Philippians

1 Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus, to
all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi,
together with the overseers and deacons:
2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God every time I remember you,
4 always making my petition with joy in every
prayer of mine for all of you,
5 because of your partnership in the gospel
from the first day until now.
6 I am confident of this very thing: the one
who began a good work in you will bring it to
completion by the day of Christ Jesus.
7 It is right for me to think this way about all
of you, because I have you in my heart. In both
my chains and the defense and confirmation of
the gospel, you all share in grace with me.
8 For God is my witness how I long for all of
you with the deep affection of Christ Jesus.
9 And this is my prayer: that your love may
overflow more and more in knowledge and all
discernment,
10 so that you may approve what is best and be
sincere and blameless for the day of Christ,
11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that
comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and
praise of God.

12 I want you to know, brothers and sisters,
that what has happened to me has actually
advanced the gospel,
13 so that it has become clear throughout the
whole imperial guard and to everyone else that
my chains are for Christ.
14 And most of the brothers and sisters, having
gained confidence in the Lord through my
chains, dare all the more to speak the word
without fear.
15 Some indeed proclaim Christ out of envy
and strife, but others out of goodwill.
16 The latter do so out of love, knowing that I
am appointed for the defense of the gospel;
17 the former proclaim Christ out of selfish
ambition, not sincerely, thinking to stir up
affliction in my chains.
18 What then? Only that in every way, whether
in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and
in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to
rejoice,
19 for I know that this will turn out for my
deliverance through your prayers and the
supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
20 according to my eager expectation and hope
that I will be put to shame in nothing, but with
all boldness, now as always, Christ will be
magnified in my body, whether through life or
through death.
21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
22 But if I live in the flesh, this means fruitful
labor for me. Yet I do not know what to choose.

23 I am pressed between the two: I desire to
depart and be with Christ, for that is far better,
24 but remaining in the flesh is more necessary
for your sake.
25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain
and continue with you all for your progress and
joy in the faith,
26 so that through my presence with you again,
your boasting in Christ Jesus may overflow on
my account.

27 Only live as citizens in a manner worthy of
the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and
see you or am absent, I may hear about you that
you stand firm in one spirit, striving together
with one soul for the faith of the gospel,
28 and are not intimidated in anything by your
opponents. This is a sign to them of destruction,
but of your salvation, and this is from God.
29 For it has been granted to you for Christ's
sake not only to believe in him but also to suffer
for him,
30 having the same struggle that you saw in
me and now hear that I still have.

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1 Therefore, if there is any encouragement in
Christ, any comfort from love, any fellowship of
the Spirit, any deep affection and compassion,
2 complete my joy by being of the same mind,
having the same love, united in soul, thinking as
one.

3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,
but in humility consider others above
yourselves,
4 each looking not only to his own interests,
but also to the interests of others.
5 Let this mind be among you, which was also
in Christ Jesus,
6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider
equality with God something to cling to,
7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave
and becoming like human beings.
And being found in appearance as a man,
8 he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the
point of death—even death on a cross.
9 Therefore God also exalted him to the highest
place and graciously gave him the name
above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should
bow, in the heavens and on earth and
under the earth,
11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is
Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always
obeyed, not only in my presence but now much
more in my absence, work out your own
salvation with fear and trembling,
13 for it is God who works in you both to will
and to work for his good pleasure.
14 Do everything without grumbling or
arguing,
15 so that you may become blameless and
pure, children of God without blemish in the

midst of a crooked and perverse generation,
among whom you shine as lights in the world,
16 holding fast to the word of life, so that I may
boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in
vain or labor in vain.
17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink
offering upon the sacrifice and service of your
faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all.
18 In the same way, you too should rejoice and
share your joy with me.

19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to
you soon, so that I too may be encouraged when
I learn how you are.
20 For I have no one of the same mind who
will sincerely care for your situation.
21 For they all seek their own interests, not
those of Jesus Christ.
22 But you know his proven character: like a
child with a father, he served with me for the
gospel.
23 So I hope to send him as soon as I see how
things will go with me,
24 and I am confident in the Lord that I myself
will also come soon.

