

Philippians Outline

- I) Greetings, grace and peace (1:1-2)**
 - A) Greetings from Paul and Timothy (cf. Phil 2:19)
 - B) Paul greets church leaders specifically (bishops (*episkopos* in Greek) and deacons (*diaconos* in Greek)) for the first and only time in his letters.
- II) Thanksgiving and prayer (1:3-11)**
 - A) I give thanks for your participation in the gospel from the first day (1:3-5)
 - B) He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ (1:6)
 - C) You are partakers of grace with me (1:7-8)
 - D) I pray your love will abound and that you will be blameless on the day of Christ (1:9-12)
- III) The gospel progresses despite Paul's imprisonment (1:12-26)**
 - A) My imprisonment has turned out for greater progress of the gospel (1:12-20)
 - 1) Some are preaching more courageously out of love for me (1:14, 16)
 - 2) Others are preaching from rivalry to cause me anguish (1:15, 17)
 - 3) What is important is that either way Christ is proclaimed (1:18)
 - B) In life or death Christ will be exalted in my body (1:19-20)
 - C) To die is gain but to remain is fruitful labor for me on your behalf (1:21-26)
- IV) Imitate Christ's humble attitude (1:27-2:18)**
 - A) Conduct yourself worthy of the gospel of Christ, firm and united in faith (1:27-30)
 - B) Complete my joy by being of the same mind, love and purpose (2:1-2)
 - C) Practice humility and consider others better than yourself (2:3-4)
 - D) Have the same attitude as Christ (2:5-11)
 - 1) Though he existed in the form of God he did not consider equality with God something to be grasped (2:6)
 - 2) He took the form of a servant and humbled himself even to the point of death (2:7-8)
 - 3) Therefore God exalted him to the highest place (2:9-11)
 - C) Do everything without murmuring so that you will be blameless among a perverse generation (2:14-15)
 - D) Hold fast to the word of life so that I will glory in the day of Christ (2:16)
- V) I am sending Timothy and Epaphroditus (2:19-30)**
 - A) I hope to send Timothy soon so that he might encourage you (2:19-24)
 - B) I send you Epaphroditus (one of your own) who risked his life for the gospel (2:25-30)

VI) Warnings against the Judaizers (3:1-21)

- A) Beware of evil workers and the false circumcision (3:1-2)
- B) We who worship in the Spirit of God are the (true) circumcision (3:3)
- C) Paul's Jewish credentials are a loss for the sake of Christ (3:4-8)
- D) Righteousness is not by the law but by faith in Christ (3:9)
- E) I want to know Christ and his resurrection (3:10-11)
- F) I press on to obtain the prize of the call of God (3:12-14)
- G) Walk in the pattern you learned from us (3:15-17)
- H) Many walk as enemies of the cross (3:18-19)
 - 1) Their end is destruction (3:19)
 - 2) Their god is their appetite (3:19)
 - 3) Their mind is on earthly things (3:19)
- I) Our citizenship is in heaven (3:20-21)

VII) Final exhortations (4:1-19)

- A) Stand firm in the Lord (4:1)
- B) Let there be harmony between Euodia and Syntyche (4:2)
- C) Help these women and the other workers who have shared my struggle in the gospel (4:3)
- D) Let your gentle (spirit) be known to all men (4:5)
- E) Be anxious for nothing and let your supplication be known to God (4:6-7)
- F) Dwell on good and honourable things and practice what you have learned from me (4:8-9)
- G) You have supplied my needs from the first day that the gospel was preached in Macedonia (4:10-19)

VIII) Final farewell (4:20-23)

- A) All the saints send greetings, especially those of Cesar's household