

Philippians 1 Summarized

Sentences

1:1–2, Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1:3–8, I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ; just as it is right for me to think this of 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. For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.

1:9–11, and this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

1:12–14, but I want you to know, brethren, that the things *which happened* to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel, so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

1:15–17, some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from good will: The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains; but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel.

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.

1:19–20, for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, 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.

1:21, for to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

1:22–24, but if *I* live on in the flesh, this *will mean* fruit from *my* labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. For I am hard pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is* far better. Nevertheless to remain in the flesh *is* more needful for you.

1:25–26, and being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again.

1:27–28, only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God.

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1:29–30, for to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear *is* in me.

Paragraphs

1:1–2, Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ, address all the Christians in Philippi along with their elders and deacons: they wish them grace and peace from God their Father and their Lord Jesus Christ.

1:3–11, Paul thanks God every time he thinks of the Philippians and is always happy to pray for them because they stood by him from the start of his ministry until now—through his imprisonment and his battle to spread the Gospel, they've been there for him. Thus, Paul loves them and longs to see them again and is confident that God will complete the work He's doing in them. So Paul asks God to give them a deeper understanding of love so that it will increase more and more enabling them to say "yes" to things that are excellent, to be sincere and without offense until Christ returns as Christ enables them to produce the fruits of righteousness which will glorify and praise God.

1:12–18, Paul wants the Philippians to know that God has used every terrible thing that's happened to him, including his imprisonment, to further the Gospel, so that many, including the whole palace guard, know that Paul is in prison because He preaches Christ. This has emboldened many to preach Christ. And even though many don't do it out of love or acknowledge that this is Paul's God-given role—some actually preach Christ to hurt Paul in prison—Paul continues to rejoice because sincerely or not, Christ is being preached.

1:19–26, even though Paul's life is on the line, he's very confident that God will deliver him through the Philippians' prayers and Christ's Spirit. Thus, he expects not to suffer shame but to be bold and magnify Christ whether he lives or dies because for Paul, to live is Christ and to die is gain. But even though Paul would love to depart and be with Christ, he expects to stay and the Philippians to rejoice all the more in Jesus Christ when they see him again as he continues to advance their faith in the Lord.

1:27–30, meanwhile, Paul wants the Philippians' behavior to be worthy of the Gospel of Christ so that whether he's present or not, he'll hear that they stand united, working together for the faith of the Gospel and not in any way afraid of their enemies which is proof of their destruction but of the Philippians' salvation and that from God. Because the Philippians' have not just been given the privilege of believing in Christ, but of suffering for His sake, just as Paul is suffering right now.

Whole Chapter

Paul always thanks God for the Philippians because they stood by him from the very beginning—in prison and in his fight for the Gospel, thus, he loves them and longs to see them again. He's also confident that God will complete His good work in them, so he prays that God will give them a deeper understanding of love so that they will be sincere and without offense as they bear Christ's fruits of righteousness. He also wants them to know that God has used every terrible thing that's happened to him to advance the Gospel: it has reached many and many are now preaching Christ. And even though some do it from envy and strife, Paul rejoices because Christ is being preached. Paul is also confident that he will not suffer shame but will magnify Christ whether he lives or dies because for Paul to live is Christ, and to die is gain. However, he knows that God will deliver him so he can continue advancing the Philippians' faith in the Lord. Meanwhile, Paul wants their lives to reflect the Gospel, for them to work together without fear of their enemies because God has not only given them the privilege of believing in Christ but also of suffering for Him, just as Paul is now suffering.