

Philippians Series

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Philippians Overview Philippians 1:1–4:23





BLACK SEA

MACEDONIA

THRACE

BITHYNIA AND PONTUS

GALATIA

ASIA

CAPPADOCIA

CILICIA

PAMPHYLIA

LYCIA

CARIA

ACHAIA



Philippi

Neapoli

Troas

Byzantium (Istanbul)

Nicaea

Pergamum

Mitylene

Sardis

Smyrna

Ephesus

Laodicea

Miletus

Perga

Attalia

Iconium

Lystra

Derbe

Tarsus

Antioch

Salamis

Cyprus

Paphos

Hamath

Thessalonica

Amphipoli

Apollonia

Thasos

Samothrace

Lemnos

Lesbos

Delphi

Evvoia

Athens

Corinth

Sparta

Chios

Naxos

Patmos

Rhodes

Crete

MARMARA SEA

AEGEAN SEA

Sangarius River

Halys River

Lake Tuz

Orontes River

River

Outline

- 1A Introduction, Phil. 1:1–11**
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- 5A The ability to rejoice in the Lord always is based on a God-centered mental attitude, Phil. 4:2–20**
- 6A Concluding greetings, Phil. 4:21–23**

Phil. 1:1,

“Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ,

**To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with
the bishops and deacons:”**

Acts 16:1, “Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek.

Acts 16:2, “He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium.”

Timothy

Phil. 2:19, “But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state.

Phil. 2:20, “For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state.

Phil. 2:21, “For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.

Phil. 2:22, “But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel.

Phil. 2:23, “Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me.”

1A Introduction, Phil. 1:1–11

1B Paul and Timothy greet the Philippian saints.

Phil. 1:1, “Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Phil. 1:2, “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

1A Introduction, Phil. 1:1–11

2B Thanksgiving

Phil. 1:6, “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;

Phil. 1:7, “just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.”

1A Introduction, Phil. 1:1–11

3B Prayer

Phil. 1:9, “And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment,

Phil. 1:10, “that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,

Phil. 1:11, “being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”

**2A Paul's Joy for the Expansion of the Gospel,
Phil. 1:12–26**

**1B Paul's imprisonment and the reactions to
it, Phil. 1:12–18**

2B Paul's focus: To live is Christ, Phil. 1:19–26

Phil. 1:12, “But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel,

Phil. 1:13, “so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ;

Phil. 1:14, “and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.”

Phil. 1:15, “Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill:

Phil. 1:16, “The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains;

Phil. 1:17, “but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel.”

2A Paul's Joy for the Expansion of the Gospel, Phil. 1:12–26

2B Paul's focus: To live is Christ, Phil. 1:19–26

Phil. 1:19, “For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

Phil. 1:20, “according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.”

Phil. 1:21, “For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

- 3A** **A worthy walk is characterized by standing firm in one spirit, Phil. 1:27–2:30**
- 1B** **Fulfill my joy by having a mental attitude of humility, Phil. 2:1–4**
- 2B** **Develop the same mental attitude as the Lord Jesus Christ, Phil. 2:5–11**
- 3B** **Grow spiritually by holding fast to the Word of life, Phil. 2:12–18**

Phil. 2:1, “Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,

Phil. 2:2, “fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.”

Phil. 2:5, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

Phil. 2:6, “who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

Phil. 2:7, “but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

Phil. 2:8, “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Phil. 2:9, “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,”

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**3B Grow spiritually by holding fast to the Word
of life, Phil. 2:12–18**

**Phil. 2:12, “Therefore, my beloved, as you have
always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now
much more in my absence, work out your own
salvation with fear and trembling;**

**Phil. 2:13, “for it is God who works in you both to
will and to do for His good pleasure.**

**Phil. 2:14, “Do all things without complaining and
disputing,”**

Phil. 2:15, “that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

Phil. 2:16, “[by] holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.”

**4C Paul's example of humility as he is poured out as a sacrificial offering for their service to growth, that we may all rejoice.
Phil. 2:17–18**

Phil. 2:17, “Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.

Phil. 2:18, “For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me.”

5C Timothy is qualified because:

He has the same mindset as Paul and cares for the spiritual welfare of the Philippian church, 2:20

Timothy doesn't seek his own desires, but the priorities of Jesus Christ, 2:21

All the others have their own agenda, not Christ's, 2:21

Timothy has a proven character of serving Paul, 2:22

Paul will send him quickly, and he himself also hopes to come, 2:23–24

Paul will also send Epaphroditus, because of his great concern for the Philippians.

6C Paul will also send Epaphroditus, because of his great concern for the Philippian believers. 2:25–30.

**4A Joy, a fruit of the Spirit characterized by contentment, tranquility, emotional stability, should not be based on the shifting tempests of circumstances such as false teachers, false doctrine such as legalism, but should have its focus on the Triune God and His plan for our lives.
Phil. 3:1–21**

- 1B Paul summarizes the next section with the command to rejoice in the Lord, Phil. 3:1**
- 2B Paul then warns them of one form of opposition which involves the evils of legalism which focuses on human effort, ability, and achievements, rather than the work of Christ alone, Phil. 3:2**
- 3B Instead we are to focus on Christ, Phil. 3:3, rejoice in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh.**
- 4B Paul uses his life before salvation as an example of the useless confidence in human ability, Phil. 3:4–6.**

Phil. 3:7, “But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.

Phil. 3:8, “Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

Phil. 3:9, “and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;”

Phil. 3:10, “that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Phil. 3:11, “if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.”

Phil. 3:12, “Not that I have already attained, or am already matured; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

Phil. 3:13, “Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

Phil. 3:14, “I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

Phil. 3:17, “Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

Phil. 3:18, “For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

Phil. 3:19, “whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.”

Phil. 1:27, “Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,”

Phil. 4:1, “Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.”

**5A The ability to rejoice in the Lord always is based on
a God-centered mental attitude, Phil. 4:2–20**

Phil. 4:5, “Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

Phil. 4:6, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

Phil. 4:7, “and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Phil. 4:8, “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.”

Phil. 4:9, “The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.”

Phil. 4:10, “But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity.

Phil. 4:11, “Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:

Phil. 4:12, “I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

Phil. 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” ~NKJV

Phil. 4:15, “Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.

Phil. 4:16, “For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities.

Phil. 4:17, “Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.

Phil. 4:18, “Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.” ~NKJV

Phil. 4:19, “And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” ~NKJV

Phil. 4:20, “Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Phil. 4:21, “Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you.

Phil. 4:22, “All the saints greet you, but especially those who are of Caesar’s household.

Phil. 4:23, “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.”