



**PHILIPPIANS,
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Paul and Timothy sent greetings to the Philippians

Philippians 1:1-2

An introduction to Paul and his initial contact with Philippi

Paul was sent by God to Macedonia - Acts 16:9-10

Paul began his ministry in Philippi to a group of women - Acts 16:11-13

Paul saw his first convert in Philippi from among those women - Acts 16:14-15

Paul and his companions stayed with Lydia and started the church at Philippi in her home - Acts 16:15, 40

Paul confronted the demonic powers of Satan in a certain woman - Acts 16:16-18

Paul and Silas were beaten and put in prison for this act - Acts 16:19-24

Paul and Silas prayed and praised and God answered - Acts 16:25-26

Paul and Silas witnessed to the jailer - Acts 16:27-31

Paul and Silas saw the whole household turn to Christ - Acts 16:32-34

Paul and Silas encouraged the believers before leaving town - Acts 16:35-40

An introduction to the book of Philippians - 1:1

Paul and Timothy are the writers

Paul and Timothy viewed themselves as bondservants of Christ

Paul and Timothy wrote to all the saints in Philippi

Paul and Timothy also wrote to the bishops and deacons in Philippi

in Acts 20:28 we see that bishops are translated overseers

in Acts 20:17 and 20:28 bishops and elders are interchangeable

in Titus 1:5-7 bishops and elders are interchangeable

in I Peter 2:25 Christ is called the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls

elders, bishops or overseers all refer to the leaders in a local church

Paul explained what he wanted for the Christians in Philippi - 1:2

Grace

the merciful kindness of God by which He turns us to Christ
keeps, strengthens and increases us in the Christian faith
and gives us His power to grow in godly character

Peace

the inner tranquility of a right relationship with God
grace and peace come from both the Father and Christ

Paul prayed for the Philippians Philippians 1:3-11

this prayer included thanksgiving - 1:3-5
this prayer included their partnership 1:6-7
this prayer was a prayer for their growth - 1:8-11

This prayer included thanksgiving Philippians 1:3-5

Paul was thankful every time he thought about the Philippians - 1:3

Paul thanked God for the faith of Christians - Rom. 1:8-9
Paul thanked God for the grace shown to Christians - I Cor 1:4
Paul thanked God for the faith and love of Christians -
Eph 1:15-16, Philemon 4-5
Paul thanked God for the faith, hope and love of Christians -
Col. 1:3-5, I Thess. 1:2-3

Paul was thankful as he made requests for them - 1:4

Paul was always praying for other Christians
Paul remembered other Christians in every prayer
Paul had specific requests for other Christians in every prayer
Paul was able to pray for the Philippians with joy

Paul was thankful for their fellowship in the gospel - 1:5

Paul was thankful for their fellowship
Paul was thankful for their partnership in sharing the gospel
Paul was thankful for their faithfulness

the Philippians had been team members with Paul from the beginning
the Philippians showed fellowship toward the Jews in Jerusalem - Rom 11:25-26
the Philippians showed this fellowship through giving finances - II Cor 8:1-4
the Philippians showed this fellowship by giving of themselves - II Cor 8:5
the Philippians could show this fellowship by being like-minded - Phil 2:1-4
the Philippians could show this fellowship by knowing Christ - Phil 3:10
the Philippians were still team members at that time

**This prayer included their partnership
Philippians 1:6-7**

God will perform the good work which He has begun - 1:6

Paul had his confidence in God

this confidence is our certainty of eternal life - Rom. 8:38-39
this confidence recognized the ministry of others - Rom 15:14
this was the confidence that Paul had for his personal life - II Cor 1:9
this was the confidence that Paul had for other Christians - II Cor 2:3

Paul recognized that God had begun a good work in the Philippians

this work begins in all who believe in Christ - John 6:29
this work of God is for both Jews and Gentiles - Acts 11:18
this work began in Philippi when God opened the heart of Lydia - Acts 16:14
this work produces spiritual life in our lives - Eph. 2:4-10
this work results in our glorification - Rom. 8:28-30

Paul recognized that God would perform what He had begun

God will perfect His holiness in us - II Cor. 7:1
God will do this until the day of Jesus Christ

God causes all of us to be partakers of the same grace - 1:7

Paul knew that this was right thinking

his confidence was in God to complete that work - Heb. 6:9-10

Paul had the Philippians in his heart

his concern was for the Philippian Christians - Phil. 1:8-11

Paul knew that they shared in his sufferings

he appreciated their partnership in his ministry - Phil. 4:14-17

Paul knew that they shared in his ministry of the gospel

this included the defense of the Gospel - Phil. 1:17

this included the confirmation of the Gospel - Rom. 15:8-9

Paul knew that they were partakers of his grace

brethren are partakers of His call - Heb. 3:1

brethren have the privilege of sharing Christ's sufferings - I Pet. 4:13

brethren will be partakers of the glory to be revealed - I Pet. 5:1

**This prayer was a prayer for their growth
Philippians 1:8-11**

Paul had a great love for the Philippians - 1:8

this love was recognized by God

Paul often let God be his witness - Rom. 1:9

this love caused Paul to have a great longing for them

Paul had a great desire to see Christ formed in Christians - Gal. 4:19

this love caused Paul to have great tenderness

Paul often demonstrated such tenderness - I Thess. 2:7-9

Paul had a great longing for others - Phile. 12

Paul prayed that their love would continue to grow 1:9

this prayer was for a growing love

the Lord wants us to increase in love - I Thess. 3:12

this prayer was for growing knowledge

the Lord wants us to grow in understanding - I Cor. 14:20

this prayer was for growing discernment

the Lord wants us to grow in moral excellence - II Pet. 1:5-8

Paul prayed that they would approve the excellent - 1:10

this prayer was that they would recognize the best

the Lord wants us to know His perfect will - Rom. 12:2

this prayer was that they would be found pure

the Lord wants us to have pure thoughts - II Pet. 3:1-2

this prayer was that they would not give offence

the Lord wants us to seek the benefit of others - I Cor. 10:32-33

Paul prayed that they would be filled with the fruits of righteousness - 1:11

this prayer was that they would be very fruitful

being fruitful happens as we abide in Christ - John 15:1-8

this prayer was that they would demonstrate Christ's righteousness

being fruitful is multiplied by righteousness - II Cor. 9:10

being fruitful demonstrates the fruit of the Spirit - Ga. 5:22-23

this prayer was that they would bring glory and praise to God

being fruitful causes us to do all to the glory of God - I Cor. 10:31

Paul was rejoicing in prison Philippians 1:12-18

Paul was concerned about spreading the Gospel - 1:12

the desire of Paul was for the brethren to understand

Paul had freedom to preach while imprisoned - Acts 28:30-31

the desire of Paul was not to focus on himself

Paul was kept under Roman guard - Acts 28:16

the desire of Paul was the furtherance of the Gospel

Paul realized that God was working out all things for good - Rom. 8:28-29

Paul was willing to suffer to spread the Gospel - II Tim. 2:9-10

Paul said his ministry had been carried throughout the palace -1:13

the people knew that Paul was a prisoner of Christ

Paul often referred to himself as a prisoner of Christ - Eph. 3:1

Paul was in bonds when he shared with leaders - Acts 26:29-31

Paul was in bonds when he shared with Jews in Rome - Acts 28:17-20

Paul said that the word of God is not bound - II Tim. 2:9

the people knew this throughout the palace

Paul had seen many from Caesar's family trust Christ - Phil. 4:22

Paul had seen others in Rome trust Christ - Phil. 10

the people knew this in all other places

Paul was using every opportunity to speak boldly - Eph. 6:20

Paul wanted to introduce Christ to as many as possible - Col. 4:3-4

Paul was concerned to see the gospel spread everywhere - I Thess. 1:8-9

Paul said that the other brethren were becoming bold - 1:14

the brethren were becoming confident

Paul did not want the brethren to get discouraged - Eph. 3:13

Paul wanted them to follow his example - Eph. 6:19-20

Paul had been bold after suffering at Philippi - I Thess. 2:2

the brethren were becoming bold

persecution had caused the apostles to speak boldly - Acts 4:12-13

persecution often causes boldness to share the Gospel - Acts 4:23-31

the brethren were speaking the word without fear

persecution was used by God to spread the Word - Acts 8:4

persecution was used by God to reach new groups - Acts 11:19-21

Paul said people preached with different motives - 1:15

some were preaching from envy and strife

those who preach from envy are controlled by pride - I Tim. 6:4
those who preach from strife are controlled by immaturity - I Cor. 3:3
those who preach from strife seek self gain - Acts 20:19-21

some were preaching from good will

the motivation of Paul was to preach Christ - II Cor. 4:5
the motivation of Paul's companions was to preach Christ - Col. 4:7-14

Paul said that some were not sincere - 1:16

some were preaching Christ to gain personal power

such individuals corrupt the Word of God - II Cor. 2:17
such individuals have not denounced dishonesty - II Cor. 4:1
such individuals have a wrong attitude in the heart - Jam. 3:14-16

some thought that this would make Paul's suffering worse

such individuals were still sharing the Gospel - Phil. 1:18

Paul said that others preached from love - 1:17

Most were preaching out of love

Love is to be what motivates us - II Cor. 5:14-15

Most knew Paul was set for the defense of the Gospel

Paul preached the Gospel rather than defending himself - Acts 22:1ff

Paul was sent to Rome to defend himself - Acts 26:15

we are all to be set for the defense of the Gospel - I Pet. 3:15

Paul was rejoicing that Christ was being preached - 1:18

Paul was thankful the Gospel was being preached

Paul could rejoice even in suffering - Col. 1:24

Paul was thankful even when the Gospel was preached with wrong motives

some may preach out of covetousness - I Thess. 2:5

some many preach to gain a following - Acts 20:30

Paul was thankful for those who preached in truth

many were preaching the Gospel in truth - Phil 1:14

Paul was rejoicing the Gospel was being preached

this rejoicing was not affected by outward pressures - II Cor. 6:1-10

this rejoicing was to be the experience of the Philippians - Phil. 2:17-18

**Paul was ready to live or die for Christ
Philippians 1:19-26**

Paul expected the Lord to work through his imprisonment - 1:19

Paul expected the Lord to work

God works all things together for good - Rom. 8:28-29

God works through our actions to do good - I Cor. 4:17

Paul expected the Lord to answer their prayers

God works through the prayers of other Christians - II Cor. 1:11

God works as others pray for our witness - Eph. 6:18-19

Paul expected the Lord to work through the Holy Spirit

God sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in our lives - Rom. 8:9

