

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Philippians

¹ Paul and Timotheus, bondmen of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with [the] overseers and ministers; ² grace to you, and peace from °God our Father and [the] Lord Jesus Christ. ³ I thank my °God for my whole remembrance of you, ⁴ constantly in my every supplication, making the supplication for you all with joy, ⁵ because of your fellowship with the gospel, from the first day until now; ⁶ having confidence of this very thing, that he who has begun in you a good work will complete it unto Jesus Christ's day: ⁷ as it is righteous for me to think this as to you all, because ye have **me** in your hearts, and that both in my bonds and in the defence and confirmation of the glad tidings ye are all participators in my grace. ⁸ For °God is my witness how I long after you all in [the] bowels of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in full knowledge and all intelligence, ¹⁰ that ye may judge of and approve the things that are more excellent, in order that ye may be pure and without offence for Christ's day, ¹¹ being complete as regards the fruit of righteousness, which [is] by Jesus Christ, to °God's glory and praise. ¹² But I

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would have you know, brethren, that the circumstances in which I am have turned out rather to the furtherance of the glad tidings, ¹³ so that my bonds have become manifest [as being] in Christ in all the praetorium and to all others; ¹⁴ and that the most of the brethren, trusting in [the] Lord through my bonds, dare more abundantly to speak the word of °God fearlessly. ¹⁵ Some indeed also for envy and strife, but some also for good will, preach the Christ. ¹⁶ These indeed out of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the glad tidings; ¹⁷ but those out of contention, announce the Christ, not purely, supposing to arouse tribulation for my bonds. ¹⁸ What is it then? at any rate, in every way, whether in pretext or in truth, Christ is announced; and in this I rejoice, yea, also I will rejoice; ¹⁹ for I know that this shall turn out for me to salvation, through your supplication and [the] supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ; ²⁰ according to my earnest expectation and hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but in all boldness, as always, now also Christ shall be magnified in my body whether by life or by death. ²¹ For for me to live [is] Christ, and to die gain; ²² but if to live in flesh [is my lot], this is for me worth the while: and what I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ But I am pressed by both, having the desire for departure and being with Christ, [for] [it is] very much better, ²⁴ but remaining in the flesh [is] more necessary for your sakes; ²⁵ and having confidence of this, I know that I shall remain and abide along with you all, for your progress and

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joy in faith; ²⁶ that your boasting may abound in Christ Jesus through me by my presence again with you. ²⁷ Only conduct yourselves worthily of the glad tidings of the Christ, in order that whether coming and seeing you, or absent, I may hear of what concerns you, that ye stand firm in one spirit, with one soul, labouring together in the same conflict with the faith of the glad tidings; ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by the opposers, which is to them a demonstration of destruction, but of your salvation, and that from °God; ²⁹ because to you has been given, as regards Christ, not only the believing on him but the suffering for him also, ³⁰ having the same conflict which ye have seen in me, and now hear of in me.

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¹ If then [there be] any comfort in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of [the] Spirit, if any bowels and compassions, ² fulfil my joy, that ye may think the same thing, having the same love, joined in soul, thinking one thing; ³ [let] nothing [be] in the spirit of strife or vain glory, but, in lowliness of mind, each esteeming the other as more excellent than themselves; ⁴ regarding not each his own [qualities], but each those of others also. ⁵ For let this mind be in you which [was] also in Christ Jesus; ⁶ who, subsisting in the form of °God, did not esteem it an object of rapine to be on an equality with °God; ⁷ but emptied himself, taking a bondman's form, taking

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his place in [the] likeness of men; ⁸ and having been found in figure as a man, humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, and [that the] death of [the] cross. ⁹ Wherefore also °God highly exalted him, and granted him a name, that which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of heavenly and earthly and infernal [beings], ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord to °God [the] Father's glory. ¹² So that, my beloved, even as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much rather in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is °God who works in you both the willing and the working according to [his] good pleasure. ¹⁴ Do all things without murmurings and reasonings, ¹⁵ that ye may be harmless and simple, irreproachable children of °God in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation; among whom ye appear as lights in [the] world, ¹⁶ holding forth [the] word of life, so as to be a boast for me in Christ's day, that I have not run in vain nor laboured in vain. ¹⁷ But if also I am poured out as a libation on the sacrifice and ministration of your faith, I rejoice, and rejoice in common with you all. ¹⁸ In like manner do ye also rejoice, and rejoice with me. ¹⁹ But I hope in [the] Lord Jesus to send Timotheus to you shortly, that I also may be refreshed, knowing how ye get on. ²⁰ For I have no one like-minded who will care with genuine feeling how ye get on. ²¹ For all seek their own

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things, not the things of Jesus Christ. ²² But ye know the proof of him, that, as a child a father, he has served with me in the work of the glad tidings. ²³ Him therefore I hope to send immediately, as soon as I shall see how it goes with me: ²⁴ but I trust in [the] Lord that I myself also shall soon come; ²⁵ but I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow-workman and fellow-soldier, but your messenger and minister to my need, ²⁶ since he had a longing desire after you all, and was distressed because ye had heard that he was sick; ²⁷ for he was also sick close to death, but ^o God had mercy on him, and not indeed on him alone, but also on me, that I might not have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ I have sent him therefore the more diligently, that seeing him ye might again rejoice, and that **I** might be the less sorrowful. ²⁹ Receive him therefore in [the] Lord with all joy, and hold such in honour; ³⁰ because for the sake of the work he drew near even to death, venturing his life that he might fill up what lacked in your ministration toward me.

