

Philippians Notes

Key Points Chapter by Chapter:

Chapter 1:

1. Paul's prayer & thanks for the believers vs 3-11
 - a. We see Paul's heart for these believers:
 1. Genuine Thanksgiving.
 2. Desire for growth, sincerity, purity, & fruitfulness.
2. Paul explaining his situation in prison vs 12-26
 - a. The furtherance of the gospel!
 - b. Paul's rejoicing!
 - c. Paul's strait betwixt two (desire to depart, but more needful to abide in the flesh).
3. Paul's admonition vs 27-30
 - a. Conversation should be becoming of the gospel.
 - b. It's a gift to suffer for the name of Jesus (follow Paul's example).

Chapter 2: Likemindedness/"Mind of Christ"

1. The call to live it: vs 1-4
 - a. Likeminded: same love, one accord, one mind
 - b. Lowliness of mind: No strife or vainglory; esteem others better than self.
 - c. Others minded: look on (consider) needs of others.
2. Christ's Perfect Example vs 5-11
 - a. Equal with God
 - b. Made himself of no reputation: servant, man.
 - c. Humbled himself: Obedient to death of cross.
 - d. God highly exalted him! Name above every name
3. Admonition to work out own salvation vs 12-16
 - a. No murmurings/disputings
 - b. Blameless and harmless sons of God shining as lights
 - c. Holding forth the word of life
4. Paul & Timothy's heart and example vs 17-24
5. Epaphroditus' Service vs 25-30
 - a. Ministered to Paul for the Philippians.
 - b. Sick almost unto death not regarding his own life.

Chapter 3: Warning of false leaders and marks of true men of God

1. Warning of false "leaders" vs 1-2
2. The true call vs 3
3. Paul's past pedigree (ultimately all dung) vs 4-8

4. Paul's present purpose vs 8-14
 - a. Desire to KNOW/WIN Christ
 - b. Power of resurrection
 - c. Fellowship of his sufferings
5. Call to walk as (& with) Paul vs 15-21
 - a. Perfect mindset
 - b. Pressing towards the mark
 - c. Not like the enemies of the cross of Christ
 - * End is destruction; god is their belly; glory in their shame; mind earthly things.
 - d. Conversation in heaven ----> Hope of resurrection

Chapter 4:

1. Beseeching likemindedness amongst the brethren vs 1-3
2. Importance of Prayer and Peace vs 4-7
 - * In everything; with thanksgiving; unto God; peace keep our hearts and minds.
3. Importance of Focus and Meditation vs 8-9
 - * Focus on things: true, honest, just, pure, lovely, good report, virtue, praise.
4. Paul's Contentment vs 10-13
 - * In whatever state (abounding or being abased)
5. Philippi's Generosity vs 14-19