

Intro: F. Rest – A confident faith in the Lord– vs 5b-6

1. The Lord is at hand. – **eggus** –

a. near: from , at hand, near, nigh (at hand, unto), ready.

b. Can mean near in space or time

i. Some take this as the Lord's return – 3:20-21; Jas 5:8

ii. Others, the believer's death ushering them into the presence of the Lord – 1:23; 2 Co 5:8

iii. Best, the presence of the Lord with the believer as they go through the trials –

- He is near to hear the cry of the saint – Ps. 73:28

- His nearness is good – Ps 34:18; 75:1; 119:151; 145:18

2. Be anxious for nothing -

a. Because of God's nearness, Believer's should not collapse, be fearful, anxious, or wavering.

b. They should be strong and stable – Josh 1:6-9; Ps 27:14; 125:1; 2Th 2:2; 1Pe 4:7

XIV. Harmony, Joy, Contentment, Faith - Part 2

A. Spiritual Stable people react to problems by running to God in Prayer

1. Three synonyms for prayer

a. **Proseuche** - prayer (worship); an oratory, pray earnestly, prayer.

b. **Deesis** - a petition:--prayer, request, supplication.

c. **Aitema** - a thing asked or an asking:--petition, request, required.

2. With Thanksgiving - **Eucharistia** - gratitude; actively, grateful language (to God, as an act of worship):--thankfulness, (giving of) thanks(-giving).

3. Getting on the same page as God

a. **Gnorizo** - to make known; subjectively, to know:--certify, declare, make known, give to understand, do to wit, wot.

b. Does He not know? - Ps 55:22; Pr 16:3; 1Pe 5:7

c. The result

i. the peace of God, - **Eirene** - peace, prosperity:--one, peace, quietness, rest, set at one again. - Joh 14:27; Ro 5:1; Col 3:15

ii. which surpasses all understanding, - It transcends human

intellectual powers. - **Huperecho** - to hold oneself above, to excel; superior, superiority:--better, excellency, higher, pass, supreme.

- **Nous** - the intellect, i.e. mind (divine or human; in thought, feeling, or will); meaning:--mind, understanding.

iii. will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

- **Phroureo** - to be a watcher in advance, to mount guard as a sentinel (post spies at gates); to hem in, protect:--keep (with a garrison). Philippi was a Roman garrison city.

- hearts and minds - not meant to be two different parts, but the whole of the inner man

- through Christ Jesus = In Christ Jesus - no human source

B. Spiritual Stable people react to problems by thinking Right

1. Finally - Paul has arrived at the climax of his teaching on Spiritual Stability

2. Meditate on -

a. **Logizomai** - to take an inventory, evaluate, consider, calculate, estimate:--conclude, (ac-)count (of), despise, esteem, impute, lay, number, reason, reckon, suppose, think (on).

b. The habitual discipline of the mind to set all thoughts on these spiritual virtues - 1 Cor 10:3-5

c. the Bible teaches that people's lives are a product of their thinking - Pro 23:7; Mk 7:20-23; Eph 4:22-24; Ro 12:1-2

d. Today people's thinking is directed more at how they feel or what will work (Pragmatism)

e. Jos 1:8; Ps 1:2; 16:11; 119:1,14,35,47,92,97

3. Meditate on whatever things are

a. **Alethes** - true (as not concealing):--true, truly, truth. Where is the body of truth found? 1 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:19-21

b. **Semnos** - venerable, i.e. honorable:--grave, honest. Used elsewhere in NT of dignified lifestyle required of deacons.

c. **Dikaios** - equitable (in character or act); innocent, holy (absolutely or relatively):--just, meet, right(-eous). Whatever is in perfect harmony with God's unchanging standards.

d. **Hagnos** - clean, innocent, modest, perfect:--chaste, clean, pure. In 1 Tim 5:22 it is translated "free from sin" or "keep yourself pure."

e. **Prospiles** - friendly towards, i.e. acceptable:--lovely, sweet gracious, generous, patient..

f. **Euphemos** - well spoken of, i.e. reputable:--of good report.

g. **Arête** - manliness (valor), excellence (intrinsic or attributed):--praise, virtue.

h. **Epainos** - laudation; concretely, a commendable thing:--praise.

C. Spiritual Stable people react to problems by obeying God's Standard

1. Godly thinking cannot be divorced from behavior - **Prasso** - to "practise", perform repeatedly or habitually, to execute, accomplish, to collect (dues), fare (personally):--commit, deeds, do, exact, keep, require, use arts. - Php 3:17;

2. The Apostles modeled life

a. **Manthano** - to learn (in any way):--learn, understand. Comes from the word for disciple.

b. **Paralambano** - to receive near, associate with oneself (in any familiar or intimate act or relation); to assume an office; to learn:--receive, take (unto, with).

c. **Akouo** - to hear (in various senses):--give (in the) audience (of), come (to the ears), (shall) hear(-er, -ken), be noised, be reported, understand.

d. **Eido** - to see; by implication, (in the perfect tense only) to know:--be aware, behold, consider, (have) know(-ledge), look (on), perceive, see, be sure, tell, understand, wish.

3. The Promise attached to such obedience

a. the God of peace - **Eirene** - Ro 15:33; 16:20; 1Co 14:33; 2Co 13:11; 1Th 5:23; Heb 13:20

b. **Esomai** - will be:--shall (should) be (have), (shall) come (to pass), what would follow.