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PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

^{1:1} Paul and Timothy, slaves of Jesus Christ, to all the holy ones in Jesus Christ who are in
² Philippi, including their overseers and servants: Grace to you all and peace from God,
our father, and Master Jesus Christ.

^{3,4} I thank my God at every memory of you all. Always, in all my prayers for all of
⁵ you, I make my prayer with joy because of your partnership in the good news from the
⁶ beginning of the first day until now. I am convinced of this very thing: that the one who
⁷ began a good work in you will complete it at the day of Jesus Christ. It is also right for
me to think this about you because I have you in my heart, so you are fellow partakers
with me in grace—in my chains and in verbal defense and confirmation of the good
^{8,9} news. For God is my witness that I long for all of you with Christ Jesus' passion. And I
pray this: that your love may overflow still more and more in correct knowledge and all
¹⁰ perception in proving yourselves excellent—that you were sincere and blameless in the
¹¹ day of Christ, having been filled with the fruit of righteousness through Jesus Christ in
God's glory and praise.

¹² But I really want you all to know, siblings, that what has happened to me had
¹³ resulted in the advancement of the good news. So it has become apparent to the whole
¹⁴ palace and all the rest that my chains are in Christ, and most of the siblings in the Lord,
having confidence because of my chains, have dared to speak the word fearlessly.

1:15 ‘Some people really proclaim Christ out of jealousy and fighting, and other
16 people proclaim Christ out of good intentions. ‘Those which really come from love are
17 knowing that I am appointed for the good news’ defense, ‘and those others that come
18 from fighting proclaim Christ insincerely, are thinking to make my chains worse. ‘So
what? More often, in every way—be it for show or in earnest—Christ is being
19 proclaimed, and I rejoice in this. And I will rejoice ‘for I know that through your prayers
20 and the support of Jesus Christ’s spirit, this will turn into my rescue—‘with the
expectation and hope that I will be ashamed by nothing but with every freedom of
speech, like always and now, Christ will be celebrated in my body, whether in life or
21,22 death. ‘For to me, to live is Christ and to die is an advantage, ‘but if I live in the flesh—
23 this means fruitful work to me, and I don’t know what I will choose. ‘But I am hard
pressed from the two sides: having a desire to depart and to be with Christ (for it is more
24,25 advantageous), ‘but remaining in the flesh is more necessary for you all. ‘I confidently
know this—that I will stay and I will stay beside all of you for your advancement and joy
26 in the faith, ‘in order that your source of pride in Christ Jesus and in me may overflow
through my returning to you all.

27 ‘Only, act as citizens worthy of Christ’s good news, that whether coming and
seeing you or staying away, I hear this about you: that you all persist in one spirit, one
28 soul, working together with belief in the good news, ‘and not being intimidated in any
way by opponents. (This is their sign of destruction, but your salvation.) This is from
29 God—‘so that which is under Christ has been given to you, not only to believe in him but
30 also to suffer ‘for him, having the same struggle, the kind you all saw in me and now you
all hear about me.

2:1 If, then, this is a convincing appeal in Christ, if this is a loving persuasive
2 argument, if this is a spiritual partnership, if this is passion and mercy, complete my
3 joy—so that you all may feel, having love itself, being unanimous in feeling, no one
acting from political maneuvering or empty pride but instead humility, considering one
4 another as being greater than themselves, not everyone looking out for themselves but
5,6 for each other. This is how you all should feel inside you and in Christ Jesus, who
beginning in God's appearance, didn't think equality with God was something seizeable,
7 but voided himself, taking a slave's appearance, being born in human likeness, and who,
8 finding human form, humbled himself, becoming obedient until death—but death by a
9 cross. And upon which God raised him to supreme majesty and gave him the name
10 which is above all names in order that in Jesus' name every knee—in heaven, earth, and
11 hell—will bow and every tongue will joyfully acknowledge in honor of God the father
that Jesus Christ is Master.

12 Therefore, my loved ones, just as you all always listened, not only in my
presence but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and
13 trembling. For God is the one working in you all, both to will and to work for the good
14,15 pleasure. You all do all things without grumbling and doubting, in order that you all
may be blameless and pure, God's children who are faultless in the midst of a wicked and
16 perverted race, in which you all shine as lights in the world, holding the word of life, so
in my boasting on the day of Christ, I did not exert myself in vain or grow exhausted in
17 vain, but even if I am being poured out as a drink offering on your faith's sacrifice and
18 gift, I rejoice and I rejoice with all of you. But in the same way also you all rejoice and
rejoice with me.

2:19 ‘But I hope in Master Jesus to send Timothy to you all shortly, so that I may also
 20 be encouraged knowing things about you. ‘For I have no one else like me who is
 21 genuinely anxious for the things concerning you. ‘For “they” all seek their own affairs,
 22 not those of Jesus Christ, ‘but you all know his character, that as a child with a father he
 23 slaved in the good news with me. ‘Indeed then I hope to send him as soon as I see how
 24 my affairs go, ‘but I have confidence in my master that I myself will come shortly.

