of completion is "THE DAY OF **CHRIST JESUS**".
 This phrase points to the imminent rapture of the church before the seven-year period of tribulation, the seventieth week of Daniel's prophecy (Daniel 9:24-27; Revelation 6-19). It looks at the coming of **Christ** to take believers unto **Himself** (John 14:1-6).
 At that day it will involve the resurrection of the Christian dead and the translation of the living saved
 (1 Corinthians 15:51-53; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).
 According to **God's** sovereign purpose, believers are already glorified in **His** sight (Romans 8:3).
 People observe what is presently happening, but **God** looks at **His** people as what they will be when **He** has finished **His** work in them.

Thankfulness - Philippians 1:7 - OBSERVATIONS

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• Paul Had The Philippians In His Heart

- Paul was often separated geographically from his beloved spiritual children, he frequently expressed his affection through public correspondence

(1 Corinthians 5:3; 2 Corinthians 7:3; Colossians 2:5; 1 Thessalonians 2:17).

- He was always present in spirit, rejoicing and agonizing over what was taking place in their lives.

- THEY WERE IN HIS **THOUGHTS**.

- In this epistle, emphasis is placed upon a holy mind and right thinking (Philippians 1:7; 2:2, 5; 3:15-16, 19; 4:2, 7, 8).
- The adjective "**RIGHT**" (*Greek, dikaiōs: dē'-kī-os*) shows that justified believers should manifest practical righteousness in their thought and attitudes.

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• Paul Had The Philippians In His Heart

• THEY WERE IN HIS ACTIONS.

- **GENUINE LOVE IS RECIPROCAL**. Paul had them in his heart and they had him in their hearts. Paul's concern occurred in **TWO** places.

- **FIRST**, in his "**CHAINS**" or "**HIS IMPRISONMENT**"

(Greek, *desmos*: des-mo's).

In his house, under arrest and chained to soldiers, Paul still thought about the Philippians.

- **SECOND**, Paul showed concern "**IN THE DEFENSE AND CONFIRMATION OF THE GOSPEL**". In the Roman court, he acted as a representative for all the churches.

"**DEFENSE**" (Greek, *apologia*: ä-po-lo-gē'-ä) refers to logical, legal presentation of the truth (Acts 22:1; 1 Peter 3:15).

In Paul's evangelistic outreach, the gospel was confirmed by **God** through the performance of miracles and signs

Mark 16:20; 1 Corinthians 1:6-7; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Hebrews 2:3-4.

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• Paul Had The Philippians In His Heart

• THEY WERE IN **GOD'S GRACE**.

- Both Paul and the Philippians were "**PARTAKERS**" (Greek, *sygkoinōnos*: sūn-koi-nō-no's) of grace.
- The Greek word literally means
 - "**COMMON WITH**" or
 - "**SHARES WITH**".
- Both had been saved by **GRACE**,
- Both were experiencing sustaining **GRACE** in the midst of their respective trials.

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Thankfulness - Philippians 1:8 - OBSERVATIONS

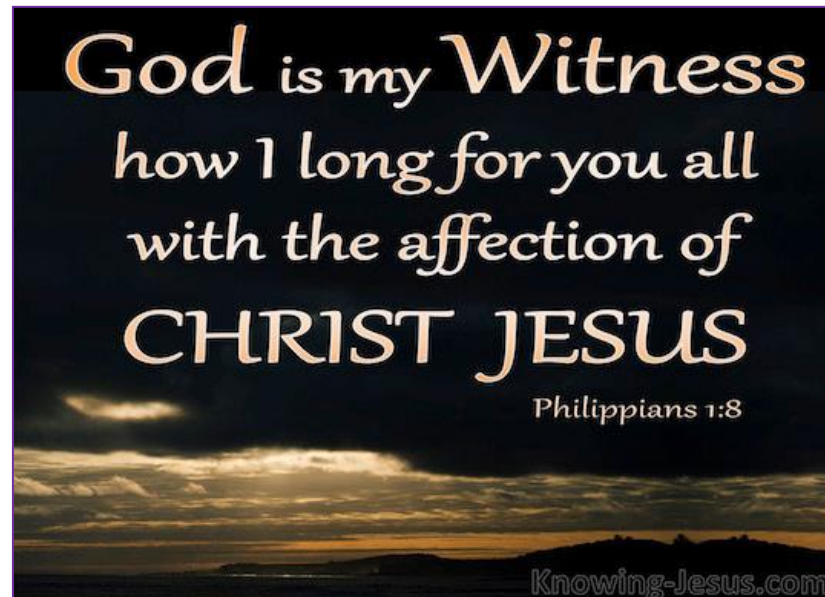
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• Paul Longed For The Philippians

