

**Epaphroditus: Helpful Messenger**  
**Philippians 2:25-30**

- I. RECOGNIZE: "Epaphroditus...distressed" (vv.25-27)**
- A. Ambassador:** "necessary to send...Epaphroditus" (v.25)
1. Paul's Worker: "brother...fellow-worker...fellow-soldier"
  2. Philippian's Worker: "your messenger/minister to my needs"
- B. Anguish:** "he was longing for you all" (vv.26-27)
1. Weighed Down: "longing for you all...distressed" (v.26)
  2. Withheld Death: "God had mercy on him...on me" (v.27)
- II. REJOICE: "sent...that...you may rejoice" (v.28)**
- A. Filled with Joy:** "that...you may rejoice"
- B. Free from Grief:** "that...I may be less concerned"
- III. RECEIVE: "receive him...with all joy" (vv.29-30)**
- A. Reception:** "receive him..." (v.29a)
1. Spiritually: "in the Lord"
  2. Personally: "with all joy"
- B. Reputation:** "hold...in high regard" (vv.29b-30)
1. Service: "because he came close to death for...Christ"
  2. Sacrifice: "risking his life...in...service to me"