God has sent the Holy Spirit to work through our lives - Gal. 4:6

Paul wanted to magnify the Lord by life or by death - 1:20

Paul had a persistent expectation

Paul took a long range view of life - Rom. 8:18-19

Paul knew that his work would not be cut off - Prov. 23:18

Paul had a persistent hope

Paul looked forward to our eternal hope in Christ - Rom. 5:5

Paul wants all Christians to know the hope of His calling - Eph. 1:18

Paul had a goal to not be ashamed in anything

Paul knew that he did not need to be ashamed in anything - Rom. 9:33

Christians do not need to be ashamed when we suffer - I Pet. 4:16

Christians want to have confidence when we stand before Christ - I John 2:28

Paul had a desire to minister with boldness

Paul was able to minister with boldness to the Corinthians - II Cor. 7:14

Paul wanted to speak boldly so he would not be ashamed - Eph. 6:19-20

Paul had a desire to magnify Christ by his life

God is the One who causes us to triumph - II Cor. 2:14-16

Paul wanted to be totally yielded to God - Rom. 6:13

Paul urged us to present ourselves as living sacrifices - Rom. 12:1

Paul urged us to glorify God in our body and spirit - I Cor. 6:20

Paul had a desire to magnify Christ by his death

Paul wanted to be conformable to Christ's death - Phil. 3:10

Paul wanted to finish the course Christ had for him - II Tim. 4:6-8

Paul had no fear of death - 1:21

Paul was ready to live for Christ

Paul wanted to live unto God - Gal. 2:19

Paul wanted to walk in the Spirit - Gal. 5:25

Paul was ready to die for Christ

Paul saw himself crucified with Christ - Gal. 2:20

Paul saw himself as crucified to the world - Gal. 6:14

Paul looked forward to his eternal state - II Cor. 5:1, 6-8

Paul was ready to leave this choice to the Lord - 1:22

Paul knew the Lord had a purpose for him living

we should live for the will of God - I Pet. 4:2

we should keep our eyes focused on the goal - I Cor. 9:24-27

Paul expected fruit from his ministry

Paul wanted to bear fruit wherever he went - Rom. 1:13

Paul wanted other Christians to be fruitful also - Phil. 4:17

Paul was leaving the choice to the Lord

Paul considered himself a bondservant of Christ - Phil 1:1

Paul was ready to glorify God by life or by death - Phil. 1:20

Paul looked forward to eternal life - 1:23

Paul realized that Christ has two choices

Christ can leave us here to serve Him - Phil. 1:24

Christ can call us home to glorify Him - II Cor. 5:8

Paul looked forward to being with Christ

Paul looked forward to heaven - II Tim. 4:7-8

Paul was ready to depart - II Tim. 4:6

Paul looked forward to being with Christ - Phil. 1:21

Paul knew that would be far better

Paul had his focus on the high calling of Christ - Phil. 3:14

Paul looked forward to being present with the Lord - II Cor. 5:8

Paul looked forward to being with the Lord forever - I Thess. 4:13-18

Paul realized it was important for him to stay - 1:24

the Lord had shown Paul he would continue to live

Paul had not yet finished his course - Acts 20:24, II Tim. 4:7

Paul still had other ministries to finish - Acts 27:22-25

Paul still had churches that needed strengthening - Titus 1:5

Paul still had other books God wanted him to write

(I Timothy, II Timothy, Titus)

the Lord had shown Paul the Christians needed him

the Christians still needed his example to follow - I Cor 11:1

the Christians had to be prepared for false teachers - Acts 20:29-31

Paul knew this was for the benefit of others - 1:25

Paul was persuaded this was the will of God

he was following the example of Christ - John 6:38

he knew his presence was needed - Phil 1:24

Paul was prepared to continue on earth

he was concerned to serve the Lord - II Cor. 5:6-11

he was motivated by the love of Christ - II Cor. 5:14-15

Paul wanted to benefit other Christians

this was his goal in life - Phil. 2:1-4

this had been his goal for many years - Rom. 1:11-16

he wanted to be a helper to other Christians - II Cor. 1:24

he was willing to suffer for their sake - Phil. 1:12-14

he was willing to be a sacrifice for their sake - Phil. 2:16-18

Paul looked forward to their rejoicing - 1:26

Paul wanted to see Christians experience great joy

he had the same desire as Christ - John 15:11

he wanted them to rejoice at all times - Phil. 3:1, 4:4

he wanted them to be fruitful - Phil. 4:17

Paul was looking forward to visiting them again

he wanted to hear about them until he could see them - Phil. 2:19-23

he was hoping he would be free to see them soon - Phil 2:24

Paul encouraged the Philippians in their Christian living Philippians 1:27-30

Paul encouraged them to walk to please Christ - 1:27

they were to focus on living for Christ
our walk is to please the Lord - Phil 3:18-21
our walk is to be a worthy walk - Eph. 4:1
they were to do this whether Paul was there or not
our walk with the Lord is to grow - I Thess. 4:1
they were to have unity of the spirit and mind
we are to be one in spirit - Phil. 2:2
we are to be likeminded - Phil 2:1-2
they were to work together for the faith
we are to be in one accord - Acts 2:46

Paul encouraged them not to fear those who opposed - 1:28

they were not to be terrified by adversaries
we are to rejoice if we suffer for Christ - Acts 5:40-42
we have been given the spirit of power and love - II Tim. 1:7-8
they were to realize they had a different view
we recognize that others do not know Christ - I Pet. 4:12-14

Paul said it was a privilege to suffer for Christ - 1:29

they had the privilege of believing in Christ
the Lord has saved us by His grace - Eph. 2:8-9
they had the privilege of suffering for Christ
the Lord started this church through suffering - Acts 16:19-34

Paul said they were experiencing the same things - 1:30

they were experiencing the same kind of conflict
we are all in a spiritual conflict - Eph. 6:11-18
this conflict was being experienced by other churches - I Thess. 2:14-15
they heard that Paul was experiencing similar conflict
Paul had a great concern for the churches - Col. 2:1
Paul was willing to suffer for the churches - II Tim. 2:10-12

Paul encouraged the Philippians to humility Philippians 2:1-4

Paul shared some of the blessings that we have in Christ - 2:1

we see there is encouragement in Christ

Christ wants us to have a full joy - John 15:11, 17:13
Christ gave us this joy because He justified us - Rom. 5:1-2
Christ is the One who causes us to triumph - II Cor. 2:14
Christ has given us everlasting encouragement - II Thess. 2:16-17

we see there is comfort in love

we are to abide in Christ's love - John 15:10-12
we are to show love by forgiving - Eph. 4:30-32
we are to be knit together in love - Col. 2:2
we love because we are loved - I John 4:7-8

we see there is fellowship in the Spirit

we are being built together into a holy building - Eph. 2:18-22
we have all been baptized into one body - I Cor. 12:13

we see there is tender compassion

we are to put on tender compassion - Col. 3:12
we see Paul's example of tender compassion - Phil. 1:8
we see Philemon's example of tender compassion - Phile. 7

Paul encouraged them to fill up his joy - 2:2

we see that there are things which bring joy

Paul wanted to feel he had not labored in vain - Phil. 2:16

joy is the result when Christians are likeminded

the Lord is the One who causes us to be likeminded - Rom. 15:5
Timothy was an example of one who was likeminded - Phil. 2:20

joy is the result when Christians love one another

we have an example of a church that loved others - I Thess. 3:6
we are to love with a pure heart - I Pet. 1:22

joy is the result when Christians are of one accord

we are to be of one accord as we pray together - Acts 1:14
we have an example of a church that was of one accord - Acts 2:1, 2:46

joy is the result when Christians are of one mind

we are to be of the same mind - Rom. 12:16
we are to be of one mind - II Cor. 13:11
we are to be of the same mind - Phil. 3:15-16

Paul encouraged them to recognize others as better than themselves - 2:3

we are not to do things through strife

we are to do all things without secret displeasure - Phil. 2:14
we will destroy one another if strife controls - Gal. 5:15
we see that strife is the result of following worldly wisdom - Jam. 3:14-16

we are not to do things for self glory

pride is the actual source of contention - Prov. 13:10
pride results in divisions and fleshly living - I Cor. 3:3
we are not to seek self glory - Gal. 5:26

we are to do things with a humble mind

God gives grace to the humble - James 4:6
Paul served with humility of mind - Acts 20:19
our example of humility is Christ - Phil. 2:5-8
we are to put on humbleness of mind - Col. 3:12
we are to be clothed with humility - I Pet. 5:5-6

we are to see others as better than self

we are to prefer one another in honor - Rom. 12:10
we are to have proper inner attitudes - Eph. 4:2
we are to esteem our leaders very highly - I Thess. 5:13

Paul encouraged them to see how they could benefit others - 2:4

we are not to look out for our own benefit

we are not to be a stumbling block to others - I Cor. 8:9-13
we are not to seek self gain - I Cor. 10:24
we are not to give offence to anyone - I Cor. 10:32
we are not to give offence in any thing - II Cor. 6:3

we are to look for the benefit of others

we are to share the feelings of others - Rom. 12:15
we are to seek to build up others - Rom. 14:19
we are to bear the infirmities of the weak - Rom. 15:1
we are to look for the benefit of many - I Cor. 10:33
we are to seek the benefit of the weak - I Cor. 12:22-26
we are to bear one another's burdens - Gal. 6:2

**Paul said Christ is the true example of humility
Philippians 2:5-11**

Christ wants us to have His mind - 2:5

we are called to have a humble mind
we are to be likeminded with Christ - Rom. 15:5
we have been given an example of a humble mind
we see that Christ did not please Himself - Rom. 15:3

Christ was equal with God - 2:6

Christ was in the form of God
He had all the fullness of the Godhead dwelling in Him - Col. 2:9
He was with God and was God - John 1:1-2
Christ did not consider it robbery to be equal with God
He was equal with the Father - John 10:30-38
He is the One who reveals the Father - John 1:14, 14:9

Christ took on the form of a servant - 2:7

Christ laid aside His equality with God
Christ laid aside His riches for our sake - II Cor. 8:9
Christ took on the form of a servant
Christ chose to become a servant of all - Mark 10:44-45
Christ was made in the likeness of men
Christ came in the likeness of sinful flesh - Rom. 8:3