• IT WAS WITNESSED BY GOD.

- Paul used a solemn oath to support his loving concern for the church (“FOR GOD IS MY WITNESS”).
- In his epistles, he often did this ...
Romans 1:9; 2 Corinthians 1:23; 1 Thessalonians 2:5, 10.
- Paul knew his heart, and he also knew that God was aware of his inner feelings.



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• Paul Longed For The Philippians

• IT WAS AN INTENSE DESIRE.

- The two words (“I LONG”) are the translations of just one Greek word (*epipotheō*: e-pē-po-the'-ō).
- It was used of the athlete who strained at the finish line to finish first.
- The object of this emotion was the church, not their money.
- Later, Paul identified with the Philippians as “MY BELOVED BRETHREN WHOM I LONG TO SEE, MY JOY AND CROWN” (Philippians 4:1).



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• Paul Longed For The Philippians

- IT REFLECTED CHRIST.
 - The sphere of desire was in “THE AFFECTION OF CHRIST JESUS”.
 - The term “AFFECTION” (*Greek, splanchnon: splä'nkh-non*) refers to the viscera, the internal organs of the body, including the heart, liver, and intestines.
 - Symbolically and spiritually, it came to mean the seat of emotions with stress on the feelings of love, compassion, and tenderness.
 - As Christ was compassionate, so was Paul.
 - Christ actually desired the Philippians through him.



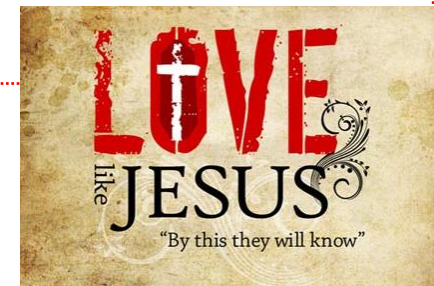
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--- Philippians 1:9-11 ... NKJV

• Abounding Love

- Paul's prayer for the Philippians was mentioned earlier (Philippians 1:3-4). Now its content is set forth ("AND THIS I PRAY").
- When sinners believe in Christ for salvation, the LOVE of God is shed in their hearts by the initial infilling and permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).
- They not only LOVE God, but also LOVE the children of God in whom the same Savior abides (1 John 4:19).
- They are taught by God to LOVE their spiritual brothers (1 Thessalonians 4:9), and this fact gives assurance of personal salvation (1 John 3:14).
- This implanted seed of LOVE, however, must grow.
- It must be cultivated and manifested daily.
- It must not be limited or restricted.



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• Abounding Love

• LOVE'S ABUNDANCE

- The imagery behind this verse is that of a river overflowing its banks during a flood.
- LOVE is the river, and the two banks that form its channel and direction are "KNOWLEDGE" and "DISCERNMENT".
- Christian LOVE must not be a stagnant pool or a slow moving trickle; it must be a raging torrent.
- A flooding river grows wider and more water flows into the system.



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• Abounding Love

• LOVE'S CONTROL

- LOVE, however, must never be misdirected.
- Even a raging river is moving toward a destination within certain bounds. TWO guidances of genuine biblical LOVE;
 - FIRST, love must be expressed in “KNOWLEDGE” (*Greek, epignōsis: e-pē'-gnō-sēs*). This refers to a thorough mental grasp of spiritual truth.
 - Elsewhere Paul prayed that believers might “BE FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL IN ALL SPIRITUAL WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING” (Colossians 1:9).
True LOVE does not act in ignorance. Believers must know what and whom to LOVE.
 - SECOND, LOVE must be in “DISCERNMENT” (*Greek, aisthēsis: īs-thā-sēs*).
True LOVE must DISCRIMINATE between good and evil (Hebrews 5:14) and between important and unimportant issues (1 Corinthians 3:13-23).
Believers must know how to LOVE. Such LOVE must reveal spiritual perception of divine beauty and worth.