25 But I thought it necessary to send you
Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker
and fellow soldier, your messenger and minister
to my need,
26 because he was longing for you all and was
distressed because you had heard that he was ill.
27 Indeed, he was ill and near death. But God
had mercy on him, and not only on him but also

on me, so that I would not have sorrow upon sorrow.
28 Therefore I sent him all the more eagerly, so that when you see him again you may rejoice and I may be less sorrowful.
29 So welcome him in the Lord with all joy, and hold people like him in honor,
30 because he came near death for the work of Christ, risking his life to supply what was lacking in your service to me.

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1 Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble for me and is a safeguard for you.
2 Watch out for the dogs, watch out for the evil workers, watch out for the mutilators.
3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God, boast in Christ Jesus, and put no confidence in the flesh,
4 though I myself have grounds for confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he has grounds for confidence in the flesh, I have more:
5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;
6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness in the law, blameless.
7 But whatever things were gain to me, I have counted as loss for Christ.
8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of

all things, and I count them as garbage, so that I
may gain Christ
9 and be found in him, not having a
righteousness of my own from the law, but that
which is through faith in Christ, the
righteousness from God based on faith,
10 to know him and the power of his
resurrection and participation in his sufferings,
being conformed to his death,
11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection
from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained it or have
already been brought to completion, but I press
on to take hold of it, because I too was taken
hold of by Christ.
13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I
have taken hold of it. But one thing I do:
forgetting what is behind and stretching toward
what is ahead,
14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of
God's upward call in Christ Jesus.
15 Therefore let all of us who are mature think
this way. And if you think differently in
anything, God will reveal this to you as well.
16 Only let us keep in step with what we have
attained.

17 Join together in imitating me, brothers and
sisters, and observe those who walk according
to the example you have in us.
18 For many walk as enemies of the cross of
Christ. I have often told you about them, and
now tell you even with tears.

19 Their end is destruction, their god is their
belly, and their glory is in their shame. Their
minds are set on earthly things.
20 For our citizenship is in the heavens, from
which we also eagerly await a Savior, the Lord
Jesus Christ,
21 who will transform our body of humiliation
to be conformed to his body of glory, by the
power that enables him also to subject all things
to himself.

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1 Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters
whom I long for, my joy and crown, stand firm
in the Lord in this way, beloved.

2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of
the same mind in the Lord.
3 Yes, I ask you too, true companion, to help
these women, who struggled alongside me in the
gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my
fellow workers, whose names are in the book of
life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say,
rejoice!
5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
The Lord is near.
6 Be anxious about nothing, but in everything,
by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let
your requests be made known to God.
7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will guard your hearts and your
thoughts in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is
true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever
is commendable, if there is any excellence and if
there is anything worthy of praise, think about
these things.
9 Practice what you learned and received and
heard and saw in me, and the God of peace will
be with you.
10 I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that now at
last your concern for me has blossomed again.
You were concerned before, but lacked the
opportunity.
11 I am not saying this out of need, for I have
learned to be content in whatever
circumstances I am in.
12 I know how to be brought low, and I know
how to abound. In every circumstance and in all
things I have learned the secret, both of being
well fed and of going hungry, both of having
abundance and of being in need.
13 I can do all things through the one who
strengthens me.
14 Nevertheless, you did well to share in my
affliction.
15 You Philippians also know that in the
beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia,
no church shared with me in the matter of
giving and receiving except you alone,
16 for even in Thessalonica you sent help for
my need more than once.
17 It is not the gift I seek, but the fruit that
increases to your account.

18 I have received everything in full and have
more than enough. I am well supplied, having
received from Epaphroditus what you sent, a
fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice pleasing
to God.
19 And my God will supply every need of yours
according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
20 To our God and Father be the glory forever
and ever. Amen.
21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The
brothers and sisters with me greet you.
22 All the saints greet you, especially those of
Caesar's household.
23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with
your spirit.

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