

PHILIPPIANS - LESSON FOUR

REVIEW:

2 Timothy 3:16-17 mentions the word “inspired” in reference to scripture.

The word “inspired” means “_____”

Give 3 facts about the city of Philippi.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What is the significance of words that are repeated like “Christ” “gospel” “joy or rejoice” in light of the book of Philippians?

What is a “saint?” Philippians 1:1

What would you consider the essential elements and scriptures in presenting the “gospel.”

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What did you discover about the Praetorian guard and Caesar’s household?

Paul’s feelings about the Philippians.

“For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the **affection** of Christ Jesus” Philippians 1:8

The word **affection** comes from the Greek word (**splangXnos**) which is referring to the intestines. For the Greek that word referred to the most violent of emotions but to the Hebrew it was the seat of the most tender emotions. The word **splangXnos** is translated **“tender mercy” “heart” or “affection”** in the NASB.

Luke 1:78 “Because of the **tender mercy** of our God,
With which the Sunrise from on high shall visit Us”

2 Corinthians 7:14-15 “. . . so also our boasting before Titus proved to be the truth. 15 And **his affection** abounds all the more toward you . . .”

Colossians 3:12 “And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on **a heart of compassion**, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another”

Philemon 1:12 “And I have sent him back to you in person, that is, sending **my very heart**”

Philemon 1:20 “Yes, brother, let me benefit from you in the Lord; **refresh my heart** in Christ”

1 John 3:17 “But whoever has the world’s goods, and beholds his brother in need and **closes his heart** against him, how does the love of God abide in him?”

Cf: Philippians 1:29 – 2:1

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BIBLE STUDY METHODS:

OBSERVATION: WHAT DO I SEE?

Answering the questions: Who? What? Where? When? Why?

Historical setting Purpose of the author Theme of the book

Meaning of the words in context

Connectives:

- **TIME:** After, Before, Then, When, Until, Now (Philippians 1:5, 6, 10)
- **EMPHATIC:** Stresses importance Indeed, Only, Verily, Truly, Even (Philippians 2:8)
- **CONDITIONAL:** (Maybe there is and maybe there is not, maybe true and maybe not true) If (Philippians 1:22; 2:1; 2:17; 3:4; 3:15; 4:18)
- **COMPARISON:** Association of like things. Also, As, So also, Likewise, Even so (Philippians 2:5; 4:12)
- **CONTRAST:** Association of opposites. But, Much more, Rather, Yet, Nevertheless (Philippians 1:15, 20, 22-23, 28; 2:3-4, 7, 27; 3:7-8; 4:6, 15, 17)
- **COMMANDS:** What we should or not do. (Philippians 1:27-28; 2:2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 14-16; 2:29-30; 3:1-2, 15, 17; 4:1, 2-3, 4, 5, 6-7, 8, 9)
- **REPETITION:** The repetition of the same phrases, terms, or clauses. They are used for emphasis. The repeated words referring to Christ, joy and rejoice, the gospel, the pronouns referring to the Philippians and imprisonment are vital to the understanding this book.
- **INTERROGATION:** A question that is asked to provoke thought. (Philippians 1:18)
- **PROMISES:** The promise and its fulfillment. (Philippians 1:23; 3:20-21; 4:6-7, 8-9, 19)
- **RESULT:** The purpose or conclusion. So that, In order that, That, So then, (Philippians 1:9-10; 2:14-16; 2:19; 3:7-10) Wherefore, Therefore (Philippians 1:29-2:1; 2:9-11; 2:22-23; 2:27-29; 3:20-4:1)

INTERPRETATION: WHAT DID IT MEAN BACK THEN?

PRINCIPALIZATION: A GUIDING PRICIPLE OF LIFE

1. To summarize the original meaning of each verse or paragraph in a short sentence or word. Just what is the main thing that the author is talking about?
2. To restate the summary in a proposition that is easy to remember and apply to one's life.

EXAMPLE: Philippians 2:3-5

SUMMARY SENTENCES:

- 3: “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit,
but with humility of mind let each of you regard
one another as more important than himself”
- 4: “Do not merely look out for your own personal interests,
but also for the interests of others”
- 5: “Have this attitude in yourselves
which was also in Christ Jesus”

LIFE PRINCIPLE:

LESSON FOUR – HOMEWORK

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11: Read at least 10 times.

Why is Paul exhorting them to be of the same mind, 2:1-2 mean in light of the context of 1:27-30?

COMMANDS: After studying the word meanings of 2:3-4 comment on the significance of the two “DO NOTS” in light of the historical setting of the Philippians, cf: 1:14-18, 4:1-2.

How is your concept of “humility” enlarged or expanded when you consider the connection between verse 2:3, and Christ: 2:5-8, Timothy: 2:19-22, and Epaphroditus: 2:29-30

If you have access to any commentaries, study the meaning of “**HE EMPTIED HIMSELF.**” The passage deals with His divinity existing with His humanity. Jesus Christ, Who as the Son of God became a man. We will discuss this at length because of its great and significant importance.

EXTRA STUDY:

The repeated word “mind” has to do with the way we ponder things. It is also translated “attitude.” Be prepared to comment on each one:

1:27

2:5

4:7

4:8

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

- 1** If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ,
if there is any consolation of love,
if there is any fellowship of the Spirit,
if any affection and compassion,
- 2** make my joy complete by being of the same mind,
maintaining the same love,
united in spirit,
intent on one purpose.
- 3** Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit,
but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself;
- 4** do not merely look out for your own personal interests,
but also for the interests of others.
- 5** Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,
- 6** Who, although He existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,
- 7** but emptied Himself,
taking the form of a bond-servant,
and being made in the likeness of men.
- 8** And being found in appearance as a man,
He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
- 9** Therefore also God highly exalted Him,
and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,
- 10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth,
- 11** and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.