Thankfulness - Philippians 1:10 - OBSERVATIONS

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--- Philippians 1:9-11 ... NKJV

• Discerning Approval

- Believers must “**APPROVE THE THINGS THAT ARE EXCELLENT**”.

- This action is the purpose or result of discerning love.
- The verb “**APPROVE**” (Greek, *dokimazō*: do-kē-mä'-zō) was used for assaying metals.
- It means to test with the sense of approval.



⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, 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* anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things.

--- Philippians 4:8 ... NKJV

Thankfulness - Philippians 1:10 - OBSERVATIONS

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--- Philippians 1:9-11 ... NKJV

• Blameless Deportment

• IN DESCRIPTION.

- **TWO** qualities are given:
- **FIRST**, the Philippians should be “**SINCERE**”
(Greek, *eilikrinēs*: ā-lē-krē-nā's).
The word literally means to be “**JUDGED BY THE SUN**”. Ancient jars and vases were examined for disguised cracks by holding them up against the rays of the sun. Hypocrites can fool others, but **God** knows their thoughts and intents (Hebrews 4:12).
- **SECOND**, they should be “**BLAMELESS**” | “**WITHOUT OFFENSE**”
(Greek, *aproskopos*: ä-pro'-sko-pos).
- They should not be like an uneven sidewalk against which a man could stub his toe and fall.
- Believers must not offend the saved or the unsaved (1 Corinthians 10:32).

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• Blameless Deportment

• ITS DURATION.

- The active pursuit of this goal must last an entire lifetime. It is “**UNTIL THE DAY OF CHRIST**”.
- Again, this even refers to the **IMMINENT** coming of **Christ** at the rapture of the church and the subsequent **Judgment Seat of Christ** (Philippians 1:6; 2 Corinthians 5:10).
- If a believer lives in the light of the imminent appearing of **Christ**, he will live a godly life (1 John 3:1-3).



Thankfulness - Philippians 1:11 - OBSERVATIONS

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--- Philippians 1:9-11 ... NKJV

• Righteous Character

• ITS NATURE

- **RIGHTEOUS** fruit can issue only from a **RIGHTEOUS** tree.
- Believing sinners have a justified position before a holy **God**, but they have the personal responsibility to put that new standing into practice (1 John 2:29; 3:7).
- Paul prayed that the Philippians might be permanently "**FILLED WITH THE FRUIT OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS**".
- This **FRUIT** includes
 - the **FRUIT** of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
 - the **FRUIT** of evangelism (Romans 1:13)
 - the **FRUIT** unto holiness (Romans 6:22)
 - the **FRUIT** of good works (Colossians 1:10)
 - the **FRUIT** of thanksgiving (Hebrews 13:15).



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• Righteous Character

• ITS SOURCE

- This fruit comes “**THROUGH JESUS CHRIST**”.
- The **Savior** equated **Himself** with the vine and the believers with the branches (John 15).
- **He** said that they could do nothing apart from **Him**.
- A branch in and of itself cannot produce fruit; rather it must allow the life of the vine to flow through it.
- In like, manner, the believer must allow **Christ** to live **His** life through him or her (Philippians 1:21; Galatians 2:20).



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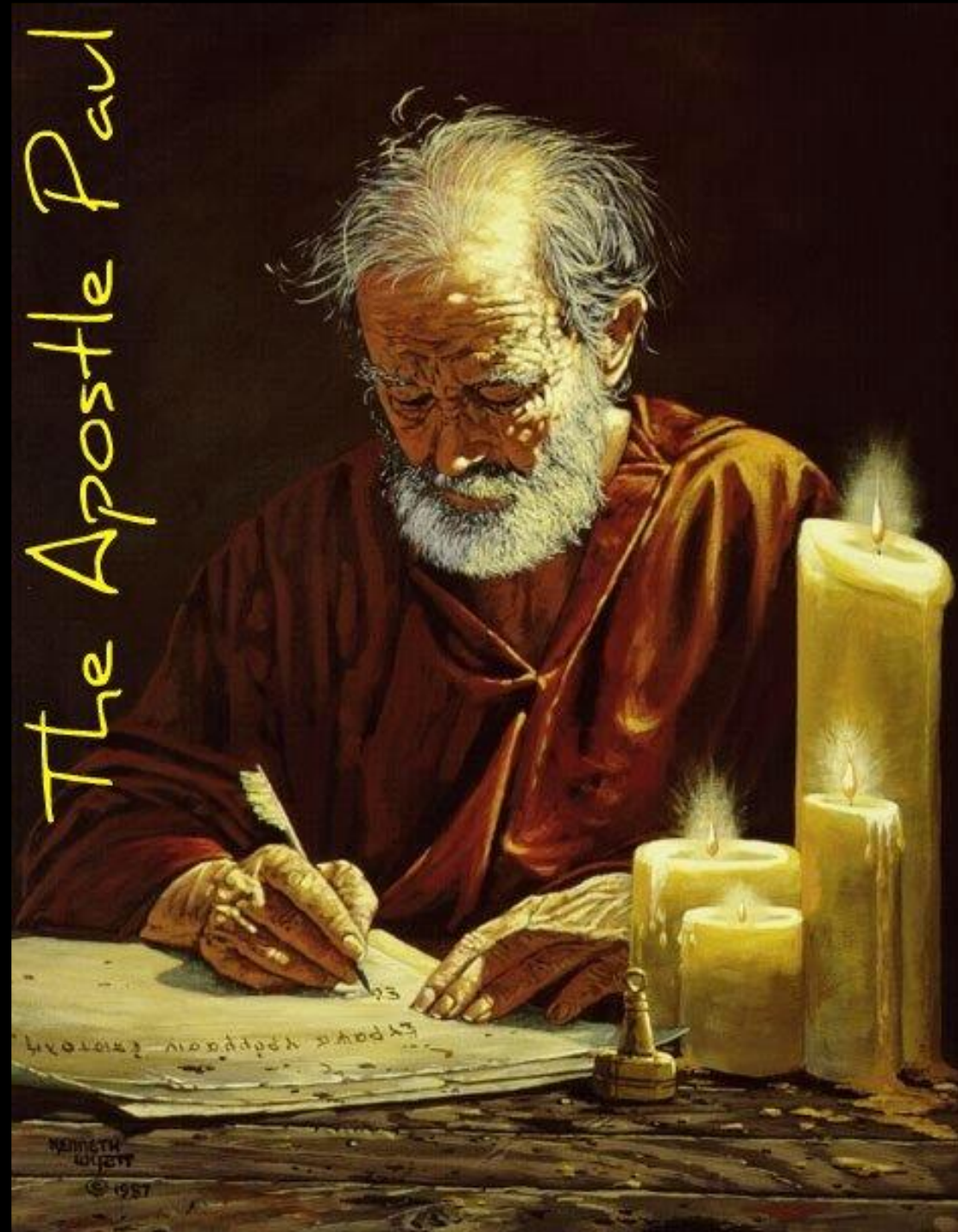
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• Glory Of God

- If Paul's prayer were answered, then the ultimate result would be "THE GLORY AND PRAISE OF GOD".
- The glory of God magnifies who He is, and the praise of God rejoices over what He has done.
- You cannot have one without the other.
- His attributes and His actions are inseparable.

THE GLORY OF
GOD



The Apostle Paul

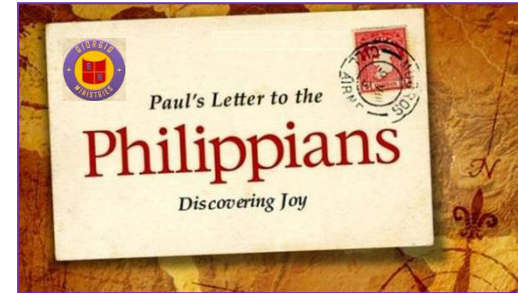
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