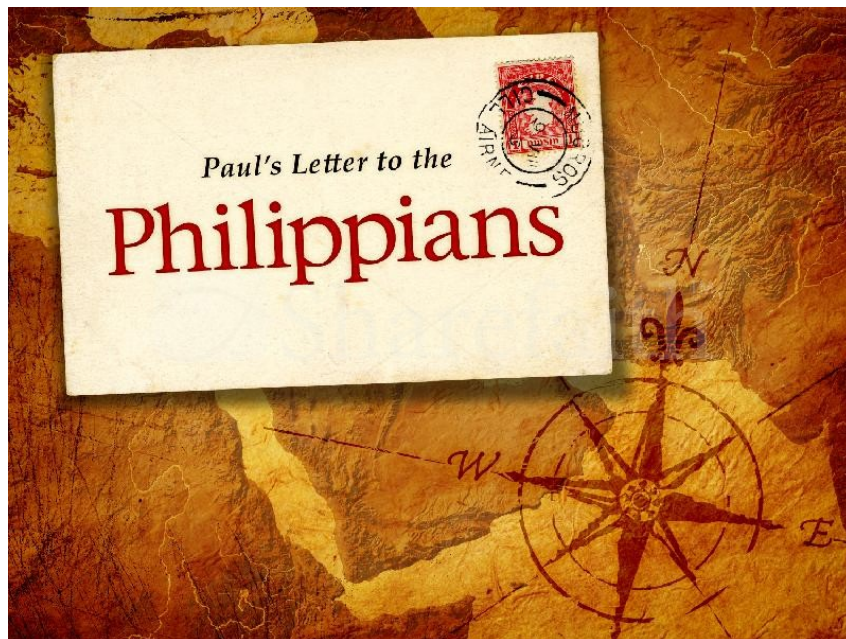


Study Notes on



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A prison Epistle (Phil.1:7) of the Apostle Paul.

Written at Rome about 62, 63 or 64 A.D. and sent by Epaphroditus (2:25-30) to the Church at Philippi.

Note Acts 16:9-40, I Thess.2:2 and Acts 20:6 (A.D.53)

The Macedonian vision, prayer meeting by side of river, Lydia, seller of purple; demon possessed girl delivered; Paul and Silas in prison, sing, are freed by the Lord, jailer converted and baptized.

Paul had been some time in Rome (1:12) and was expecting to be released (1:24-25---2:23-24)

Epaphroditus had come from Philippi (2:25) and had become very sick, nearly dying (2:27) but was raised up (2:27) and is now returning to Philippi (2:28-29).

The epistle to the Philippians is a friendly letter, a tone of love prevailing throughout its 4 chapters. It has more of praise and less of censor than Paul's other epistles.

It was written to:

1. Show and promote deeper and more joyful fellowship.
 - a. with Paul and the ministry
 - b. among themselves. Note 1:27, 2:1-4, 14 4:2
(note, the words Fellowship, same, all, and every in this connection.)
2. Present proper Christian perfection. 1:9-11, 2:5,12-13, 15, 3:3,8-16.
 - a. Lowliness of mind
 - b. No glorying in the flesh
 - c. Work out your own salvation for it is God which worketh in you.
(Note, the word mind in this connection)
3. Thank them for their offering. 4:10-20.

The Theme or Central thought -- "Joyous Fellowship"

Note these words:-

1. Fellowship (gr.koinoneo) 1:5--continuous fellowship.
2:1--fellowship of the Spirit.
3:10--fellowship of Christ's sufferings.
communicate 4:15--fellowship by giving
(gr.koinoneo--this word is also translated communion.
also koinonos means partaker, partner, companion.

(Fellowship three times, communicate 1 time. Same root in Greek therefore really 4 times.