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¹ For the rest, my brethren, rejoice in [the] Lord: to write the same things to you, to me [is] not irksome, and for you safe. ² See to dogs, see to evil workmen, see to the concision. ³ For **we** are the circumcision, who worship by [the] Spirit of ^o God, and boast in Christ Jesus, and do not trust in flesh. ⁴ Though **I** have [my] trust even in flesh; if any other think to trust in flesh, **I** rather: ⁵ as to

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circumcision, [I received it] the eighth day; of [the] race of Israel, of [the] tribe of Benjamin, Hebrew of Hebrews; as to [the] law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, persecuting the assembly; as to righteousness which [is] in [the] law, found blameless; ⁷ but what things were gain to me these I counted, on account of Christ, loss. ⁸ But surely I count also all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all, and count them to be filth, that I may gain Christ; ⁹ and that I may be found in him, not having my righteousness, which [would be] on the principle of law, but that which is by faith of Christ, the righteousness which [is] of °God through faith, ¹⁰ to know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, ¹¹ if any way I arrive at the resurrection from among [the] dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained [the prize], or am already perfected; but I pursue, if also I may get possession [of it], seeing that also I have been taken possession of by Christ [Jesus]. ¹³ Brethren, I do not count to have got possession myself; but one thing — forgetting the things behind, and stretching out to the things before, ¹⁴ I pursue, [looking] towards [the] goal, for the prize of the calling on high of °God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ As many therefore as [are] perfect, let us be thus minded; and if ye are any otherwise minded, this also °God shall reveal to you. ¹⁶ But whereto we have attained,

[let us] walk in the same steps. ¹⁷ Be imitators [all] together of me, brethren, and fix your eyes on those walking thus as you have us for a model; 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: ¹⁹ whose end [is] destruction, whose °god [is] the belly, and [their] glory in their shame, who mind earthly things:) ²⁰ for **our** commonwealth has its existence in [the] heavens, from which also we await the Lord Jesus Christ [as] Saviour, ²¹ who shall transform our body of humiliation into conformity to his body of glory, according to the working of [the] power which he has even to subdue all things to himself.

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¹ So that, my brethren, beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, thus stand fast in [the] Lord, beloved. ² I exhort Euodia, and exhort Syntyche, to be of the same mind in [the] Lord; ³ yea, I ask thee also, true yokefellow, assist them, who have contended along with me in the glad tidings, with Clement also, and my other fellow-labourers, 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 of all men. The Lord [is] near. ⁶ Be careful about nothing; but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to °God; ⁷ and the peace of °God, which surpasses every understanding, shall guard your hearts and

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your thoughts by Christ Jesus. ⁸ For the rest, brethren, whatsoever things [are] true, whatsoever things [are] noble, whatsoever things [are] just, whatsoever things [are] pure, whatsoever things [are] amiable, whatsoever things [are] of good report; if [there be] any virtue and if any praise, think on these things. ⁹ What ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, these things do; and the °God of peace shall be with you. ¹⁰ But I rejoiced in [the] Lord greatly, that now however at length ye have revived your thinking of me, though surely ye did also think [of me], but lacked opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I speak as regards privation, for as to me **I** have learnt in those circumstances in which I am, to be satisfied in myself. ¹² I know both how to be abased and I know how to abound. In everything and in all things I am initiated both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer privation. ¹³ I have strength for all things in him that gives me power. ¹⁴ But ye have done well in taking part in my affliction. ¹⁵ And know also **ye**, O Philippians, that in [the] beginning of the gospel, when I came out of Macedonia, no assembly communicated [anything] to me in [the] way of giving and receiving save **ye** alone; ¹⁶ for also in Thessalonica once and even twice ye sent to me for my need. ¹⁷ Not that I seek gift, but I seek fruit abounding to your account. ¹⁸ But I have all things in full supply and abound; I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things [sent]

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from you, an odour of sweet savour, an acceptable sacrifice, agreeable to °God. ¹⁹ But my °God shall abundantly supply all your need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ But to our °God and Father [be] glory to the ages of ages. Amen. ²¹ Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who [are] with me salute you. ²² All the saints salute you, and specially those of the household of Caesar. ²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ [be] with your spirit. Amen.

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