25 ‘But I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and co-
 26 worker and fellow soldier—but your apostle and servant to my need—‘since he was
 27 longing for all of you and distressed because you heard that he got sick. ‘In fact he got
 sick near death, but God helped him—but not only him but also me, that I may not have
 28 grief upon grief. ‘Therefore I sent him with more haste, so that seeing him again you
 29 might rejoice and I might be more grief-free. ‘Therefore you all receive him with joy in
 30 the Master and have honor for such ones like this—‘that because of Christ’s work he
 came near death, risking his life, in order that he might supply what was lacking in your
 service to me.

3:1 ‘Finally, my siblings, rejoice in the Master.

Surely writing this again is not irksome to you or to me, but it's security for you:

2,3 ‘Beware the dogs, beware the evil perpetrators, beware the mutilation. ‘For we are the
 circumcised, the one in God's Spirit, worshiping and boasting in Christ Jesus and not
 4 relying on flesh. ‘Although, I have grounds for reliance in flesh. If anyone thinks another
 5 has grounds for relying on flesh, I have more: ‘circumcised on the eighth day; from the
 Israel Nation; Benjamin's tribe; Hebrew from Hebrews; according to the law, a Pharisee;
 6 ‘according to righteous passion, persecuting the church; according to righteousness, the

3:7 one becoming blameless in the law. But these things which were advantageous to me, I
8 have counted loss because of Christ. But surely not? But I count all of it to be loss
because of the superiority of the knowledge of Jesus Christ, my Master, because of whom
9 I've suffered loss to everything, and I count it all shit so that I may gain Christ and that I
may be found in him, not having my own righteousness that's from the law but that's
10 through faith in Christ, that's righteousness from God based on faith, to know him and
11 his resurrection power and his partnership in suffering, being conformed to his death, if
by any way I will be at the resurrection of the dead.

12 Not that I've already received it—that I have already been perfected—but I
13 pursue it and if I catch it, it's as I was caught by Christ. Siblings, I do not consider
myself to have caught it in any way but one: indeed I'm forgetting what's behind but
14 reaching for what's ahead, according to the goal I pursue the prize, God's higher calling
15 in Christ Jesus. Therefore all who would be perfected, we should feel this way, and if
16 you feel another way, God will reveal this to you. Besides, we arrived at this by living in
17 him. You all become fellow imitators with me, siblings, and you all pay attention to my
18 walk in this way, even as you all have an impression of us. For the enemies of Christ's
cross, many about whom I had spoken to you often, walk by—and now, weeping, I say,
19 “Their end is destruction, their God is their gut, and their glory is their shame. They have
20 earthly feelings.” For our government is in heaven. For that and for salvation, you all
21 patiently wait for the Master Jesus Christ, who will transform your lowly body to the
same form as his glorified body according to his powerful working and everything
4:1 subordinated to him. Therefore, siblings—my loved ones and desired ones, my joy and
crown—in this way you all keep standing in the Master, my loved ones.

4:2, 3 I beg Euodia and I beg Syntyche to feel together in the Master. Yes, I also ask you, true Synzygus, to help them: all those ladies who struggled with me in the good news along with Clement and the rest of my companions, whose names are in the Life

4:5 Book. You all always rejoice in the Master. Again I will say, “Rejoice!” Let your

6 fairness be known to all people. The Master is near. You all be anxious about nothing, but in everything—through prayer and seeking—with thanks, let your requests be made

7 known to God. And God’s peace, surpassing all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, siblings: all that is true, all that is honorable, all that is righteous, all that is pure, all that is loving, all that sounds good—if there is excellence and if there is

9 praise, you all consider these things. And those things that you all learned and received and heard and saw in me, you all do them, and the peaceful God will be with you all.

10 But I was made greatly joyful in the Master that you all had grown to feel for me

11 for some time now, but though you all felt, you all had lacked opportunity. Not that I’m speaking of poverty, for I learned through whatever I am to be strong enough not to need

12 support. I know being humbled and I know being great, in every way in everything I have been initiated into the mystery: to be satisfied and to be hungry, and to overflow and

13, 14 to fall behind, I have power to do all things in the one strengthening me. Besides, you all did well as my partners under pressure.

15 But all you Philippians know that from the good news’ beginning, while going out from Macedonia, no other assembly partnered with me in the ledger of giving and

16 receiving except you alone, and that in Thessaloniki you all sent things for my need

17 again and again. Not that I seek a gift, but I seek the increasing fruit of your ledgers.

4:18 'But I have received everything in full and I overflow; I have been fulfilled by receiving
from Epaphroditus what came from you all—the sweet-smelling fragrance, the accepted
19 sacrifice that's pleasing to God. 'But my God will fulfill your every need according to his
20 wealth in glory in Christ Jesus. 'But to our God and father be glory for ages of ages—and
so it is.

21, 22 'You all greet every holy one in Christ Jesus. The siblings with me greet you. 'All
23 the holy ones are greeting you, but mostly those from Caesar's house. 'The joy of the
Master Jesus Christ be with your spirit.