

beginning . . .

Psalm 104

Philippians

*“the most personal of all
the epistles of Paul that
were not written to
individuals”*

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Salutation of the Letter

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Paul and Timothy

Author is Paul. It is not a shared authorship.

Sender of the Letter

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bond-servants

douvoiv

DOULOS

property

of Christ Jesus

Cristouvlhsouv

CHRISTOS IESOUS

Title of the Senders

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to all the saints

pasin toiβ agiøiβ ...

separation (related to church):

HAGIOS set apart ones

in Christ Jesus

... en Cristwˆ Ihsouv...

position: “in Christ”

who are in Philippi,

... toiβ ouσῖn en Fil iπpoiβ

location: the ones existing in Philippi

Recipients of the Letter

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including the overseers and deacons:

σὺν ἐπισκοποῖς καὶ διακονοῖς

SUN 'together with' overseer/charter ones and servant/character ones

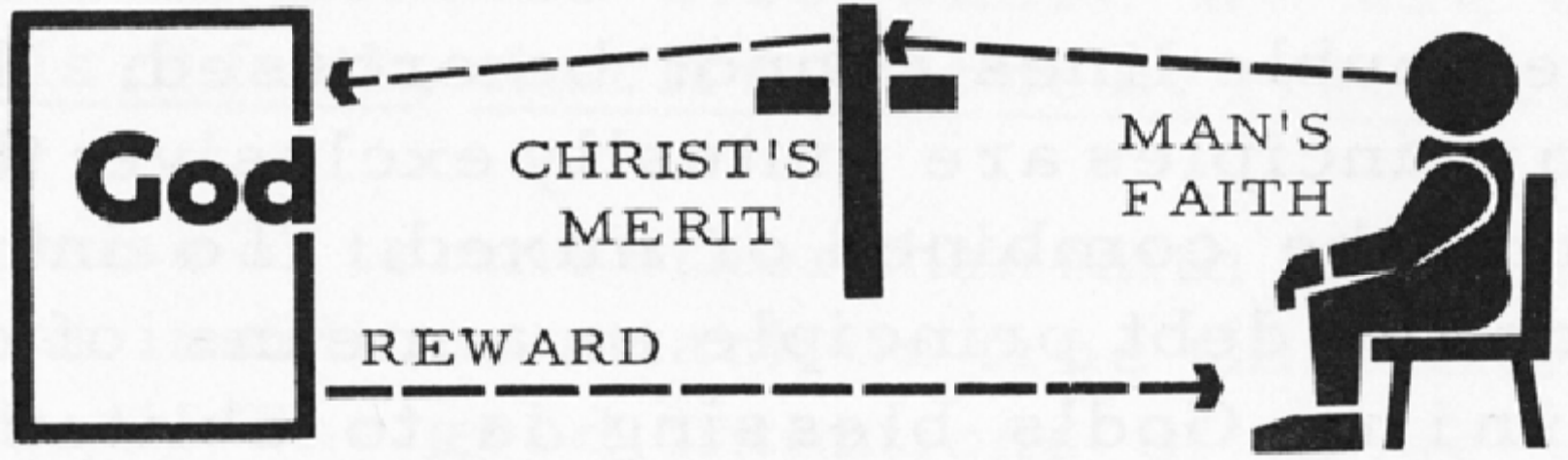
Why ? apart in prison in Philippi ? already clear functions in local body ?

Emphasized Recipients

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Grace always precedes peace with God

The applied work of the Cross must precede a non-hostile relationship with God.



Grace Greeting

Nine Attributes of Paul's Prayer

Phil. 1:1-5 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.

I thank EUCHARISTEO to give/make thanks

Eucharistw ... present tense - describes the habit or custom of Paul's prayer life

.... (to) my God
... tw^qew^mou

Normal Koine personal letter form to thank the gods

Normal Pauline letter - Rom. 1:8; 1Cor. 1:4; Phil. 1:3; Col. 1:3; 1Th. 1:2; 2:13; 2Th. 2:13; Philem. 1:4

*To My God = God the Father *Col. 1:3*

Tenor of Paul's Prayer

Phil. 1:1-5 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.

in all my remembrance

ἐπι~~πάσθη~~σθαι ἀνεῖμα ὑμῶν

Spiritual Reality - Thanks to God the Father

*Reality of Space, Time, Objects, & Events *Acts 16*

Nothing is made up, mystical, nor imagined.

Basis of Prayer is Reality

*Phil. 1:1-5 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, **always** offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.*

always

παντοτε

does not mean every minute of every day of every prayer

Prayer is the customary, habitual, and the norm of the lives of believers.

Prayer is Persistent

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1) EUCHOMAI, 2) PROSEUCHOMAI, 3) EROTAO, 4) DEOMAI

offering prayer

τὴν δεήσιν ποιούμενος,

while making request

participle - giving the circumstances or conditions to the main verb

Matt. 9:38 “Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

Luke 1:13 But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John.

Circumstances of Prayer

Phil. 1:1-5 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.

with joy

metaχαράβ

χαρά, ἄς f *joy, gladness, happiness; cause or object of joy*

*settled happiness, contentment (source or object of)
syn. exult, jubilate, triumphy, happy, revel,*

Mixed with Joy

Phil. 1:1-5 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.

in my every prayer ...

en pashōlehsei mou

fem singular dative

1) EUCHOMAI, 2) PROSEUCHOMAI, 3) EROTAO, 4) DEOMAI

... for you all,

υπερ παντων υμων

HYPER you(s) all

John 10:11 “I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

John 10:15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

Gal. 1:4 who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us

Phil. 1:4,7,29; 2:9,13; 4:10

On Behalf of Others

Phil. 1:1-5 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.

in view of your participation in

epi«tho koinwnia^utwn

EIS(upon) H KOINONIA

““When a person sins and acts unfaithfully against the LORD, and deceives his companion in regard to a deposit or a security entrusted to him, or through robbery, or if he has extorted from his companion,”

(Lev. 5:21, NAS95S)

“For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem.”

(Rom. 15:26, NAS95S)

Biblical Fellowship

“and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men.””
(Luke 5:10, NAS95S)

“and say, ‘If we had been living in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’”
(Matt. 23:30, NAS95S)

“Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.”
(Rom. 12:9-13, NAS95S)

Verbs only - Rom. 12:13; 15:27; Gal. 6:6; Phil. 4:15; 1Tim. 5:22; Heb. 2:14; 1Pet. 4:13;
2John 1:11

vb to jointly participate in

n. joint participation



Christianese - to have social time with other believers

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in the gospel EUANGELION good + message

eiß to\eujaŋgeleon

in EIS into, onto, towards

Christ died for us

*1Cor 15:3,4

* Gal 1:4

the gospel

Three Parts

1) Subject (doer)

2) Verb (action)

3) Object (recipient)



nine times

*Phil. 1:5,7,12,16-18,

27; 2:22; 4:3,15-16

Focus of Koinwnia

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from the first day ...

ἀπο\thῆς πρῶτῆς ἡμερᾶς ...

“and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia, a Roman colony; and we were staying in this city for some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to a riverside, where we were supposing that there would be a place of prayer; and we sat down and began speaking to the women who had assembled.”

(Acts 16:12-13, NAS95S).

... until now

... ἀῤρι του νῦν,

to day Paul sat in prison in Rome writing this letter

Steadfast Prayer

The End

Psalm 103