Christ became obedient unto death - 2:8

Christ became a real man
Christ became in every way a real man - Heb. 2:14-17
Christ chose to humble Himself
Christ chose to learn obedience - Heb. 5:8-9
Christ came to do the will of the Father - Heb. 10:7-9
Christ became obedient to death
Christ gave Himself to redeem us - Titus 2:14
Christ experienced death on a cross
Christ chose to experience death on a cross - Gal. 3:13
Christ bore our sins on the cross - I Pet. 2:24

Christ was exalted by the Father - 2:9

the Father has highly exalted Christ

the Father has given the people to Christ - Psalm 2:6-12

the Father has put all things under His feet - Psalm 8:5-8

the Father has said Christ will rule forever - Isaiah 9:6-7

the Father has given Christ a name above every name

the Father has given Christ all authority - Matt. 28:18

the Father has given all things into His hand - John 3:35-36

the Father has committed all judgment to Christ - John 5:22-27

Christ will have every knee bow to Him - 2:10

every knee will bow in heaven

all shall bow the knee to Christ - Isaiah 45:23-24

all Christians will bow the knee to Christ - Rom. 14:10-11

all angels shall worship Christ - Heb. 1:6

every knee will bow on earth

every creature shall bow the knee to Christ - Rev. 5:13

every knee will bow under the earth

every one who has died will stand before Christ - John 5:28-29

every unbeliever will bow the knee to Christ - Rev. 20:13

Christ will have every tongue confess that He is Lord - 2:11

every tongue will confess Jesus Christ is Lord

all who confess Christ will be named before the Father - Matt. 10:32

all who confess Christ now will be saved - Rom. 10:9

all who confess Christ have God dwelling in them - I John 4:15

all will one day confess to God that Christ is Lord - Rom. 14:9-11

Jesus is rightfully Lord and Master - John 13:13

Jesus was recognized as Lord and God - John 20:28

God has made Christ both Lord and Christ - Acts 2:36

every tongue will give glory to the Father

all are to honor both the Father and Son - John 5:22-23

every tongue will confess to God - Rom. 14:9-11

Christ receives glory from the Father - John 16:14-15

Christ brings glory to the Father - John 13:31-32

**Paul explained how we practice humility
Philippians 2:12-18**

God wants us to work out our salvation -2:12

the saints in Philippi are called beloved

the saints in Rome are called the beloved - Rom. 1:7
the saints in Corinth are called the beloved - I Cor. 4:14
the saints in Philippi are called the beloved - Phil. 4:1
the saints in Thessalonica are called the beloved - I Thess. 2:8

the saints in Philippi had always obeyed when Paul was there

the Philippians had given themselves to the Lord and to Paul - II Cor. 8:5

the saints in Philippi are encouraged to obey in his absence

the Philippians are encouraged to let their love keep growing - Phil. 1:9-10

the saints were to work out their salvation

Christians have been created for good works - Eph. 2:10

the saints were to do this with fear and trembling

we are to serve with godly fear - Heb. 12:28-29

God is the One who is working in us - 2:13

God is the One who works in the lives of Christians

God is the One who saved us by His grace - Eph. 2:8
God is working to conform us to Christ - Rom. 8:28-29
God is working to transform us by renewing our minds - Rom. 12:1
God is working to motivate us by the love of Christ - II Cor. 5:14-15

God is the One who works to fulfill His will in us

God made choices based on His purpose - Rom. 9:11-16
God made known to us the mystery of His will - Eph. 1:9
God gave us an inheritance to fulfill his purpose - Eph. 1:11
God wants to do more through us that we can imagine - Eph. 3:14-21
God is completing His purpose in us - II Tim. 1:9

God is the One who accomplishes His good pleasure through us

God chose us according to the good pleasure of His will - Eph. 1:5
God is fulfilling His good pleasure through us - II Thess. 1:11
God is fulfilling His good pleasure in giving us the kingdom - Luke 12:32

God wants us to do things with proper attitudes - 2:14

we are to do all things without murmuring

the people had a secret debate about Christ - John 7:12
the early church had a problem with secret debates - Acts 6:1
it is easy for us to have secret debates also- I Pet. 4:9
we are not to have such secret debates - I Cor. 10:10

we are to do all things without disputing

we are not to judge the opinions of others - Rom. 14:1
we are to pray without inward doubts - I Tim. 2:8
we are not to have evil thoughts - Jam. 2:4

God wants us to be lights to the world - 2:15

we are to be blameless

the parents of John the Baptist were blameless - Luke 1:6
we are to keep our hearts blameless - I Thess. 3:13

we are to be harmless

we are to be harmless as doves - Matt. 10:16
we are to be free from evil - Rom. 16:19

we are to act as the children of God

we are children of God - Rom. 8:16-17
we have experienced God's love by being called children - I John 3:1-2
we are to do righteousness as children of God - I John 3:10
we love the children of God because we love God - I John 5:2

we are to be without rebuke

our lives are to be without spot and unrebukable - II Pet. 3:14

we are to understand the sinfulness of the world

Peter called the people a perverse generation - Acts 2:40
we are to do good even to the perverse - I Pet. 2:18
we will have leaders arise who speak perverse things - Acts 20:30

we are to shine as lights in that world

we are to let our light shine before men - Matt. 5:16
we are to put on the armor of light - Rom. 13:12
we have the light of Christ shining in our hearts - II Cor. 4:6
we are to walk as children of light - Eph. 5:8
we have been called into His marvelous light - I Pet. 2:9
we are to walk in the light as He is in the light - I John 1:7
we will not stumble if we walk in the light - I John 2:10

God wants us to present the Word of life - 2:16

Paul was concerned to hold forth the Word of life

he was concerned that they would also do the same - Phil. 1:27
we are also to hold forth the Word of life - I Tim. 4:16

Paul wanted to rejoice in the day of Christ

he wanted the Philippians to rejoice with him - Phil. 1:26
he wanted all Christians to rejoice with him - II Cor. 1:14

Paul did not want to run in vain

he talked with others to avoid running in vain - Gal. 2:2
he wanted to run to obtain the prize - I Cor. 9:24-27
he wanted the Word of God to have free course - II Thess. 3:1
we are called to run the race with patience - Heb. 12:1

Paul did not want to labor in vain

he had labored more than anyone else - I Cor. 15:10
he did not want to labor in vain - Gal. 4:11
he labored to present everyone mature in Christ - Col. 1:28-29

God wants us to follow the example of Paul - 2:17

Paul was ready to be offered as a sacrifice

he had presented himself as a living sacrifice - Rom. 12:1
he was following the example of Christ - Eph. 5:2

Paul was ready to serve the development of their faith

he served them as others served him - Phil. 2:30
he served Christians in many different ways - II Cor. 9:12

Paul was rejoicing with them

he wants the whole body to rejoice - I Cor. 12:26

God wants us to be filled with joy - 2:18

Paul wanted the Philippians to have joy

he wanted their lives to be filled with joy - Phil. 4:4

Paul wanted the Philippians to rejoice with him

he encouraged them to rejoice in the Lord - Phil. 3:1
he wants us to rejoice at all times - I Thess. 5:16

Paul said that Timothy was concerned for the Philippians Philippians 2:19-24

Timothy was going to be sent to them soon - 2:19

Paul was going to send Timothy to them

Timothy was often send to minister to others - I Cor. 4:14-17

Timothy would be sent to minister to them - Phil 2:23

Epaphroditus would be sent first - Phil 2:25

Paul hoped to send Timothy soon

Timothy often did ministry on short notice - II Tim. 4:9

Paul also had a desire to come soon - Phil. 2:24

Paul wanted to have a cheerful spirit

Paul received comfort by hearing good reports - II Cor. 7:13

Paul wanted to know how they were doing

Paul always had a concern about growing Christians - I Thess. 3:6

Paul was thankful to hear of Christians growth - II Thess. 1:3

Paul encouraged Christians in their growth - Phile. 5

Timothy and Paul had the same concerns - 2:20

Paul had only Timothy who had his concerns

Timothy was faithful in caring for other Christians - I Cor. 4:14-17

Timothy had always shown a true faith - II Tim. 1:5

Paul knew Timothy had a genuine concern for them

this genuine concern was shown by Timothy- Phil. 2:22

this genuine concern should be true of all Christians - I Cor. 12:25

Timothy was not like those concerned for themselves - 2:21

Paul said people are concerned for their own interests

Christians can become focused on the world - II Tim. 4:10

Christians are to have the same attitude as Christ - Phil. 2:5

Christians are to seek the benefit of others - Phil. 2:4

Paul said they did not have the same concern for Christ's interests

self gain usually means loss for Christ - Phil. 3:7

Paul wanted to know Christ - Phil. 3:10

Paul wanted to please Christ - Phil. 3:14

Paul wants us to have the same attitude - Phil. 3:15

Timothy had been like a faithful son - 2:22

Timothy had provided a good example

Paul had encouraged him to be a good example - I Tim. 4:12

Paul knew that Timothy followed his example - I Cor. 4:17

Paul said that Timothy had the same concerns - Phil. 2:20

Timothy had been like a son with a father

Paul viewed Timothy as his son in the faith - I Tim. 1:1

Paul sent Timothy in his place to minister - I Thess. 3:1-6

Paul knew what Timothy would teach - I Cor. 4:17

Timothy had served with Paul in the Gospel

Timothy had begun traveling with Paul as a young man - Acts 16:1-3

Timothy had shared in the writing of letters - I Thess. 1:1

Timothy had helped Paul expand his ministry - Acts 18:5-6

Timothy had been left in charge in Ephesus - I Tim. 1:3

Timothy was ministering with Paul even in prison - Phil. 1:1

Timothy would be coming to see them soon - 2:23

Paul hoped to send Timothy in the near future

Timothy was faithful in ministering to the churches - I Tim. 1:3

Timothy knew how to strengthen Christians - I Thess. 3:1-2

Timothy knew how provide leadership - I Tim. 4:11-16

Timothy knew how to develop new leaders - II Tim. 2:2

Paul was waiting to find out what would happen to him

Paul was presently in prison - Phil. 1:12-13

Paul was using this time to preach - Acts 28:17-31

Paul was using this time to write letters

(Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon)

