



PAUL'S EPISTLE  
TO THE  
PHILIPPIANS

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# **Why look for Personal Application?**

**1:27 - “Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come to see you or are absent, I may hear of you that you stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel...”**

# **Why look for Personal Application?**

**2:12-13 “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for God is at work in you, both to will and to work his good pleasure.”**

# Historical Context

**“...to form a tentative  
but informed  
reconstruction of the  
situation that the  
author is speaking to.”**

**Acts was our primary resource  
for historical context.**

# **Historical Context**

**From prison, Paul sends his appreciation for the Philippians' financial and relational gifts. He encourages, corrects and directs this church he founded on his second missionary journey.**

**False teachers, (Judaizers) are challenging the Philippian church to keep the law (circumcision), as a requirement for salvation. Paul writes to unite the church around salvation, through faith in Christ alone.**

# **Literary Context**

**Epistle: written in standard 1st century form.**

# Philippians Outline

**1:1-2**

**Greeting**

**1:3-8**

**Thanksgiving**

**1:9-11**

**Prayer**

**1:12-4:20**

**Body**

**4:21-23**

**Salutation**



# Restatement: Chapter by Chapter

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# **Body - Chapter 1**

**Christ is being preached.  
Even my imprisonment is  
furthering the Gospel.**

**I rejoice in my situation. If  
I die, I'll be with Christ. If I  
live I'll continue to preach  
the Gospel and support  
you (Philippians).**

**I'm convinced of my release  
because it's important to  
foster your growth & increase  
your joy in the faith.**

**Live to honor God. Be united  
in Spirit and mind; fearless.  
This will send a clear  
message to your opponents.**

# Restatement: Chapter 1

Greeting- Believers in Philippi

Thanksgiving Statement - re:  
the Philippians' partnership  
with Paul and the Apostle's  
confidence that God will  
continue His work in  
transforming them.

Prayer - Abound in love  
with knowledge and  
discernment in order to live  
righteous lives.

# Application Guidelines

**Distinguish the Biblical core from peripheral concepts.**

**Distinguish NT morality.**

**Distinguish the NT's uniform and consistent witness.**

**Distinguish NT principles from situational statements.**

**Distinguish available cultural options.**

**Distinguish between 21st century and 1st century culture.**

**Exercise Christian charity for believers with a different emphasis.**

# Personal Application

**My plan to “work out my salvation”.**

**Key Area: 1:9-11**

**Love to abound with  
knowledge and discernment  
-> live righteously**

**Plan: Knowledge: Bible 4X  
week minimum. Love &  
discernment: Prayer morning  
& Evening**

# **Body - Chapter 2**

**All of you experience the benefits of being in Christ. Therefore, be united in His humble, selfless, mindset.**

**Seek mutual benefit and follow Christ's example of obedience. One day He will rule the heavens and earth.**

**Keep asking God to shape your desires. Do his will. Live blamelessly- without complaint. Then, I can be proud of you at Christ's return.**

**I'm sending Timothy and Epaphroditus to you. I hope also to come for a visit.**

# Personal Application



# **My plan to “work out my salvation”.**

**Key Area: 2:1-22**

**Have the mind of Christ.  
Humbly regard others  
interests before my own.**

**Plan: Entitlement- When I  
get upset -> Confess it  
immediately, ask for mind  
renewal.**

# **Body - Chapter 3**

**Rejoice! But, watch for those preaching salvation through works. I lived that way. It's rubbish. Salvation results from faith in Christ. Know Him. Live in the power of the resurrection and honor God.**

**Follow my example, not those who see salvation as a result there own accomplishments. Their minds are set on earthly things. We are citizens of heaven and at Christ's return our earthly bodies will be transformed to be like His.**

# Personal Application

# **Body - Chapter 4**

**Beloved Philippians, live united in the Lord. Have no disagreements among you. Rejoice! Have no anxiety. Pray and God will envelop you with Peace. Think upon Godly values/virtues**

**Thanks again for supporting my efforts to spread the Gospel. God will supply your needs. Glory to God!**

**Greetings to every saint, from all of us including those who serve the Emperor.**

**Grace be with you.**

# Personal Application

# Progression of Paul's Thought

Philippians you are in my heart. Do not fear re: my imprisonment. I'm rejoicing. God is using my situation. I'm either serving God with you or with the Lord in heaven. I encourage you to stay the course. Live united in faith. Continue to live obediently, following Christ's example of humility and obedience. Ask God to shape your desires to do his will. Serve God without question or complaint, as lights to the world representing the Gospel. Remember to rejoice! Don't allow those who promote salvation by works of the law to create division. We are assured that salvation is solely through faith in Christ. Other proposals are worthless.

# Progression of Paul's Thought

I encourage you to live as I do, striving to honor God in everything. With that as my goal, I discipline myself like an athlete. Do not set your minds on earthly things, like those enemies of the cross. Rather, recognize that our primary allegiance is to the Lord of Heaven, who will transform our bodies and raise us up at the resurrection. Again, stand resolute and united with the mind of Christ. Rejoice in your situation. Don't be anxious. Rather, pray and God will envelop you with His peace. Focus your minds on what is just pure, honorable and worthy of praise; on what I have taught you. Rejoice and learn to be content, as I have with the power of Christ.

**What are your 3 Key Points?**



Thank you!

**Prayer: To live what we know.**