

PHILIPPIANS

Book note for Philippians

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Chapter note for Philippians 1

3 He testifieth his thankfulness to God, and his love toward them, for the fruits of their faith, and fellowship in his sufferings, 9 daily praying to him for their increase in grace. 12 He sheweth what good the faith of Christ had received by his troubles at Rome, 21 and how ready he is to glorify Christ either by his life or death: 27 exhorting them to unity, 28 and to fortitude in persecution.

Php 1:1

Philippi = lover of horses (in a political sense).

Php 1:6

Deu. 18:18 and Jn. 6:29 identify the “good work.”

Php 1:8

Isa. 16:11 connects the harp to the bowels and Psa. 147:7 invokes us to praise the Lord upon the harp. 2:1.

Php 1:10

The day of Christ (2:16; 2 Th. 2:2) is at the rapture because of the context of 2 Th. 2:2, and the fact that it marks the end of the time that an offence could happen. Some versions remove the “day of Christ” here. (Cf. note to 2 Th. 2:2 for more.)

Php 1:16

Verses 16 and 17 are reversed in Vaticanus and Sinaiticus and so transmitted in Nestle. They are not reversed in the Majority and Received Texts.

Php 1:18

During the twentieth century it became fashionable among American Christians to deny its Biblical foundation. This was done on the grounds that some or all of the founding fathers were Deists. According to these Christians, to be contrary minded is hypocritical; the founding fathers were “out of the will of God.” Yet according to this verse, it is better that some pretend faith in Christ than that they not pretend or openly oppose the faith.

Php 1:22

Wot is here used in the sense of “my wits do not reveal to me” as opposed to “know.” *Wot* is a dynamic form of *weten*, to know, and is related to *witness* and the Old Dutch, *wet*, meaning law.

Php 1:28

I.e., their view is “you’re crazy; too crazy to know when to be afraid.”

Chapter note for Philippians 2

1 He exhorteth them to unity, and to all humbleness of mind, by the example of Christ's humility and exaltation: 12 to a careful proceeding in the way of salvation, that they be as lights to the wicked world, 16 and comforts to him their apostle, who is now ready to be offered up to God. 19 He hopeth to send Timothy to them, whom he greatly commendeth, 25 as Epaphroditus also, whom he presently sendeth to them.

Php 2:1

1:8.

Isa. 16:11 connects the harp to the bowels and Psa. 147:7 invokes us to praise the Lord upon the harp.

Php 2:2

Father: love, soul (v. 4).

Son: mind (of Christ), body (cf. vv. 5-8).

Holy Ghost: accord, spirit (vv. 9-11).

Php 2:3

Mind, has in it a sense of heeding or obedience -- v. 5.

Php 2:5

Cf. note to v. 3. 1 Cor. 2:16. Also Rom. 12:2.

Job 23:13.

Php 2:6

The steps of Christ's descent from God to man (with vv. 7-8).

Php 2:7

God's servant -- Isa. 53:11; Heb. 10:7.

Php 2:8

See Mk. 14:33.

Php 2:9

Heb. 13:15.

Php 2:12

2 Pet. 1:10 parallels this verse.

Php 2:13

Implies God's will is not always done by us -- contra Calvin.

"Of" implies man is finite, but God's good pleasure is infinite.

Php 2:14

What of Paul's disputes with the Jews? But verses 15-16 says to what end we should not murmur and dispute: to the end that we shine as lights.

Php 2:15

Mat. 5:14.

Php 2:16

The day of Christ is at the rapture (1:10; 2 Thes. 2:2).

Chapter note for Philippians 3

1 He warneth them to beware of the false teachers of the circumcision, 4 shewing that himself hath greater cause than they to trust in the righteousness of the law: 7 which notwithstanding he counteth as dung and loss, to gain Christ and his righteousness, 12 therein acknowledging his own imperfection. 15 He exhorteth them to be thus minded, 17 and to follow him, 18 and to decline the ways of carnal Christians.

Php 3:2

See note to Rev. 22:15 -- dogs attack, especially in packs. They will attack lambs, even when trained to protect the flock with the shepherd. They type those cults such as Charismatics, Catholics, Adventists, Judaizers, etc. who prey on new believers.

Php 3:6

Thus the law is condemned for it allows the persecution of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, of the innocent.

Php 3:8

Psa. 73:25; Col. 3:2.

Php 3:9

Paul speaks as a Jew as per Rom. 3:30, q.v. True righteousness comes through the faith of Christ (not our faith in Christ). This is the righteousness which is of God by faith signifies that Christ is God. The Gentiles are thus justified through faith, whereas the Jews are justified by faith, needing to also believe that Jesus Christ is God.

Php 3:10

Thus there is a death that is not conformable to Christ's, e.g., the second death.

Php 3:12

We are predestinated to be conformed to the image of Christ (Rom. 8:29-30; Eph. 1:5, 11). Paul here admits he is still a long way from that image. Some come closer than others in achieving it in this life, but there is always that desire in us to attain it in the flesh. In the flesh it is impossible to please God (Rom. 8:8). So, we must be free of this mortal coil before our predestinated end is in sight.

Php 3:17

1 Cor. 4:16; 1 Th. 1:6; 2:14; Heb. 6:12.

Php 3:20

A pro-pre-tribulation reference.

Chapter note for Philippians 4

1 From particular admonitions 4 he proceedeth to general exhortations, 10 shewing how he rejoiced at their liberality towards him lying in prison, not so much for the supply of his own wants, as for the grace of God in them. 19 And so he concludeth with prayer and salutations.

Php 4:2

Euodias = prosperous journey.

Syntyche = accident, chance meeting.

Php 4:3

Book of life, Rev. 22:19.

Php 4:6

Mat. 6:25. If one is full of cares, then there is no room for the Lord.

Php 4:7

Turmoil is not conducive to understanding. I.e., the peace is transparent to understanding. Of epistemological significance; i.e., peace is a teacher (Spirit of truth).

Php 4:11

The doctrine of contentment. Adam and Eve were not content and lost all. Haman wasn't and he lost it all. Neither was Saul content. Discontentment leads to covetousness, violating the tenth commandment. Also, a lack of contentment will cause us to run ahead of the Lord; not to wait on him.

How find contentment? Find the beauty in every situation (Ecc. 3:11).

Php 4:23

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