Timothy would be followed by Paul the Lord willing - 2:24

Paul was trusting the Lord to be set free

Paul hoped he would soon be released - Phile. 22

Paul was hoping to see them again - Phil. 1:27

Paul was willing to live or die for Christ - Phil. 1:21-24

Paul was looking forward to visiting them again

Paul had a continual desire for mutual ministry - Rom. 1:11-12

Paul had a special relationship with the Philippians - Phil. 4:15-16

Paul rejoiced for their partnership in ministry - Phil. 4:10

**Paul said that Epaphroditus had risked his life to serve Paul
Philippians 2:25-30**

Epaphroditus had been a faithful fellow partner - 2:25

Paul was sending Epaphroditus to Philippi

Epaphroditus had apparently brought the gift from Philippi - Phil 4:10

Paul said Epaphroditus was like a brother

Epaphroditus has served faithfully with Paul in Rome - Phil.4:18

Paul said Epaphroditus was a companion in labor

we are all to be laborers together with God - I Cor. 3:9

Paul said Epaphroditus was a fellowsoldier

we are all to endure hardness as a good soldier - II Tim. 2:3-5

Paul said Epaphroditus was their messenger

Epaphroditus has been sent to Paul by the church at Philippi - Phil. 4:18

Paul said Epaphroditus had ministered to his need

Epaphroditus had nearly died to serve Paul - Phil. 2:30

Epaphroditus had a great desire to see the Philippians - 2:26

Epaphroditus was longing for the Philippians

Paul had this same longing for the Philippians - Phil. 1:8

Paul had this same longing for other churches - I Thess. 3:6

Paul had this same longing for individuals - II Tim. 4:1

Epaphroditus was full of heaviness

this is the same kind of heaviness that Christ experienced - Matt. 26:37

Epaphroditus had become sick while serving Paul

this sickness did not stop him from serving - Phil. 2:30

Epaphroditus had nearly died to serve Paul - 2:27

Epaphroditus had almost died from his sickness

he was near death for the work of Christ - Phil. 2:30

Epaphroditus had experienced the mercy of God

however, his life had been spared - Phil. 2:30

his ministry was a sweet smell to God - Phil. 4:18

Paul had also experienced the mercy of God

Paul had also obtained mercy for a different reason - I Tim. 1:13-16

Paul had been spared from further sorrow

Paul had continual sorrow for the unsaved - Rom. 9:2

Epaphroditus was being sent back to Philippi - 2:28

he was sent by Paul

Paul had earlier sent Timothy to Philippi - Phil. 2:19-23

Paul felt it was necessary to send Epaphroditus to Philippi - Phil. 2:25

he was sent with great haste

Paul did not want the church in Philippi to worry - Phil. 2:26

he was sent so they could rejoice

Paul wanted them to rejoice for his ministry - Phil. 4:18

he was sent so Paul had less sorrow

Paul had sorrow for the lost - Rom. 9:2

Paul also had a great concern for all the churches - I Cor. 11:28

Epaphroditus was to be treated with great respect - 2:29

he was to be accepted in the Lord

Paul encouraged Christians to respect Phoebe - Rom. 16:2

Paul encouraged Christians to respect Timothy - I Cor. 16:10

Christ gave us an example of respecting all - Luke 15:2

he was to be received with joy

the Philippians found great joy in serving Christ - II Cor. 8:1-2

other Christians are a source of joy - I Thess. 2:19-20

he was to be received as one who was precious

we are chosen by God and are precious - I Pet. 2:4-6

we have an example of treating a servant as precious - Luke 7:2

Epaphroditus had nearly given his life for the work of Christ - 2:30

he had been close to death for the work of Christ

Epaphroditus did not regard his life as important - Phil. 2:27

he did not regard his own life as important

Christ did not regard his life as important - Phil. 2:5-8

Paul did not regard his life as important - Acts 21:13

we are not to regard our lives as important - Phil. 2:5

he was serving the Lord on behalf of the church at Philippi

Timothy served the church at Ephesus - I Tim. 1:3

Titus served the churches on Crete - Titus 1:5

Paul served all of the churches - II Cor. 11:28

Epaphroditus served the church at Philippi - Phil. 4:18

**Paul warned of those who trust in the flesh
Philippians 3:1-3**

Paul wrote so that we might have joy - 3:1

this letter was written to brethren

Paul wanted to encourage those who served Christ - I Thess. 4:1

this letter was written to encourage rejoicing

Paul wants Christians to rejoice at all times - Phil. 4:4

this message needs to be repeated frequently

Paul wants others to rejoice with him - Phil. 2:17-18

this letter was one that could be relied on

Paul knew that we have an anchor for the soul - Heb. 6:19

Paul wrote to warn of certain things - 3:2

Paul warned of people of impure minds

people can destroy with thoughts and words - Gal. 5:15

people can stand against our words - II Tim. 4:14-15

people who are impure return to their old ways - II Pet. 2:22

Paul warned of evil workers

evil workers can be false apostles - II Cor. 11:13

evil workers will follow the flesh - Gal. 5:13

evil workers are those who love self - II Tim. 3:1-6

Paul warned of those who mutilate themselves

Paul warned of those who have a false circumcision - Gal. 5:1-3

Paul wrote to those who are true Christians - 3:3

Paul said that Christians are the true circumcision

God seeks those who have removed sin from the heart - Rom. 2:25-29

Paul said that we worship God in the spirit

God seeks those who worship in spirit and in truth - John 4:23-24

God seeks those who serve in newness of spirit - Rom. 7:6

God seeks those who depend on the Holy Spirit - Rom. 8:9

God seeks those who pray in the Spirit - Eph.6:18

Paul said we are those who rejoice in Christ

God seeks those who glory in the cross - Gal. 6:13-15

Paul said we do not depend on the flesh

God seeks those who make no provision for the flesh - Rom. 13:13

Paul told why he had formerly trusted in the flesh Philippians 3:4-6

Paul thought he had many reasons to trust the flesh - 3:4

he felt he could have confidence in the flesh

Paul had followed all of the prescribed laws - II Cor. 11:18-22

he felt he could compare himself with others

Paul had compared himself to others - II Cor. 11:22

Paul later realized he should not compare himself to others - II Cor. 10:12

Paul thought he had done all the proper Jewish things - 3:5

Paul had been circumcised the eighth day

the eighth day was the day selected for circumcision - Luke 2:21

Paul was from the stock of Israel

Paul said that he was an Israelite - Rom. 11:1

Paul was from the tribe of Benjamin

Paul said he was from the tribe of Benjamin - Rom. 11:1

Paul was a Hebrew of the Hebrews

Paul was able to speak in the Hebrew language - Acts 21:40

Paul was listened to when he spoke Hebrew - Acts 22:2

Paul had been spoken to by the Lord in Hebrew - Acts 26:14

Paul was a Pharisee

Paul reminded the Pharisees he was a Pharisee - Acts 23:6

Paul had lived as a strict Pharisee - Acts 26:5

Paul thought he had kept the law - 3:6

Paul had shown his zeal by persecuting the church

(Saul) Paul had held the coats when Stephen was stoned - Acts 7:58

Saul had made havoc of the church - Acts 8:3

Saul was threatening to kill other Christians - Acts 9:1

Saul had even gone to foreign cities to persecute - Acts 9:2

Saul had the Lord testify that he persecuted - Acts 9:4-5

Saul testified that he had persecuted and killed - Acts 22:3-4

Saul admitted persecuting to foreign cities - Acts 26:10-12

Paul had been blameless in following the law

Paul had a clear conscience before God and man - Acts 23:11

Paul was recognized as guiltless by Agrippa - Acts 26:32

**Paul told why he could not trust in the flesh
Philippians 3:7-14**

Paul knew his gain was Christ's loss - 3:7

Paul saw his gain from Christ's viewpoint

he was justified by faith and not by works - Gal. 2:15-16

he said we cannot be justified by the law - Gal. 5:2-5

Paul saw his gain meant loss for Christ

he had chosen to glory in his infirmities as a result - II Cor. 12:7-10

Paul said his passion was to please Christ - 3:8

Paul viewed all personal gain as loss

Paul did not count his life dear to himself - Acts 20:24

Paul said present suffering was not worthy to be compared - Rom. 8:18

Paul wanted only what would be best for Christ

Paul only wanted to preach Christ - I Cor. 2:2

Paul viewed himself as a bondservant - II Cor. 4:4-6

Paul wanted us all to have this wisdom - Eph. 1:17-18

Paul wanted all to know the love of Christ - Eph. 3:18-19

Paul wanted us to learn of Christ's treasures of wisdom - Col. 2:2-3

Paul had suffered the loss of all things for Christ

Paul had chosen to become a spectacle to the world - I Cor. 4:9-13

Paul had chosen to suffer for Christ - II Cor. 11:23-27

Paul was ready to be poured out as a drink offering - II Tim. 4:6

Paul considered the things of this world as worthless

Paul said these things are like garbage - Mal. 2:3

Paul wanted to stand in the righteousness of Christ - 3:9

Paul wanted to fully know Christ

Paul wanted to lay hold of the hope we have in Christ - Heb. 6:18

Paul did not want to stand in his own righteousness

Paul knew righteous must be obtained by faith - Rom. 8:31-32

Paul knew that many try to establish their own righteousness - Rom. 10:1-5

Paul wanted to stand in the righteousness of Christ

Paul said that Christ had become sin for him - II Cor. 5:21

Paul recognized that was the righteousness of God

Paul said that we are made righteous through faith in Christ - Gal. 2:16

Paul had a great desire to know Christ - 3:10

Paul wanted to know Christ

Paul wanted to know more fully the grace of Christ - II Cor. 8:9

Paul also wants us to know the love of Christ - Eph. 3:19

Paul wanted to know the power of the resurrection

Christ had power to lay down his life and take it up again - John 10:18

Christ is the resurrection and the life - John 11:25-26

Christ and His resurrection was the message on Pentecost - Acts 2:31-38

Christ has raised us in the likeness of His resurrection - Rom. 6:4-11

Christ has given us life because of His resurrection - Rom. 8:10-11

Christ is the One who is able to give us life - I Cor. 15:20-22

Christ has provided past, present and future deliverance - II Cor. 1:10

Christ said we live with Him by His power - II Cor. 13:4

Christ has seated us in heaven because of the resurrection - Eph. 1:19-21

Christ made us alive and forgave all our sins - Col. 2:13

Christ made it possible for us to seek the things above - Col. 3:1

Paul wanted to know the fellowship of the sufferings of Christ

Christ says we will be glorified if we suffer with Him - Rom. 8:17

Christ has chosen to conform us to His image - Rom. 8:29

Christ will encourage us in our sufferings - II Cor. 1:5

Paul wanted to become conformable to Christ's death

Paul said he was crucified with Christ - Gal. 2:20

Paul said we will suffer and also reign with Christ - II Tim. 2:11-12

we can rejoice with Christ in His sufferings - I Pet. 4:13

we can be glorified with him - I Pet. 4:14

Paul had his focus on the resurrection - 3:11

Paul had his eyes fixed on a goal

this goal influenced everything he did - I Cor. 9:22-27

this goal caused him not to waste any of his efforts - I Thess. 3:5

this goal caused him not to want others to be deceived - II Thess. 2:3

Paul was focused on the resurrection

Paul knew that we will be rewarded at the resurrection - Luke 14:14

Paul looked forward to becoming a son of the resurrection - Luke 20:35-36

Paul looked forward to the resurrection at the last day - John 11:24

Paul was focused on the hope of the resurrection - Acts 23:6

Paul shared that hope wherever he went - Acts 26:7

Paul said many other were focused on the resurrection - Heb. 11:35

Paul wanted to continue to grow - 3:12

Paul said he had not yet reached the goal

our goal is to be conformed to Christ - Rom. 8:28-29

Paul said he had not yet arrived at that goal

our goal will be fully reached when we see Christ - I John 3:1-3

Paul said he was following after Christ

our goal should be to continue to abide in Christ - John 15:1-12

Paul wanted to be controlled by Christ

our goal should also be to live in Christ - Gal. 2:20

Paul looked forward to when Christ would take him

our goal should also be that which is better - Phil. 1:21-23

Paul did not want to rest on the past - 3:13

Paul said he was not yet fully controlled by Christ

we also must continue to learn to yield - Rom. 6:13-16

Paul did say that he was very focused

we also need to have a single purpose in life - I Cor. 10:31

Paul was not looking toward the past

we had no spiritual life in the past - Eph. 2:1

we followed the pattern of the world in the past - Eph. 2:2-3

we need to see self gain as loss for Christ - Phil 3:7

Paul was reaching for the future

we see the example of Paul for the future - Acts 21:13

we also need to have our focus on the future - Phil. 3:10

Paul wanted to reach toward the goal - 3:14

Paul was eagerly seeking Christ's prize

we are to run to obtain Christ's prize - I Cor. 9:24-27

we are encouraged to seek what Christ desires - I John 5:14-15

we are encouraged to seek the perfect will of God - Rom. 12:1-2

we are also encouraged to seek what is good for all - I Thess. 5:15

Paul looked forward to the call of Christ

Paul looked forward to being with Christ - Phil. 1:23

we also should look forward to being with Christ - Phil. 3 20-21

we can look forward to the return of Christ - I Thess. 4:15-18

we can look forward to being like Christ - I John 3:1-3

**Paul calls us to walk in unity as we wait for the Lord
Philippians 3:15-21**

we are to grow to maturity in our thinking - 3:15

maturity happens as that is our goal

we have been given spiritual leaders to help us become mature - Eph. 4:13

we should have a goal to see every Christian become mature - Col. 1:28

we are to pray that other Christians will become mature - Col. 4:12

maturity happens as we renew our minds

we are to renew our minds in order to become mature - Rom. 12:1-2

we are able to understand the Word as we become mature - Heb. 5:14

we will grow in patience as we become mature - James 1:4

maturity happens as God convicts us

we have been given the Holy Spirit to search our hearts - Rom. 8:27

maturity happens as we renew when convicted

we are having our minds transformed by the Word - Rom. 12:2

we are to grow to maturity in our actions - 3:16

we are to act on whatever we have learned

we grow because we are obeying the Word - James 1:25

we will not offend by our words as we mature - James 3:2

we will act in love and not fear as we mature - I John 4:18

we are to act according to the will of God

we follow the example of Christ as we mature - Matt. 26:39

we are to think according to the Word of God

we are to become mature in our understanding - I Cor. 14:20

we will speak with wisdom as we mature - I Cor. 2:6

we are to follow those who are good examples - 3:17

Paul is a good example to follow

Paul provided the care of a nursing mother - I Thess. 2:7-9

Paul provided the example of a father - I Cor. 4:14-16

mature Christians are good examples to follow

Paul's team provided examples to the Thessalonians - I Thess. 1:5

Paul said the Thessalonians had become an example - I Thess. 1:7

other godly leaders are good example to follow

Paul encouraged Timothy to be an example to the believers - I Tim. 4:12

we have many bad examples who we need to avoid - 3:18

Paul said there were many who walk a different way
many people do not provide a good example - I Tim. 1:19-20

