

## HOW TO \_\_\_\_\_ LIVE IN THE NEW YEAR

### The Epistle to the Philippian Believers

Intro: As we have begun a New Year, I imagine we have done some reflection back over the past year. In our reflecting we may have been reminded of things we wish we had done differently, \_\_\_\_\_ we wish we had not said, actions we wish we had not taken, \_\_\_\_\_ we wish we had not given in to, sins we wish we had not committed. As with any year, there are \_\_\_\_\_ we did not attain, and commitments we did not keep. If we enter this New Year carrying a bag filled with the \_\_\_\_\_ of 2023, we will begin a new season in our life headed in the wrong direction. We are commanded to move forward with great anticipation of spiritual success (Cf. 3:12-14). God is a God of mercy and grace, and with the beginning of a new year, we are \_\_\_\_\_ the opportunity for a new beginning. So, how do we start the New Year correctly?

#### I. In Chapter 1 Paul is:

- A. Rejoicing in the \_\_\_\_\_ for the Philippian believers **Vs 1-10**
  1. Our grace and peace come from God alone **Vs 2**
    - a. *Grace*-“That which causes joy, pleasure, gratification, favor, acceptance, for a kindness granted or desired, a benefit, thanks, gratitude. A favor done without expectation of return; the absolutely free expression of the loving kindness of God to men.” [Zodhiates, S. (2000). In [The complete word study dictionary: New Testament](#) (electronic ed.). AMG Publishers.]
    - b. *Peace*-“Peace of mind, tranquility, arising from reconciliation with God and a sense of a divine favor. [Zodhiates, S. (2000). In [The complete word study dictionary: New Testament](#) (electronic ed.). AMG Publishers.]
  2. God \_\_\_\_\_ the work in us at salvation **Vs 6a**
  3. God will \_\_\_\_\_ the work in us through sanctification now, and glorification at the resurrection **Vs 6b**
- B. Reflecting on the \_\_\_\_\_ he has with the believers at Philippi **Vs 7-8**
  1. They had joined forces with Paul to \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel
  2. This relationship had become \_\_\_\_\_ to Paul
- C. Remembering to \_\_\_\_\_ for the continued spiritual growth of fellow believers **Vs 9-11**
  1. He prayed their \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ would continue to grow **Vs 9**
  2. He prayed they would have \_\_\_\_\_ in their walk for Christ **Vs 10**
  3. He prayed their life would be spiritually fruitful \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 11**
- D. Resolute in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel **Vs 12-18**
  1. The Gospel was advancing into places that seemed to be \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 12-13**
  2. Other believers were being \_\_\_\_\_ by the advance of the Gospel **Vs 14**
  3. The motive behind the preaching didn't matter, the Gospel was being preached and the \_\_\_\_\_ were hearing it. **Vs 15**
- E. Reevaluating his \_\_\_\_\_ in life **Vs 19-30**
  1. To live in and for \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 19-21**
  2. To \_\_\_\_\_ to others in Christ **Vs 22-26**
- F. Reminding the believers at Philippi to \_\_\_\_\_ faithful to Christ **Vs 27-30**
  1. \_\_\_\_\_ fast in the Holy Spirit Vs 27a
  2. Have \_\_\_\_\_ purpose-to advance the Gospel Vs 27b
  3. Live \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 28
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ difficulties in life as a believer Vs 29-30
    - a. Count it a \_\_\_\_\_ to suffer for Christ, since He suffered to bring about our salvation Vs 29
    - b. Learn from the example of \_\_\_\_\_ and their suffering Vs 30

II. In Chapter 2 Paul is:

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ the believers to Christ's example **Vs 1-11**
1. Look for the: **Vs 1**
    - a. \_\_\_\_\_ we receive from Christ's example
    - b. \_\_\_\_\_ we receive from Christ's love to us
    - c. \_\_\_\_\_ we receive from Christ's Spirit (The Holy Spirit)
  2. Live \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ **Vs 2**
  3. Live \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ **Vs 3-4**
  4. Live with a Christ-like attitude **Vs 5-8**
    - a. \_\_\_\_\_ self-exaltation **Vs 5-7**
    - b. Obedience to Father's \_\_\_\_\_ for us individually **Vs 8**
  5. Leave the \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father **Vs 9-11**
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ the believers to live a Christ-filled life **Vs 12-18**
1. The Father is in \_\_\_\_\_, therefore, as His Children, obey his will **Vs 12-13**
  2. Obedience leaves \_\_\_\_\_ room for arguing and complaining among yourselves **Vs 14**
  3. Remember we have a testimony to keep as believers in this \_\_\_\_\_ world **Vs 15-16a**
  4. Be an encouragement to \_\_\_\_\_ believers **Vs 16b-18**
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ information about those they knew who were walking examples of the Christ-filled life **Vs 19-30**
1. Timothy was a \_\_\_\_\_ servant of the Lord, Paul, and the people of Philippi  
**Vs 19-23**
  2. Epaphroditus, who had come from the church at Philippi to Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 25-30**