

Oak Hill Baptist Church

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Philippians 1:1-30

Let Your Manner of Life be Worthy of the Gospel

It is believed that Paul wrote this book around 62AD.

The main theme of Philippians is encouragement. As Christians, we are to live out our Christian life in this world as citizens of heaven. God wants us to live on this earth serving Him and others.

Vs 1-2- Paul and Timothy give their greetings.

Both of these men are leaders chosen by God Himself and they say hello as servants as God.

Jesus was King, but He came as a suffering servant.

We are saved by God, but our life is to be spent in service to God and others in humility and love.

The letter is to the church in Philippi and its leaders. Church leaders are the elders or overseers and the deacons. Elders' responsibilities in the church is to preach, teach, lead, and pray. The deacons exist to serve the elders and church to free the elders up for their teaching and prayer role.

Paul wants grace and peace from Jesus to be at the church.

Vs 3-11 Paul is thankful for this church. He loves the people there and he thanks God for them.

Paul prays for these people. Paul loves these people. Paul is thankful for these people. This church seems to honor God and seems to do a wonderful job loving God and others.

The Gospel means good news. Every church should make its goal to let others know the Good News of Jesus. This is that God came in human form to this earth. Jesus was sinless. Jesus was perfect, and yet He came to die a death He did not deserve. Jesus died on a cross for our sins and He came back to life three days later. Jesus showed Himself to witnesses. It is through faith in Jesus, and asking Him to be our Lord, that we are saved and can go to heaven. Jesus' death paid our sin debt, the eternal death we deserved.

1. **Churches should have the same goal. We are not in competition, but in partnership to tell the world about Jesus. Every Christian will live in eternity in heaven as one God family. We need to support each other now since we will gather in heaven together one day.**
2. **Jesus saves us. Jesus makes us into the person He wants us to be. Jesus allows us to tell others about Him and live out the Gospel before others. He began a work in us and will bring it to completion when we are all in heaven together. Jesus is executing His plan through us.**

Paul desires that the church will love more, and that they will grow in knowledge and discernment from God on how to live and what to do.

If the Christian has more love, knowledge, and discernment, you will know what to do that is excellent and you will be pure and blameless and righteous for Jesus' return.

Do you want this in your life? Do you want this in others' lives? Do you pray for this?

Gather ~ Praise ~ Pray ~ Grow ~ Serve

Vs 12-14 No matter what is going on in our life now, God's plan to advance the good news of Jesus will be accomplished. The question is..... Are we going to be a part of it?

Matthew 9:27-38 *And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." 28 When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." 29 Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." 30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, "See that no one knows about it." 31 But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. 32 As they were going away, behold, a demon-oppressed man who was mute was brought to him. 33 And when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke. And the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." 34 But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." 35 And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*

3. Paul was in jail and the Gospel was still advancing. In jail, Paul still shared that Jesus Christ is Lord and prisoners and jailers could be saved. Sometimes, we grieve our situation, but we must know that God can and will use us in the good times and difficult times to point others to Jesus.

Are you telling others about Jesus? Is God using you to advance the Gospel?

Who is in your life now that you need to tell about Jesus?

Vs 15-26 In any situation that we are in, we want Christ's name to be advanced for God's glory and the salvation of others!

4. Paul is in jail. Paul's circumstances seem bad, but he is rejoicing. We must rejoice in every situation, because our hope is not in our circumstance. Our hope is in Jesus. Jesus saves us, helps us now, and gives us a kingdom in heaven for eternity. FOCUS ON THAT! To live is Christ, to die is gain.

Christian, have courage to share Jesus and have hope in Jesus!

While we are in the flesh, we should labor (work) for Jesus so that He is happy and others are saved.

Vs 27-30 God saves you, but He wants your life to be changed. We can have love and joy in Jesus. We can impact others now.

Christian, let your manner of life be worthy of Jesus! What do you need to get rid of now for Jesus because it holds you back?

Stand firm in one spirit of Jesus, have one mind with each other, serve side by side for the faith of the Gospel!

Don't be scared! You are going to live for Jesus and die in Jesus. Non-Christians can see this in you!

You are to serve Jesus and to suffer just like Jesus so more can be saved.