2.	<u>All</u> -- 26 times		<u>Every</u> -- 11 times	-- Total of both
	1:1	2:26	1:3	all and every--
	1:4	2:29	1:4	37 times
	1:7	3:8	1:18	
	1:7	3:8	2:9	
	1:8	3:21	2:10	
	1:9	4:5	2:11	
#	1:13	4:7	4:21	
	1:13	4:12	4:6	
	1:20	4:13	4:12	
	1:25	4:18	Every	
	2:14	4:19	\$ 2:4	
	2:17	4:22	\$ 2:4	
	2:21	4:23		

blank-Gr. pas- 34 times. #Gr. olos-1 time. \$Gr. ekastos-2 times

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3. Joy--6 times. Rejoice--9 times. Rejoiced--1 time Rejoicing--1 time
 # 1:4 " 1:18 " 4:10 % 1:26
 # 1:25 % 2:16
 # 2:2 @ 2:17
 " 2:17 @ 2:18
 " 2:18 " 2:28 Gladness--1 time
 # 4:1 " 3:1 # 2:29
 \$ 3:3
 " 4:4
 " 4:4 Total of all -- 18 times
- " Gr. Chairo -- 8 times % Gr. Kauchema -- 2 times
 # Gr. Chara -- 5 times @ Gr. Sugchairo -- 2 times
 \$ Gr. Kauchaomai -- 1 time
4. Mind--11 times. Think--1 time. Careful--1 time. Care--1 time.
 \$ 1:27 1:7 4:10 4:10
 2:2
 2:2
 % 2:3
 2:5 Total of All -- 14 times
 3:15
 3:15
 3:16
 3:19
 4:2
 # 4:7
- Gr. phroneo -- 11 times (blank) Gr. pusche -- 1 time (\$)
 Gr. noemo -- 1 time (#) Gr. tapeinophrosune -- 1 time (%)
5. One -- 6 times Same -- 6 times
 1:16 1:30
 1:27 2:18
 1:27 3:1
 2:2 3:16
 2:2 3:16
 3:13 4:2

CHAPTER I. Fellowship (Joyous) that is steadfast.

Salutation. vs. 1-2

Paul and Timotheus servants

to all saints--bishops and deacons

(a model N.T. Church)

1. Joyous Progressive (continuous) Fellowship in the Gospel. vss. 3-11

From the first day (past) until now (present) and until

the day (future) of Jesus Christ. vs. 5-6

Fellowship in--(1. Paul's bonds

(2. Paul's defence and confirmation of the Gospel. vs.7

Fellowship in Paul's prayer. vs.8-11

2. Joyous Fellowship in persecution for the Glory of God. vss. 12-30

- a.
- For Paul.
- vs. 12-26

1. This persecution furthered the Gospel. 12-18

2. Paul's deliverance and continuation. 19-26

To be of help to them

Paul ready to die but willing to live to minister.

- b.
- For the Philippians.
- vs. 27-30

"Stand fast" "striving together" in unity

in their persecutions (suffering).

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CHAPTER 2

1. Joyous Fellowship by humility of mind. vs. 1-16a
 - a. Exhortation to unity in unselfishness. vs 1-4
 - b. Example of Christ's humility. vs. 5-11
The example of Christ with and for us in humility.

<u>God</u> (before)	1. "In the form of God".
	2. "Equal with God".
1. Made Himself of <u>no reputation.</u>	
2. Took upon Him the <u>form of a servant.</u>	
3. Was made in the <u>likeness of man.</u>	
<u>Humbled</u> (then)	4. Being found in <u>fashion as a man.</u>
	5. <u>Humbled Himself.</u>
	6. <u>Became obedient unto death.</u>
	7. <u>Even the death of the Cross.</u>
1. Highly exalted by God. vs 9a.	
Glorified(now)	2. Preeminent Name. vs 9b
	3. Universal authority. vs.10--(cf. Isa.45:23 (21-25)
	4. Universal worship. vs.11
 - c. Inwrought salvation outworked. 12-16a.
Fellowship in humility of mind demonstrated.
2. Paul's (joyous) fellowship in them. vs.16b-18.

Paul	not run in vain	
	not labor in vain	for them
	sacrifice with joy	
	rejoice in the day of Christ	
3. Timothy's (joyous) fellowship. vs.19-24
(note. Acts 16:1-3, 11-12. Timothy with Paul and Silas.)
with Paul
with the Philippians
4. Epaphroditus' (joyous) fellowship. vs.25-30
with Paul
with the Philippians
unto sickness nearly unto death.

