

# Philippians Series

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# Philippians Magnify Christ Philippians 1:15–19



## Major themes in Php. 1:3–11

- Fellowship (*koinonia*) in the gospel = financial partnership with Paul in his gospel ministry, Php. 1:5
- The “good work” (the *koinonia*) which was begun (Php. 1:6) was this financial partnership.
- Paul’s hope, confident expectation, was that God would mature them in this work.
- Paul and the Philippians have a mindset, *phroneo* (Php. 1:7), which is their common mission in the gospel (foreshadows chapter 2).
- This work would bear fruit from the beginning until the day of Christ.
- The Philippian believers were joint-partners with Paul both in his chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel (which foreshadows chapter 3).
- Those who grow in love as worked out by participation in the gospel ministry will grow in purity and blamelessness until the day of Christ.
- The end result will be characterized by the fruits of righteousness.

- 1A. Prologue: 1:3–26 1B comprised of Thanksgiving and prayer 1:3–11; 2B biographical prologue, 1:12–26**
- 2B. Paul’s topical sentence is in vs. 12 “what has happened to me turned out to further the gospel”**
- First result (vs. 13): it became evident to two groups**
- a. the Praetorian guard,**
  - b. and all the rest**
- Second result (vs. 14): the believers in Rome became more confident in giving the gospel, even emboldened to speak without fear.**
- Third result is that some preach Christ from false motives (vs. 15) along with those who do so from kind intentions.**

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**Php. 1:19, “because I know this will lead to my deliverance through your prayers and help from the Spirit of Jesus Christ.” ~HCSB**

**γάρ gar**  
**explanatory conjunction**  
**“for, since, because”**  
**it explains something that**  
**has just been said.**

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**Acts 8:5, “Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them.”**

**Acts 9:20, “Immediately he [Saul] preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.”**

**1 Cor. 1:23, “but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,”**

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envy, jealousy, always a sin**

**ἔρις *eris*  
fem sing acc  
strife, discord, contention, rivalry**

**ἐριθεία *eritheia* (Php. 1:16)  
fem sing gen strife, selfish  
ambition, arrogant self-centered  
driven strife**

**James 3:13, “Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.**

**James 3:14, “But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.**

**James 3:15, “This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, soulish, demonic.” ~RD**

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masc sing acc  
zeal; jealousy**

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**Gal. 5:20**, “idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies [zelos–envy], outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions [eritheia], dissensions, heresies,

**Gal. 5:21**, “envy [phthonos], murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

**1 Tim. 6:3, “If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness,**

**1 Tim. 6:4, “he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions,**

**1 Tim. 6:5, “useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.”**

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**εὐδοκία *eudokia***

**fem sing gen**

**good pleasure, good will, approval; *a motive acceptable to God, desire to do God’s will including motivation and action.***

**① state or condition of being kindly disposed, *good will* of humans summary ~BDAG**

**Luke 2:14, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”**

**Php. 2:13, “for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure”**

**Eph. 1:9, “having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,”**

**2 Thess. 1:11, “Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power,”**

**Third result is that some preach Christ from false motives (vs. 15) along with those who do so from kind intentions.**

**Verses 16–17 present the contrast.**

**Php. 1:16, “The former preach Christ from selfish ambition,  
not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains;”  
~NKJV**

**θλίψις *thlipsis*  
fem sing acc  
(f)  
trouble, tribulation,  
oppression,  
aggravation or friction**

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**Php. 2:3, “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.”**

**Gal. 5:20, “idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,”**

**James 3:16, “For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.”**

**Php. 2:20, “For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state.**

**Php. 2:21, “For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.**

**Php. 2:22, “But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel.”**

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**ἀγάπη agapē**

**fem sing gen**

**love; God’s unconditional love  
and a fruit of the Spirit**

**Php. 1:17, “but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel.” ~NKJV**

**Php. 1:7, “just as it is right for me to think this about you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.” ~RD**

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**κεῖμαι *keimai* 1 sing pres mid indic appointed basic  
meaning to be placed somewhere or to have a place**

**ἀπολογία *apologia* fem sing acc defense; legal defense,  
explanation**

**Php. 1:18, “What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.”**

**πρόφασις *prophasis***

**fem sing dat**

**false motive, excuse,  
pretext, pious hypocrisy**

**Mark 12:40, “who devour widows’ houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation.”**

**Acts 27:30, “And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, when they had let down the skiff into the sea, under pretense of putting out anchors from the prow,”**

**Eph. 4:21, “if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:”**

**Eph. 4:24, “and that you have already put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”**

**Eph. 4:25, “Therefore, having already put away the lie, ‘Let each one of you speak TRUTH with his neighbor,’ for we are members of one another.”**

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**καταγγέλλω *katagello* 3  
sing pres pass indic  
to announce, declare,  
preach**

**John 15:1, “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.**

**John 15:2, “Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.**

**John 15:3, “You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.”**

**John 15:4, “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.**

**John 15:5, “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”**

**Php. 1:19, “For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,**

**Php. 1:20, “according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.” ~NKJV**

*οἶδα oida*

**1 sing perf act indic  
to know; a confident knowledge**

**Eph. 3:16, “that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,”**



Lord, please  
give me  
patience,  
because if  
you give me  
strength I'll  
need bail  
money too.

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*σωτηρία sōtēria*

**fem sing acc  
salvation, preservation,  
deliverance from a  
difficult situation**

**James 4:2d, “Yet you do not have because you do not ask.  
~NASB95**

**James 4:3, “You ask and do not receive, because you ask  
amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.” ~NJKV**

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**Rom. 8:20, “For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;**

**Rom. 8:21, “because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**

**Rom. 8:22, “For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.”**

**Rom. 8:23, “Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.**

**Rom. 8:24, “For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?**

**Rom. 8:25, “But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.”**

**Psa. 34:3, “Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together.”**

**Psa. 69:30, “I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving.”**

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