Paul said he had often warned of such people

Paul had warned the leaders at Ephesus of evil leaders - Acts 20:28-31

Paul warned Timothy of evil leaders - II Tim. 3:1-8

Paul warned Titus of evil leaders - Titus 1:10-16

Paul was weeping as he warned them again

Paul had the care and concern of a loving parent - I Thess. 2:7-12

Paul said they were enemies of the cross of Christ

Paul personally confronted the enemies of Christ - Acts 13:10

we will see these evil examples judged - 3:19

these people will one day be judged

false teachers will be judged - II Pet. 2:1-17

these people are only satisfying themselves

false teachers are looking for self gain - I Tim. 6:3-5

these people only bring shame on themselves

false teachers pretend to be angels of light - II Cor. 11:12-13

these people are focused on earthly things

false teachers are controlled by covetousness - II Pet. 2:3

we are to recognize our citizenship is in heaven - 3:20

we already have our citizenship in heaven

we are already seated with Christ in heaven - Eph. 2:6

we are looking for Christ to come from heaven

we are waiting for Christ to return for us - I Thess. 4:13-18

we will see Christ give us a glorious body - 3:21

Christ will change our lowly body

Christ will give us an incorruptible body - I Cor. 15:51-58

Christ will make us like His glorious body

Christ will make us like Himself - I John 3:1-3

Christ is able to complete His work

Christ will do more than we can imagine - Eph. 3:20-21

Christ will subdue all thing unto Himself

Christ will have every tongue confess He is Lord - Phil 2:9-11

Paul calls for the Christians to have peace among themselves Philippians 4:1-3

Paul viewed the Philippians as beloved brethren - 4:1

the Philippians were greatly loved by Paul

Paul had a great longing for the Philippians - Phil 1:8

the Philippians were Paul's joy and crown

Paul saw the development of others as his crown and joy - I Thess. 2:19

the Philippians were urged to stand fast in the Lord

Paul was encouraged to see Christians stand fast in the Lord - I Thess. 3:8

the Philippians were reminded again that they were beloved

Paul encouraged the dearly beloved to not get even - Rom. 12:19

Paul encouraged the dearly beloved to flee from idolatry - I Cor. 10:14

Paul encouraged the dearly beloved to cleanse themselves - II Cor. 7:1

Paul did all that he did to build up the dearly beloved - II Cor. 12:19

Paul had a personal concern for the dearly beloved - II Tim. 1:2

Paul viewed the dearly beloved as fellowlaborers - Phile. 1

Paul encouraged the dearly beloved to stand fast - Phil. 4:1

Paul urged two women to settle their disagreement - 4:2

Paul made a request to these women

Paul handled problems with requests not demands - I Cor. 4:14-17

Paul asked them to settle their disagreement

Paul encouraged Christians to be of one mind - Phil. 1:27

Paul urged the Christians to help one another - 4:3

Paul made a request of all the Christians

Paul consistently used requests rather than demands - Phile. 8-10

Paul made this request as a fellowworker

Paul viewed all Christians as fellow workers - I Cor. 3:9

Paul asked them to help the women who had helped him

Paul had a great concern for all women who helped - Rom. 16:1-2

Paul said these women also helped other Christians

Paul recognized the way women helped - Rom. 16:1

Paul said these women were in the book of life

all who are in the book of life will enter heaven - Rev. 21:27

all who are not in the book of life will enter the lake of fire - Rev. 20:12

**Paul tells us how to have peace with God
Philippians 4:4-7**

we are called to rejoice in the Lord - 4:4

the Lord calls us to rejoice at all times

Paul urged the Christians to always rejoice - I Thess. 5:16

the Lord calls us to have an attitude of rejoicing

Paul wanted the Christians to rejoice in his suffering - Phil 2:17-18

we are called to use gentleness - 4:5

we are to model gentleness as we deal with all people

we are to be gentle with both the good and the evil - I Pet. 2:18

we are to model gentleness because the Lord is coming soon

we are to be gentle because Christ is coming - Rev. 1:3

we are called to be thankful rather than worry - 4:6

the Lord tells us not to worry about anything

Christ gives us seven reasons not to be anxious - Matt. 7:25-34

the Lord tells us to talk to Him about everything

Christ tells us to pray at all times - I Thess. 5:17

we are to pray at all times with prayer and supplication - Eph. 6:19

the Lord tells us to bring our requests with thanksgiving

we are to be abounding with thanksgiving - Col. 2:7

we are to pray with thanksgiving - Col. 4:2-4

the Lord tells us to make our requests known to Him

we are told how to have these requests answered - I John 5:14-15

we are invited to experience the peace of God - 4:7

the Lord says we can experience His peace

we can experience His peace at all times - II Thess 3:16

the Lord says His peace is beyond human understanding

we see that the God of peace is able to sanctify us wholly - I Thess. 5:23

the Lord says His peace will guard our hearts

we are to let the peace of God rule in our hearts - Col. 3:15

the Lord says His peace will guard our minds

we experience this peace as we are likeminded - II Cor. 13:11

Paul tells us how to experience the presence of God Philippians 4:8-9

Paul says we experience the presence of God as He guides our thoughts - 4:8

God calls us to think about the things that are true

God is the One who is the source of what is true - John 3:33

God says that the things the Holy Spirit teaches are true - I John 2:27

God calls us to think about the things that are honest

God wants us to think on the honest so that we do what is honest - II Cor. 13:7

God wants us to think honestly toward both God and man - II Cor. 8:21

God wants us to walk honestly toward all - I Thess. 4:12

God calls us to think about the things that are just

God calls on masters to give what is just or right- Col. 4:1

God says a qualification for leadership is being just or righteous- Titus 1:8

God calls us to think about the things that are pure

God calls us to keep ourselves pure in what we do - I Tim.5:22

God calls us to think on the wisdom from above which is pure - Jam. 3:17

God call us to follow Christ as our model of purity - I John 3:3

God calls us to think about the things that are lovely

Christ calls us friends or ones who are loved - John 15:13-15

God calls us to think about the things that are of good report

God calls us to think and speak things that encourage - Heb. 10:24-25

Paul says we experience the presence of God as He guides our actions - 4:9

God calls us to remember the things we have learned

we are to learn by hearing the Word of God - I Cor. 14:35

we are to continue in the things that we have learned - II Tim. 3:14

we are to learn to do good works - Titus 3:14

God calls us to remember the things we have received

we have received the Gospel - I Cor. 15:1-4

we have received Christ and are to walk in Him - Col. 2:6-7

we have all received a ministry which we are to fulfill - Col. 4:17

God calls us to remember the things we have heard

we are to hear the Word of God - Rom. 10:17

God calls us to remember the things we have seen

we are to see how to answer each person with grace - Col. 4:6

God calls us to know do these things

we will be rewarded according to what we have done - II Cor. 5:10

**Paul shows us how to have peace in all circumstances
Philippians 4:10-12**

Paul was rejoicing for their partnership - 4:10

the Philippians brought joy to Paul

Paul had joy as he prayed for the Philippians - Phil. 1:3-5

the Philippians had shown their care for Paul

Paul had received from the Philippians even in their poverty - II Cor. 8:1-5

the Philippians had shown this care again

Paul had needs met by the Philippians in the past - II Cor. 11:9

Paul had been ministered to by the Philippians before - Phil. 2:25

the Philippians had lacked opportunity in the past

Paul had been imprisoned various places - Acts 24:27, 28:16

Paul had learned to be content in any situation - 4:11

Paul was not concerned about his personal needs

Paul followed the example of the widow in Mark 12:44

Paul had learned not to be concerned about his present situation

Paul had learned that we receive from God to give to others - II Cor. 9:7-8

Paul had learned to be content

Paul found his sufficiency in Christ - II Cor. 12:9

Paul was modeling what he taught - I Tim. 6:6-8

Paul knew how to handle little or much - 4:12

Paul knew how to humble himself

Paul often humbled himself for the churches - II Cor. 11:7

we are to humble ourselves in the sight of God - James 4:10