CHAPTER 3

1. Joyous Fellowship in the Spirit, not in the flesh. vs. 1-21
 - a. Warning concerning Judaizers. vs.1-2

Beware of	1. Dogs
	2. Evil workers
	3. The concision
 - b. Contrasted to the true circumcision--in the Spirit. vs. 3
 - c. Example of Paul. vs. 4-14
 1. Paul in the flesh. vs 4-7a

gain for	a. Circumcised the eighth day
Paul but	b. Of the stock of Israel
counted	c. Of the tribe of Benjamin
loss for	d. An Hebrew of the Hebrews
CHRIST.	e. As touching the law, a Pharisee
	f. Concerning Zeal, persecuting the church.
	g. Touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

CHAPTER 3 (Continued)

2. Paul in Christ. vs. 7b-10
(the Holy Spirit)
 - a. Excellency of the knowledge of Christ.
 - b. Win Christ.
 - c. Found Christ.
 - d. Righteousness of (in) Christ.
 - e. Know Christ.
 - f. Power of Christ's Resurrection.
 - g. fellowship Christ's sufferings.

Unto
3. Paul's aim--the Prize of the High Calling of God in Christ. vs. 11-14.
 - a. To attain the resurrection out from among the dead.
 - b. To be perfect.
 - c. To apprehend that for which he was apprehended of Christ Jesus
- 3a. How to attain?
 - a. Follow after. vs 12
 - b. Forgetting the things behind. vs. 13a.
 - c. Reaching forth to things which are before.
 - d. Press toward the mark.
- d. Exhortation unto fellowship in the Spirit. vs. 15-17
 Follow the example of Paul- flesh refuse--Christ all
 In Christian perfection. vs. 15
 Maintain a spirit of unity. vs. 16
 Apostolic example. vs. 17.
 Because of:
- e. The Contrast of the Fleshly and the Spiritual. vs. 18-21
 1. The Fleshly - vs. 18-19
 Their Walk as enemies of the Cross of Christ
 Their end -- destruction
 Their God -- their belly
 Their Glory -- their shame
 Their Mind -- earthly things.
 2. The Spiritual - vs. 20-21
 Our conversation (citizenship A.R.V.) in heaven (spiritual)
 Our Saviour - The Lord Jesus Christ -- Coming from heaven
 Our bodies - heavenly (spiritual)
 changed--the body of humiliation
 to a body like unto His glorious body
 according to His Power.

CHAPTER 4 -

1. Joyous Fellowship promoted by the following things. vs. 1-9
(or admonitions that promote Fellowship)
 - a. Stedfastness in the Lord. vs.1
 - b. Likemindedness (same mind) in the Lord. vs.2
 - c. Co-operation with workers for the Lord. vs.3
 - d. Rejoicing in the Lord. vs.4
 - e. Moderation (forbearance-C. & H. & A.R.V.) (gentleness--Inter)
The 2nd coming in view - note I John 3:3
 - f. Freedom from anxiety. vs. 6-7
 The cure for anxiety is:
 Prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving.
 The result is:
 The peace of God keeping your hearts and minds.
 - g. Holy-mindedness (proper meditations or proper thought life). vs.8
 - h. Apostolic Christianity (Paul's doctrine and life). vs.9
 "learned--received--heard--and seen in me" -- "do"
 The result: The God of peace shall be with you. (cf.4:7a)
2. Joyous Fellowship in Giving. vs. 10-20

2 Cor.8:1-5 -- They were poor but very liberal.

Paul rejoices in the Lord because of their giving. vs. 10

In abundance -- in lacking -- Paul is content.

In all -- Christ strengthened him.

Former gifts. vs. 15-16

 1. Fruit. vs. 17
 2. An odor of sweet smell of. Gen. 8:21
 Lev. 1:9, 13, 17 vs.18
 Eph. 5:2
 3. An acceptable sacrifice
 (This offering was an offering of the flesh for they were poor)

All their needs to be supplied. vs.19

A promise to those who give like the Philippians.

Salutations and Benediction. vs. 21-23

Salute every saint.

All the saints salute you--The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.