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INTRODUCTORY NOTES.

1. The apostle’s first visit to the city of Philippi, probably about A.D. 52—53 (Ap. 180), is recorded in Acts 16. He had as companions Silas and Timothy, and the use of the personal pronoun, in v. 10 of that chapter, indicates that a fourth worker was with him. Probably Luke, the "beloved physician". Although we have no particulars of later visits, yet Paul almost certain was twice at Philippi subsequently (Acts 20:1 and 6).

2. We infer that but few Jews would be at Philippi, there being no intimation of obstruction from them, and there was no synagogue there, unless, indeed, the "place of prayer" by the river-side refers to one. The believers had retained the fervency of their first love, and had sent once and again unto his need. The apostle’s gratitude is shown repeatedly, and he greatly honours his Philippian "brethren, dearly beloved and longed for", by designating them "my joy and crown".

3. No one of Paul’s Epistles is more elevated in character or more animating to believers. Nor, it may be added, one of better-defined frame, as will be seen from the complete Structure (above). Written from Rome towards the end of his imprisonment, probably in A.D. 62, the apostle’s position was then one of waiting, for he was now close to the day for his cause to be heard before the tribunal to which he had appealed. And most likely this necessitated a more rigid condition of imprisonment than when he dwelt, as at first, in his own hired house. But this, instead of hindering, had even furthered the preaching of Christ. Hence one cause for the tone of rejoicing throughout the Epistle. Like golden threads, "joy" and its kindred words run throughout Philippians, as "grace" does in Ephesians.

4. The city of Philippi, a Roman colony, was situated about eight miles inland from its port, Neapolis, the modern Kavalla. Not being a commercial center, this may explain the paucity of Jews among the inhabitants. Philippi no longer exists, for although the nearest Turkish hamlet bears the ancient name in a corrupted form, it is not on the site of the old city.

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PAUL and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,

4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making prayer with joy,

5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;

6 Trusting of this very thing, that He Which hath begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ:

7 Even as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both as in my bonds, and in the defence and guarantee of the gospel, ye all are fellow-partakers with me of grace.

8 For God is my witness, how greatly I long after you all in the heart of Christ Jesus.

9 And this I pray to God, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;

10 To your proving things that differ; in order that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

11 Having been filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

12 But I wish you should understand, brethren, that the things with reference to me have come rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;

13 So that my bonds in relation to Christ have become manifest in all the Praetorian guard, and to all the rest of the civilian population;

14 And the majority of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident in the Lord by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word of God fearlessly.

15 Some indeed preach Christ even through envy and strife; and some of goodwill also:

16 The one preach Christ of contention, not of pure motive, thinking to raise tribulations to my bonds:

17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.

18 What then? except What shall we say then? Nothing except that every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I in this do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

19 For I know that this shall turn out to me for salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit [the new nature] of Jesus Christ,

20 According to my anxious looking with outstretched head and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain [for Christ].

22 But if to live is my lot in the flesh, gain to Christ is the result of my work: yet what I shall choose I declare not.

23 For I am being pressed out of the two living and dying), having the desire for the return, and to be with Christ; for it is very far better;

24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful on account of you.

25 And being confident of this, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of the faith;

26 That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ in me by my coming to you again.

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27 Only \(\textit{behave as heavenly citizens worthy of} \) the gospel of Christ: \textit{in order that} whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear \textit{the things concerning you, in order that} ye stand fast in one \textit{spirit, with one mind striving together for the substance of things believed} of the gospel;

28 And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of \textit{destruction}, but to you of \textit{salvation}, and that of God.

29 For unto you it \textit{was granted} in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on \textit{Him}, but \textit{to suffer for His sake also};

30 Having the same \textit{conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be} in me.

2 If \textit{there be therefore any comfort} in Christ, if any \textit{incentive} of love, if any fellowship of the \textit{Spirit}, if any \textit{hearts} and mercies,

2 Complete ye my joy, \textit{in order that ye think the same thing}, having the same love, being of one accord, \textit{minding the same thing}.

3 Let nothing \textit{be done according to contention} or \textit{self-esteem}; but \textit{by humility reckoning one another higher} than themselves.

4 Look not \textit{each one} on his own things, but \textit{each one on the things of others also}.

5 \textit{Think this way in your heart}, which was \textit{in Christ Jesus also}:

6 Who, \textit{being essentially in the essential form of God, including all the qualities which can be made visible to the eye}, \textit{reckoned it not an act of robbery the being on an equality with God}:

7 But \textit{emptied Himself}, and \textit{having taken} upon \textit{Him} the form of a servant, and \textit{becoming} in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in \textit{figure} as a man, \textit{He humbled Himself, becoming obedient as far as death, even the death of the cross}.