we are to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God - I Pet. 5:6

Paul knew how to handle abundance

Paul rejoiced whether suffering or not - II Cor. 1:5

Paul chose to abound in love - Phil. 1:9

Paul knew how to have enough and more

Paul looked to the Lord to be filled - Luke 6:21

Paul knew how to respond when he lacked

Paul did not tell others when he lacked - II Cor. 11:9

Paul knew how to respond when he suffered need

Paul did not want to become a burden to others - II Cor. 11:9-11

**Paul says that God is the source to meet our needs
Philippians 4:13-20**

Paul had learned to do things in the strength of Christ - 4:13

Paul said he could do all things

we have been given power to do all things - John 15:4-5
we have been given that power through the Holy Spirit - II Cor. 3:4-5
we are able to use that power as we yield to the Holy Spirit - John 15:7

Paul said he did this through the strength of Christ

we are to recognize that Christ has all power - Matt. 28:19-20
we are to recognize that Christ lives in us - Gal. 2:20

Paul thanked the Philippians for sharing in his need - 4:14

the Philippians are commended for doing well

the Philippians were partakers of Paul's grace - Phil. 1:7
the Philippians gift was a sweet smelling sacrifice - Phil. 4:18
the Philippians are commended for sharing in Paul's need
believers are encouraged to share in the needs of others - Rom. 15:27
believers should share with those who have given - I Cor. 9:10-11
believers should share with those who teach them - Gal. 6:6

Paul said that no other churches had shared in his need - 4:15

Paul had been very open with the Philippians

the Philippians had sent help to Paul - Phil. 2:25
the Philippians had continuous fellowship with Paul - Phil. 1:3-7

Paul said that no other church asked about giving

the Philippians had shared with Paul in Corinth - II Cor. 11:9

Paul said that they were the only church that asked about giving

the Corinthians had not asked Paul about giving - II Cor. 12:11-15
(nor had any of the other churches shared like the Philippians)

Paul said the Philippians had shared in his need before - 4:16

the Philippians had shared with Paul in Thessalonica

Paul did not ask the people in Thessalonica for help - I Thess. 2:9

the Philippians shared a second time to meet his need

Paul said they had shared in spite of their own poverty - II Cor. 8:1-4

Paul had a concern for spiritual fruit - 4:17

Paul was not seeking a gift

Paul had learned to be content in any situation - Phil. 4:11

Paul was seeking eternal reward for the Philippians

Paul wanted rewards for all Christians - Rom. 15:25-28

Paul did not want any Christian to be unfruitful - Titus 3:14

Paul said their gift was pleasing to the Lord - 4:18

Paul said that he was fully supplied

Paul had been supplied through the Philippians - Phil. 4:10

Paul said the Lord was using Epaphroditus

Epaphroditus was ministering to the needs of Paul - Phil. 2:25

Paul said their gift was a sweet smell to God

God said that the ministry of Christ was a sweet smell to him - Eph. 5:2

God said that our ministry is a sweet smell to Him - II Cor. 2:15-16

Paul said their gift was an acceptable sacrifice to God

God said that gifts meet needs and bring thanksgiving - II Cor. 9:12

Paul said their gift was well-pleasing to God

our goal should be to please God in all things - Rom. 12:1-2

Paul said God would supply their needs - 4:19

God is our source of supply

He is the One who gives seed to the sower - II Cor. 9:8-11

God meets the needs of those who give

He meets our needs as we meet the needs of others - II Cor. 9:6-7

He says we are gaining eternal rewards - Matt. 7:19-21

God supplies according to His riches

He makes us joint heirs with Christ - Rom. 8:14-17

Paul said God deserves all glory - 4:20

God is the One who deserves all glory

even Christ subjects Himself to the Father - I Cor. 15:24-28
the church should desire for God to have all the glory - Eph. 3:20-21

God deserves this glory forever

the Lord will receive honor and glory forever - I Tim. 1:16-17
the Lord will receive glory from every creature forever - Rev. 5:13

**Paul gives concluding greetings
Philippians 4:21-23**

Greetings are to be given to all - 4:21a

these greetings are for every saint

Paul often concluded letters with greetings - Rom. 16:3-16

Paul sent greetings to the various churches - Col. 4:15

these greetings are possible because we are all in Christ

we are all brethren in Christ - I Thess. 5:26

we are even to greet one another as churches - I Cor. 16:19

Greetings are sent from all in Rome - 4:21b-22

these greetings come from the brethren with Paul

Paul often included the greetings of others - Col. 1:12-15

these greetings come from all the saints in Rome

the churches had sent greetings to the church in Rome - Rom. 16:16

the church in Rome had received greetings from others - Rom. 16:21-23

these greetings even come from the household of Caesar

Paul was in Rome because he had been forced to appeal to Caesar - Acts 28:19

(the church at Rome now included part of the family of Caesar)

Grace is the gift of the Lord to all - 4:23


grace is from the Lord

grace comes from the Lord - I Cor. 16:23

grace is with all Christians

we experience grace from the One who defeated Satan - Rom. 16:20

we each individually experience God's grace - Rom. 16:24



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Colossians

- I. Paul sends greetings to the Colossians 1:1-14**
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- III. Paul speaks of the superiority of Christ 2:1-23**
 - A. Christ is greater than all philosophy 2:1-10
 - B. Christ is greater than the law 2:11-17
 - C. Christ is greater than all mystical systems 2:18-23

- IV. Paul speaks of the calling of Christians 3:1-4:6**
 - A. Christ has called us with a certain calling 3:1-4
 - B. Christ has called us to godly living with one another 3:5-17
 - C. Christ has called us to godly living in the home 3:18-21
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 - E. Christ has called us to godly living in our prayer life 4:2-6

- V. Paul closes with personal exhortations 4:7-18**

Paul sends greetings to the Colossians Colossians 1:1-14

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This greeting is to the saints in Colosse 1:1-2

An introduction to Paul and his initial contacts with the Colossians

Paul had never personally met the Colossians - Colossians 2:1
(we have an example of praying for those we have not met)
Paul had learned about the Colossians through Epaphras - Colossians 4:12-13
(Epaphras was probably one who originally brought the Gospel to Colosse)
Paul had seen others go to Colosse while he was at Ephesus - Acts 19:8-10
(Colosse was located about 100 miles east of Ephesus)
Paul had a great concern for the Colossians - Colossians 2:1-3

This greeting was from Paul

Paul was an apostle of Jesus Christ
Paul was an apostle by the will of God
Paul was writing this letter with Timothy
Paul said that Timothy was a mutual brother

This greeting was to the saints in Colosse

The Colossians are called saints
The Colossians are called faithful brethren
The Colossians were also in Christ

The Colossians had received grace from God our Father
The Colossians could have peace from God our Father
The Colossians also received grace from Christ
The Colossians also received peace from Christ

**This greeting expresses thanksgiving for the Colossians
1:3-8**

Paul and Timothy gave thanks for the Colossians - 1:3

This thanks is to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

Paul continually gave thanks for churches he had not visited - Romans 1:8-9
Paul gave thanks for specific things about the churches - I Corinthians 1:4

This thanks was a part of their continuous prayer for the Colossians

Paul prayed for the spiritual development of Christians - Ephesians 3:14-19
Paul prayed for growing maturity for Christians - Philippians 1:8-9
Paul prayed for opportunities to minister to Christians - I Thess. 3:10-10-13

This thanks was for the faith, love and hope of the Colossians - 1:4-5

their faith was in Christ Jesus

their love was for all of the saints

their hope was in their eternal life in heaven

Christ is the source of faith

our faith is in the Lord Jesus Christ - Ephesians 1:15
our faith and love often go together - I Thess. 3:6
our faith is to continue to grow - II Thess 1:3

Christ is the source of our love for one another

we are taught of God to love one another - I Thess. 4:9-10
we are to love both Christ and one another - Philemon 5
we are to love one another with a pure heart - I Peter 1:21-22

