

EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

Philippians

brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the Gospel;

13 So that my bonds in all the palace, and in all other places, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to preach Christ without fear.

14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, and peace, from God the Lord Jē-šūs every remembrance of mine for you all the gospel from every thing, that he work in you will Jē-šūs Christ: to think this of my heart; inas- much as in the defence of the gospel, ye all are greatly I long Jē-šūs Christ. love may know and what are ex- pected without righteous- ness, my lab- our into the

15 Some indeed preach Christ of contention, and strife; and some also of good will: 16 The one preach Christ not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: 17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel. 18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice. 19 For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jē-šūs Christ, and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. 20 According to my expectation I shall be saved through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jē-šūs Christ, and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 But if I live, I will labour; and if I die, I will be with Christ: which is better by far. 23 Therefore I will not be ashamed, for I know whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts. 24 Grace be with all them that love our faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jē-šūs Christ in sincerity. Ā'-mēn.

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- Arrogance of Philippians
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Paul and Timothy, bond-servants
of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus
who are in Philippi, including the
overseers and deacons:

Philippians 1:1

KURIOS

Master



DOULOS

(slave,
servant)

A relationship of absolute dependence in which the *total commitment* of the DOULOS on the one side corresponds to the *total claim* of the KURIOS on the other.

His master could do with him as he desired.

**“Why do you call Me,
'Lord, Lord,' and do
not do what I say?”**

Luke 6:46

Are they servants of Christ?—I speak as if insane—I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death.

Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes.

Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep.

2 Corinthians 11:23–28

I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren;

I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.

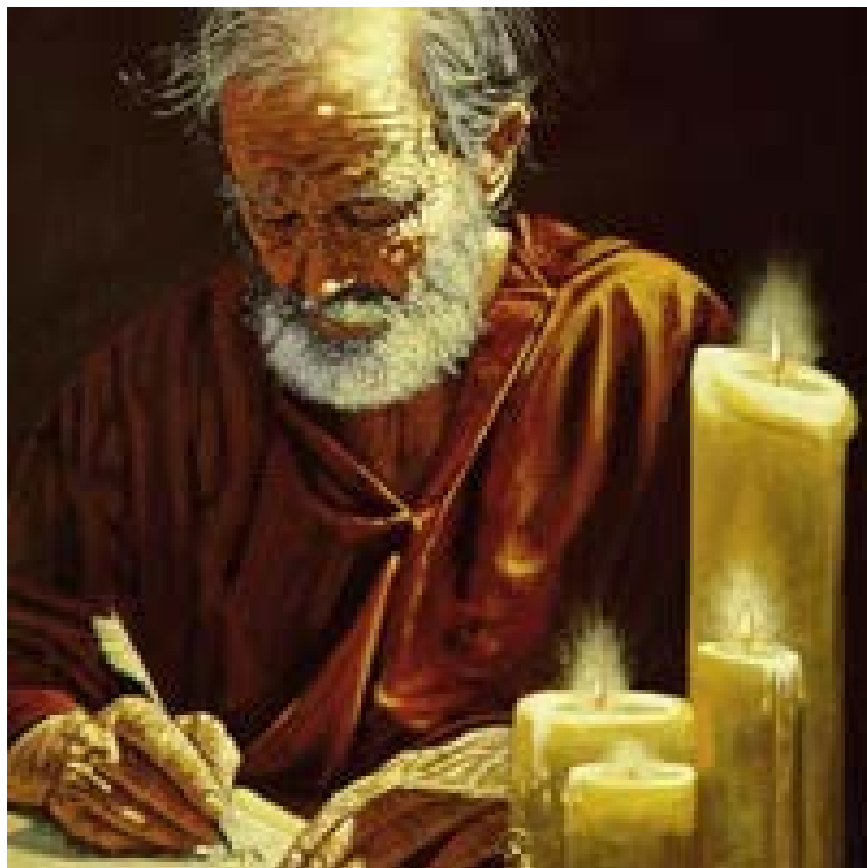
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Apart from such external things, there is the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches.

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2 Corinthians 11:23–28

PAUL





HUMILITY

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

Philippians 2:5–7

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Conduct yourselves worthy of the gospel 1:27

Politeuomai:

To live as a citizen

For our citizenship

is in heaven. Phil 3:20

Humility is needed in Philippi
so Paul starts his letter in
utter humility:
I am a slave to Jesus!

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Overseer- EPISKOPOS

Deacons- DIAKONOS



A leader who watches over, directs, cares,

and is accountable

for an assembly of believers

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Therefore, having been
justified by faith, we have
peace with God through
our Lord Jesus Christ,

Romans 5:1

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Romans 15:26 For Macedonia and

Achaia have been pleased to make a

contribution for the poor among the

saints in Jerusalem.

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2 Corinthians 9:13 Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them...

KOINONIA- usually fellowship

Philippians 4:15–16 You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; **16** for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs.

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