9 Wherefore God also ... \textit{highly exalted Him}, and \textit{gave Him the name} which is above every name:

10 \textit{In order that in} the name of Jesus every knee should bow, \textit{of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth};

11 \textit{And that} every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my \textit{presence} only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

13 For it is God Which \textit{worketh} in you both to will and to \textit{work} of \textit{His desire}.

14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

15 \textit{In order that ye may become} blameless and \textit{guileless}, the sons of God, without \textit{blame}, in the midst of a crooked and \textit{perverted generation}, among whom ye \textit{appear} as \textit{star light} in the world;

16 \textit{Giving heed} to the word of life; \textit{for rejoicing to me} in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

17 Yea, \textit{even if} I be \textit{poured out as a drink offering} upon the sacrifice and service \textit{ministry} of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.

18 \textit{In respect to the same thing do ye also joy}, and rejoice with me.

19 But I \textit{hope} in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus \textit{quickly to you, in order that} I also may be of good comfort, when I know \textit{the things concerning you}.

20 For I have no man \textit{of equal mind}, who will naturally care for \textit{the things concerning you}.

21 For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

22 But ye know the \textit{experience} of him, that, as a son with the father, he ... served with me in the gospel.
23  Him therefore I hope to send forthwith, so soon as I shall see the things will go concerning me.
24  But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come quickly.
25  Yet I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and fellowlabourer, and fellowsoldier, but your apostle, and minister to my needs.
26  For he was longing after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick.
27  For indeed he was sick nigh to death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, in order that not I should have sorrow upon sorrow.
28  I sent him therefore the more diligently, in order that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the more free from grief.
29  Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such as honourable:
30  Because for the work of Christ he drew nigh unto death, exposing to danger his life, that he might fill up your lack of service toward me.

3  Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not irksome, but for you it is safe.
2  Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the heathen mutilations.
3  For we are the true circumcision, which worship by the Spirit of God, rejoicing in Christ Jesus, and not trusting in the flesh.
4  Though having myself confidence in the flesh also, assuming that any other thinketh that he hath confidence in the flesh, I more:
5  In circumcision the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of Hebrews; according to the law, a Pharisee;
6  Touching zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, found blameless [before men].
7  But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.
8  Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excelling of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them to be dung, in order that I may gain Christ,
9  And be found in Him, not having any righteousness of mine, which is of the law, but that which is through Christ's faith, the righteousness which is of God by faith:
10  That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, to be conformed to His death;
11  If at least I might attain unto the out resurrection the one from the dead.
12  Not that I had already received, either were already perfected: but I press, if that I may lay hold on [also] that for which ... I was overcome [also] by Christ Jesus.
13  Brethren, I count not yet myself to have overcome: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
14  I press toward the mark unto the prize of the calling on high of God in Christ Jesus.
15  Let us therefore, as many as be mature, have this in mind: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal also this unto you.
16  Nevertheless, to which point we have already come, let us walk by the same ..., let us mind the same thing.
17  Brethren, become fellow-imitators of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for a pattern.
18  (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

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19 Whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly [own self], and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.
20 For our citizenship exists even now in the heavens; from which ... we eagerly wait for the Saviour also, the Lord Jesus Christ:
21 Who shall change the fashion of our body of humiliation, ... to be conformed unto the body of His glory, according to the working of His ability even to subject all things unto Himself.

4 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand firm in the Lord, my dearly beloved.
1 I beseech Euodia, and beseech Syntyche, that they mind the same thing in the Lord.
3 And I ask thee also, true yokefellow, help those women since they laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with the rest of my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life.
4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.
5 Let your forbearance be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.
6 Be anxious for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication [special request] with thanksgiving let your specific petition be made known unto God.
7 And the peace of God, surpassing every thought, shall garrison your hearts and thoughts in Christ Jesus.
8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are sincere, whatsoever things are honourable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, take account of these things.
9 Those things, which ye both learned, and received, and heard, and saw in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.
10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your thinking on behalf of me hath flourished again; on which ye were mindful also, but ye lacked opportunity.
11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I ... learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.
12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: in every place and in all things I have been initiated into the secret both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.
13 I can do all things in Christ Which strengtheneth me.
14 Notwithstanding ye have well done, having had fellowship with my affliction.
15 Now ye also, O Philippians, know ..., that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, except ye only.
16 In Thessalonica also ye sent once and twice unto my necessiticy.
17 Not that I seek the gift: but I desire the fruit increasing to your account.
18 But I have received all, and abound: I have been filled, having received from Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.
19 But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
20 Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.
21 Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me salute you.
22 All the saints salute you, specially they that are of Caesar's house.
23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. ...