Christ is the source of our hope of eternal life

our hope is based on the resurrection of Christ - I Corinthians 15:19-20
our hope is based on the promised return of Christ - I Thess. 4:13-18
our hope provides an anchor for the soul - Hebrews 6:19

**Faith, hope and love are the three things that continue
I Corinthians 13:13**

This thanks was for the effectiveness of the Word which came to them - 1:6

the Word was being taken throughout the world

the Lord said that the Word was to go to the ends of the world - Romans 10:18

the Lord had used Paul to take the Gospel to many places - Romans 15:19

the Lord wanted the Gospel taken to all nations - Romans 16:26

the Word was bringing forth fruit in many lives

the plan of God is to bring forth fruit that remains - John 15:16

the plan of God was causing the Word to grow and multiply - Acts 12:24

the Word was bringing forth fruit in their lives

this fruit began to develop from the day they heard the Word

this fruit was the result of their learning of the grace of God

Christ explained the process of bringing forth fruit - Mark 4:26-29

Christ explained that we have been chosen to bring forth fruit - John 15:16

Paul gives us an example of one who wanted to bear fruit - Romans 1:13

Paul desired that fruit would abound to our account - Philippians 4:17

This thanks was for the ministry of Epaphras among them - 1:7-8

Epaphras was a dear fellow servant

Epaphras was originally from the city of Colosse - Colossians 4:12

Epaphras became a fellowprisoner with Paul in Rome - Philemon 23

Epaphras was a faithful minister of Christ

Epaphras was an example of a faithful steward of God - I Corinthians 4:2

Epaphras is an example of the faithful men who should be trained - II Timothy 2:2

Epaphras shared about the love of the Colossians

this love was for all of the saints - Colossians 1:4

this love is from God through the Holy Spirit - Romans 5:5

this love is what causes us to work together - Romans 15:30

this love is the fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5:22

this love replaces the spirit of fear - II Timothy 1:7

this love is a true love for the brethren - I Peter 1:22

**This greeting includes a prayer for the Colossians
1:9-14**

Paul prayed that they would be filled with the knowledge of God's will - 1:9

this prayer began as soon as Paul learned about the Colossians

Paul had learned about the Colossians from Epaphras - Col 4:12-13

Paul had learned about the love of the Colossians from Epaphras - Col 1:7-8

this prayer was that they would be filled with the knowledge of God's will

God wants us to know His will - Romans 12:2

Paul often prayed that Christians would have the knowledge of God's will - Eph. 5:17

Paul mentioned things that are the will of God - I Thess. 4:3, 5:18

Peter mentioned things that are the will of God - I Peter 2:15, 3:17, 4:19

this prayer was for all wisdom and spiritual understanding

God wants Christians to walk in wisdom - Col 4:5

God wants Christians to pray for wisdom - James 1:5

God has a very different kind of wisdom than the world - James 3:17

God says that Christ is the One who gives understanding - I John 5:20

Paul prayed that they would grow in their spiritual maturity - 1:10

This includes a worthy walk

we are to walk in Christ and be rooted and built up in Him - Col .2:6-7

This includes good works that are fruitful

Christ chose us to bring forth fruit - John 15:16

This includes increasing in the knowledge of God

God has shined into our hearts to make growing knowledge possible - II Cor. 4:6

Paul prayed that they would be strengthened in their spiritual lives - 1:11

God strengthens us with His glorious power

God's strength is made perfect in our weakness - II Cor. 12:9

God strengthens us by His Spirit in the inner man - Eph. 3:16

God gives us power to do all things through Christ's strength - Phil. 4:13

God strengthens us with all patience and longsuffering

God uses tribulation to develop patience in our lives - Romans 5:3-5

God gives us strength to endure hardness as we serve - II Timothy 2:1-3

Paul gave thanks for the inheritance that we have - 1:12

the Father made us fit to be partakers of this inheritance

we have been equipped with adequate power to share this inheritance - Col. 3:15-17

we have been chosen to share this inheritance - Romans 8:29-30

the Father gives this inheritance to all who are saints of light

this inheritance is for both Jews and Gentiles - Romans 9:29-30

this inheritance includes the Holy Spirit as a downpayment - II Cor. 5:5

this inheritance makes Jews and Gentiles fellow heirs - Eph. 3:6

this inheritance will cause us to share the glory that will be revealed - I Peter 5:1

this inheritance will be shared with all who are sanctified - Acts 20:32

Paul gave thanks that we have been delivered from darkness - 1:13

we have been delivered from the power of darkness

we have been turned from darkness to light - Acts 26:18

we have been delivered from the fear of death - Heb. 2:14-15

we are no longer under the god of this world - II Cor. 4:4

we are now able to walk as the children of light - Eph. 5:8

we are now able to share the message of this glorious light - I Pet. 2:9

we have been translated into the kingdom of His dear son

we have been passed from death unto life - John 5:24

we have been washed, sanctified and justified - I Cor 6:9-11

we are now participants in a new kingdom - Romans 14:17

Paul gave thanks that we have redemption through Christ - 1:14

we have received redemption

we received this redemption as a free gift - Romans 3:24-25

we have been redeemed from the curse of the law - Gal. 3:13

we received this redemption through Christ

Christ gave Himself as an offering for us - Eph. 5:2

Christ gave Himself as a ransom for all - I Tim. 2:6

we received forgiveness of sins through this redemption

Christ forgave us of all of our sins - Col. 2:13

Christ no longer holds our sins against us - Rom. 4:6

**Paul speaks of the exaltation of Christ
Colossians 1:15-29**

**Christ is the One who is pre-eminent
1:15-18**

this pre-eminence is shown by the fact that He is the image of God - 1:15

Christ is in the bosom of the Father - John 1:18
Christ reveals the Father to us - John 14:9
Christ is in the image of the Father - II Cor. 4:4
Christ is equal with the Father - Philippians 2:6
Christ is the express image of the Father - Hebrews 1:3

this pre-eminence is shown by the fact that He is the Creator of all things - 1:16

Christ created all things in heaven

He is the only wise God - I Timothy 1:17
He is the One who created the heavens - Proverbs 8:27
He is the One by whom all things consist - Colossians 1:17

Christ created all things that are on the earth

He is the King of kings and Lord of lords - I Timothy 6:15-16
He is higher than the kings of the earth - Psalm 89:27
He reveals the glory of the Father - John 1:14
He is the One who created all things in the earth - Proverbs 8:27-31

Christ created both the visible and the invisible things

Christ created the thrones

Christ created the dominions

Christ created the principalities

Christ created the powers

**All things were created by Christ
All things were created for Christ**

this pre-eminence is shown by the fact that He holds all things together - 1:17

Christ is the One who is before all things

He possessed all wisdom before the world was created - Proverbs 8:22-23

He is the first and the last and there is no other God - Isaiah 44:6

His goings forth are from everlasting - Micah 5:2

He is the One who created all things - John 1:1-3

He is the One who is the "I AM" - John 8:58

Christ is the One by whom all things consist

He is the One who is equal with the Father - John 5:18-19

He is the One in whom we live and move - Acts 17:28

He upholds all things by the word of His power - Hebrews 1:3

this pre-eminence is shown by the fact that He is the head of the church - 1:18

Christ is the head of the body, the church

Christ is the head of His body, the church - Eph. 1:22-23

Christ is the head which activates every joint in the body - Eph 4:15-16

Christ is the One who is the beginning

Christ was with God and Christ was God - John 1:1

Christ was the One who was from the beginning - I John 1:1

Christ is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end - Rev. 1:8, Rev. 22:13

Christ is the first born from the dead

Christ is the resurrection and the life - John 11:25-26

Christ was the first to rise from the dead - Acts 26:23

Christ is risen from the dead and gives others life - I Cor. 15:20-23

Christ is the first begotten from the dead - Rev. 1:5

Christ is the One who lived, was dead and is alive forevermore - Rev. 1:18

Christ is the One who has preeminence in all things

Christ is the One whose fulness we receive - John 1:16

Christ is the One who was preferred before mankind - John 1:27

Christ is the One who is the bridegroom and must increase - John 3:29-31

Christ has been given all things by the Father - John 3:34-36

Christ is the One to whom we are to become conformed - Romans 8:29

Christ is the One who will put all enemies under His feet - I Cor. 15:25

Christ is the Worthy Lamb who deserves all worship - Rev. 5:9-13

**Christ is the One who reconciled us to God
1:19-23**

this reconciliation is possible because all fullness dwells in Christ - 1:19

the Father is pleased with Christ
the Father is pleased that all fullness dwells in Christ
in Christ are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge - Col. 2:3
in Christ dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily - Col 2:9

this reconciliation was purchased with the blood of Christ - 1:20

Christ made peace through the blood of His cross
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ - Rom 5:1
we have this peace because Christ abolished the enmity - Eph 2:13-17
Christ is the One who reconciles all things to Himself
we are reconciled to God through Christ - II Cor. 5:19-21
we are loved by God who sent Christ to be the satisfaction for our sins - I John 4:9-10
we have now been given the ministry of reconciliation - II Cor. 5:18
we have a merciful and faithful high priest who reconciled us - Heb. 2:17
this is true for all in heaven
this is true for all on the earth

this reconciliation was for those who were formerly alienated - 1:21

we were formerly alienated from God
this alienation caused man to turn from God to self - Romans 1:21-23
this alienation was the result of the blindness of our hearts - Eph 4:18
this alienation caused us to be foolish and disobedient - Titus 3:4
we were formerly enemies in our mind
mankind was alienated from God in their thoughts and hearts - Romans 1:24-25
mankind is alienated from God and cannot please Him - Romans 8:7-8
we were formerly enemies because of our wicked works
mankind was alienated from God in their actions - Romans 1:26-32
mankind chose to be the enemy of God - James 4:4
mankind chose to deny God by their works - Titus 1:15-16
we have now been reconciled
we have been reconciled to God by the death of Christ - Romans 5:9-10
we have been washed, sanctified and justified by Christ - I Cor. 6:9-11
we have been made alive who were formerly dead in sin - Eph. 2:1-2

this reconciliation makes us holy and unblameable before God - 1:22

Christ reconciled us through His death to present us holy

we became dead to the law by His death - Romans 7:4
we saw the enmity abolished by the death of Christ - Eph. 2:15-16
we now have a new and living way into the presence of God - Heb. 10:20

