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Chapter 1

(1) Paul and Timothy,^a the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the bishops {pastors} and deacons:

(2) Grace *be* to you, and peace,^b from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

(3) I thank my God every time I remember you,

(4) Always in my every prayer for you all making request with joy,

(5) Because of your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;

(6) Being confident of this very thing, that He Who has begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:^c

(7) Even as it is appropriate for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; since both in my bonds, and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all share in my grace.

(8) Because God is my witness, how greatly I long after you all with the compassion of Jesus Christ.

(9) And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and *in* all judgment;

(10) That you may approve things that are excellent; that you may be sincere and without offense until the day of Christ;^d

(11) Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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Joy of Adversity

(12) But I desire that you should understand, brothers, that the things *which happened* to me have turned out rather to the furtherance of the gospel;

(13) So that my bonds in Christ are clearly seen in all the palace, and in all other *places*;

(14) And many of the brothers in the Lord, growing confident because of my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

(15) Some indeed preach Christ even out of envy and strife; and some also of good will:

(16) The one preach Christ from contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:

(17) But the other out of love, knowing that I am set for the defense of the gospel.

(18) What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretense, or in truth, Christ is preached; and in that I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.

(19) Because I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

1:1a – Timothy – Acts 16:1

1:2b – Grace and Peace – grace always precedes peace – Rom. 1:7; I Cor. 1:3;

II Cor. 1:2; Gal. 1:3; Eph. 1:2; Col. 1:2; I Thes. 1:1; II Thes. 1:2; I Tim. 1:2;

II Tim. 1:2; Tit. 1:4; Philemon 1:3; I Pet. 1:2; II Pet. 1:2; II Jn. 1:3 – grace means receiving something as a free gift that is totally undeserved

1:6c - the day of Jesus Christ - the day of the rapture – See note on I Cor. 1:8; 15:26

1:10d – the day of Christ – the day of the rapture

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(20) According to my earnest expectation 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) Because to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

(22) But if I live in the flesh, this *is* the fruit of my labor: yet what I shall choose I do not know

(23) Because I am in a strait between two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

(24) Nevertheless to remain in the flesh *is* more needful for you.

(25) And having this confidence, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;

(26) That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.

(27) Only let your conversation be as it becomes the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be 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;

(28) And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

(29) Because to you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake;

(30) Having the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear *to be* in me.

Session 3: Sept. 19, 2021 Philippians 2:1-15 Joy Through Humility

Chapter 2

(1) If *there is* therefore any encouragement in Christ, if there is any comfort of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if there is any compassion and mercies,

(2) Fulfill my joy, that you be like minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

(3) *Let* nothing *be done* through strife or selfish ambition; but in humility let each consider others better than themselves.

(4) Let everyone not look out just for his own interests, but let everyone also look out for the interests of others.

(5) Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

(6) Who, being in the form of God, did not think it robbery to be equal with God:

(7) But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

(8) And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross.