

PHILIPPIANS
Joyful Partnership
Lesson 2
Chapter 1:11b-2:

Lesson 1 Review: Paul established Philippian church c51. He is writing this letter in c61, so about 10 years have passed. Paul is under house arrest, chained to a Roman guard in Rome. Paul loves the people in Philippi and the Koinonia (partnership) they have in spreading the gospel. His prayers and desire is that they continue to grow in knowledge and discernment in Christ Jesus, i.e to become more "sanctified"

The Prayer: vs 9-11.

3. The Praise: v. 11b

For God's glory: everything "he" does, everything we should do! Matt 6:9, John 15:8

Advance of the Gospel (Maintaining Joy)

"..it's amazing how little you complain about things inside the church when you are reaching out to lost people" CCE, p. 10

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has actually resulted in the advance of the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard, and to everyone else, that my imprisonment is in the cause of Christ. ¹⁴ Most of the brothers in the Lord have gained confidence from my imprisonment and dare even more to speak the message fearlessly.

"Regardless of what situation you are in, _____ on the gospel of Christ"

Key Words: _____ and _____ (confidence)

"Why are we cowards when it comes to speaking the gospel?" CCE p. 55

¹⁵ To be sure, some preach Christ out of envy and strife, but others out of good will. These do so out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel; ¹⁷ the others proclaim Christ out of rivalry, not sincerely, seeking to cause me anxiety in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What does it matter? Just that in every way, whether out of false motives or true, Christ is proclaimed. And in this I rejoice. ...

2 groups: (1) the _____ and (2) the _____. Group 1 – different situation than "false teachers."

Beware of _____!

Living Is Christ

^{18b} Yes, and I will rejoice (Hab 3:18; 1 Chron 16:35; Neh 12:43) ¹⁹ because I know this will lead to my deliverance through your prayers and help from the Spirit of Jesus Christ. ²⁰ My eager expectation and hope is that I will not be ashamed about anything, but that now as always, with all boldness, Christ will be highly honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For me, living is Christ and dying is gain.

In life, suffering or death, Paul will _____

The prayers of the people/Spirit of Jesus Christ discussion....

boldness _____ highly honored _____

v21 – Paul’s _____ statement!

²² Now if I live on in the flesh, this means *fruitful* work for me; and I don’t know which one I should choose. ²³ I am pressured by both. I have the desire to depart and be with Christ—which is far better—²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am persuaded of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that, because of me, your confidence may grow in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

pressured – Paul’s _____ departing?

Paul is going to stay around because/for:

1. their _____ and _____
2. that confidence may _____
3. to _____ them again.

“Everyone wants to live, and everyone will die. But there is only one way to have a life worth living and a death worth dying, and that is to look to the One who conquered death..” CCE, p. 73

Living the Gospel Together

²⁷ Just one thing: Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or am absent, I will hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind, working side by side for the faith that comes from the gospel, ²⁸ not being frightened in any way by your opponents. This is a sign of destruction for them, but of your deliverance—and this is from God.

Live your life – (politeuesthai) _____ of the Gospel.

If Paul were to visit Sandy Ridge, we would want him to find what? _____ in the fellowship!

Spreading the gospel should be a _____ sport.

v. 28 We hope he would find _____ as well!

²⁹ For it has been given to you on Christ’s behalf not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for Him, ³⁰ having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I have.

Suffering for Christ’s sake is a _____. Acts 5:41

UNITY!

2 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

4 Unifiers: (1) _____ (2) _____

(3) _____ (4) _____ & _____

V. 2 Circle the expressions of Unity

Unity is promoted through _____ and putting _____ first.