Christ reconciled us through His death to present us unblameable

we are now able to serve Him in righteousness - Luke 1:75
we are now a chaste virgin for Christ - II Cor. 11:2, I Thess 4:7
we were chosen to be holy and without blame - Eph. 1:4, Eph 5:27
we are a purified people prepared for good works - Titus 2:14

Christ reconciled us through His death to present us unproveable

we have been made pleasing in His sight - Heb. 13:21

this reconciliation is the hope that we have in the Gospel - 1:23

we are to be grounded in the faith

we are to continue in His Word - John 8:30-32
we are to continue in His love - John 15:9-10
we are to be rooted and grounded in Him - Col. 2:6-7
we are to be rooted and grounded in His love - Eph 3:17-19

we are to be settled in the faith

we are to cleave unto the Lord - Acts 11:23
we are to continue in the faith - Acts 14:22
we will reap as we continue in the faith - Gal. 6:9

we are not to move away from the hope of the Gospel

we are to hold fast to our profession- Heb. 14:14
we are to be faithful stewards - I Cor. 4:1-2
we are to abide in Christ - John 15:6-8

this hope of the Gospel is what we have heard

it is this Gospel in which we stand - I Cor. 15:1-4, 19-22

this hope of the Gospel is to be preached to every person

it is our command to preach this Gospel to every person - Mark 16:15

this hope of the gospel was what Paul preached

it was his goal to finish his course with joy - Acts 20:24

**Christ is the One who commissioned Paul
1:24-29**

this made it possible for Paul to rejoice in suffering - 1:24

Paul was rejoicing in his sufferings

we can be thankful to suffer for Christ - Matt. 5:11-12
we can rejoice to be counted worthy to suffer shame for Christ - Acts 5:41
we can glory in the tribulations that we experience - Rom. 5:3

Paul was willing to suffer for the sake of the body of Christ

Paul was joyful as he suffered for the church - II Cor.7:4
Paul was thankful to be a prisoner of Christ for the Gentiles - Eph. 3:1
Paul was willing to be offered as a sacrifice for the church - Phil. 2:17-18

Paul was committed to building up the church

Paul was willing to do whatever it took to build the church - II Cor 4:8-12
Paul was willing to suffer to build up the church - II Cor. 11:23-27
Paul desired to know the fellowship of Christ's sufferings - Phil. 3:10

this made it possible for Paul to fulfill his ministry - 1:25

Paul was thankful to be a servant of Christ

the Lord had chosen Paul to suffer for His sake - Acts 9:15-16
the Lord sent Paul to those who had not heard - Rom. 15:19-21

Paul was thankful for the oversight that Christ had given Him

the Lord had sent Paul to the Gentiles - Gal. 2:7-9
the Lord had given Paul the care of many churches - II Cor. 11:28
the Lord had given Paul wisdom to reproduce leaders - II Tim. 2:2

Paul was committed to fulfilling the Word of God

this commitment was to preach the Gospel - I Cor. 9:16-22
this commitment was to live what he taught - Phil. 1:12-14
this commitment was to finish his course - II Tim. 4:7-8

the made it possible for Paul to reveal the mystery of the church - 1:26

the mystery of the church had been hidden in the past

in the past it was unknown how Jew and Gentile would become one - Eph. 3:3-10

the mystery of the church is now revealed to his saints

Christ came to reveal what had been hidden - II Tim. 1:10

this caused Paul to share the riches of the glory of this mystery - 1:27

God is the One who has revealed the riches of this mystery

the Lord reveals this wisdom to us through His Spirit - I Cor. 2:12-14
the Lord has caused the light of His knowledge to shine in our hearts - II Cor. 4:6
the Lord revealed this knowledge to Paul directly - Galatians 1:15-17

God is the One how has revealed the glory of this mystery

the Lord chose to make known the riches of His glory to us - Rom. 9:23
the depth of the riches of God's wisdom is beyond knowledge - Rom. 11:33-36
the Lord wants us to know the riches of His glory - Eph. 1:17-19

God is the One who has revealed that Christ in us is this mystery

we have become the temple of God - I Cor 3:16-17
we now have Christ living in us - Gal. 2:20

this provided Paul with a purpose in life - 1:28

Paul was preaching about Christ

Paul began preaching Christ as soon as he was converted - Acts 9:20
Paul preached the forgiveness of sins through Christ - Acts 13:38
Paul preached Christ not himself - II Cor 4:5

Paul was warning every person

Paul warned others as their spiritual father - I Cor. 4:14
Paul encouraged people to accept warnings - I Thess. 5:12-14
Paul also encouraged other leaders to warn - Acts 20:27-28, 31

Paul was teaching every person in all wisdom

Paul focused on teaching spiritual wisdom - I Cor. 2:13

Paul was working to present every person mature in Christ

Paul was concerned to see every Christian grow to maturity - Eph. 4:11-13

this resulted in Paul committing himself to work hard - 1:29

Paul was working until he was exhausted to present Christ

Paul worked night and day to help the Christians grow - I Thess. 2:9
Paul worked night and day to provide an example to follow - II Thess. 3:8-9

Paul was depending on the power of Christ to present Christ

Paul did not depend on his own power as he presented Christ - Eph. 3:7
Paul realized that he must do all things through Christ's strength - Phil. 4:19

Paul was experiencing the power of Christ working in his life

Paul knew it is God who works in us that empowers us - Phil. 2:12-13
Paul saw Christ work through his weakness - II Cor. 12:9-10

**Paul speaks of the superiority of Christ
Colossians 2:1-23**

**Christ is greater than all philosophy
2:1-10**

Christ is the source of all wisdom and knowledge - 2:1-3

Paul had a great concern for Christians he had not met - 2:1

this concern was for Christians in Colosse and Laodicea

Epaphras was the one who brought the Gospel to Colosse - Col. 1:7, 4:12

Epaphras had also brought the Gospel to Laodicea - Col. 4:13

this concern was for Christians in all other places

Paul prayed faithfully for Christians he had not yet met - Col. 1:9-11

Paul wrote to Christians he had not yet met - Rom. 1:7

Paul wanted all Christians to be welded together in love - 2:2

Paul wanted the hearts of all Christians to be encouraged

Paul said we are comforted by God in all our tribulation - II Cor. 1:3-6

Paul often sent others to provide encouragement - I Thess. 3:2-5

Paul wanted the hearts of all Christians to be knit together in love

Christ prayed that we would all be one - John 17:21-23

Christ said this oneness is the mark of a disciple - John 13:34-35

Paul wanted all Christians to have confidence and understanding

we have confidence and assurance as we show love - I John 3:18-19

we grow in understanding as the power of God works in us - Eph. 1:17-19

Paul realized that Christ is the source of all wisdom - 2:3

Christ has all the treasures of wisdom hidden in Him

Christ responds to prayer for wisdom - Col. 1:9, James 1:5

Christ gives us wisdom as we dwell in His Word - Col. 3:16

Christ has all the treasures of understanding hidden in Him

the Lord is the one who gives knowledge and understanding - Prov. 2:1-6

the Lord is the One who reveals all things - Matt. 10:26

Paul was concerned that the Colossians might be deceived - 2:4

there were people who were trying to deceive the Colossians

we have to be aware of false teachers - Gal. 2:4

we will be deceived if we are immature - Eph. 4:14

we need to realize how Satan deceives - II Cor. 11:11-15

there were people who were using arguments to deceive

people may try to deceive with vain words - Eph. 5:6

people deceive themselves while deceiving others - II Tim. 3:13

Paul was rejoicing in their steadfastness - 2:5

he was with them in his concern

Paul had a great concern for the Christians in Colosse - Col. 2:1

Paul had a great concern for all the Christians - I Thess. 2:17

he was filled with joy at their steadfastness

this same steadfastness was shown by the church at Jerusalem - Acts 2:42

this same steadfastness should be shown by all Christians - I Cor. 15:58

Paul encouraged the Colossians to walk in Christ - 2:6

the Colossians had received Christ

this results in our becoming sons of God - John 1:12-13

this results in receiving eternal life - I John 5:11-12

the Colossians are encouraged to walk in Christ

we are to walk with Christ by faith - II Cor. 5:7

we are to walk in love - Eph. 5:1-2

Paul encouraged the Colossians to take root in Christ - 2:7

the Colossians were to strengthen their roots in Christ

this causes us to become like a tree planted by the river - Psalm 1:1-3

this causes us to become rooted in the love of Christ - Eph. 3:17-19

the Colossians were to be built up in Christ

we are being built together for a habitation of God - Eph. 2:21-22

we are being built on the foundation of Christ - I Cor. 3:9-11

the Colossians were to become firm in their faith

we are to be established in every good word and work - II Thess. 2:17

we are to continue to grow in grace and the knowledge of Christ - II Pet. 3:18

Paul warned of the danger of empty philosophy - 2:8

people want to lead us astray by empty philosophy

we can be carried away by the teachings of false teachers - Matt. 16:6

we are warned to beware of false teachers - Matt. 7:16:20

we can be carried away by the error of the wicked - II Pet. 3:17

people want to lead us astray by deceitfulness

some people deceive for their own gain - Rom. 16:17-18

some people deceive in order to destroy - Eph. 5:6

people want to lead us astray by human traditions

many people have been spiritually blinded by their traditions - Rom. 1:21-22

many people have been blinded by signs or human wisdom - I Cor. 1:19-23

many people are blinded by their own imaginations - II Cor. 10:5

Paul shows the superiority of Christ - 2:9

Christ has all the fulness of the Godhead dwelling in Him

it pleased the Father that all fulness should dwell in Christ - Col. 1:19

it pleased the Father to live with us in Christ - Matt. 1:23

it pleased the Father to be one with Christ - John 10:30, 38

it pleased the Father to be reconciled to us in Christ - II Cor. 5:19

Christ demonstrates the fulness of the Godhead in bodily form

it pleased the Father to reveal Himself in Christ - John 14:8-11

it pleased the Father to reveal the Trinity in Christ - I Tim 3:16, I John 5:7

it pleased the Father to send Christ in a human body - John 1:14

Paul shows our completeness in Christ - 2:10

Christ says that we are complete in Him

we have received the fulness of Christ - John 1:16

we have been made one in Christ - Gal. 3:26-29

we have Christ as our head - Col. 1:16-18

we are to grow up into Christ our head - Eph. 4:15-16

Christ is the head over all principality and power

Christ has been placed all principality and power - Eph. 1:20

Christ is above every name that is named - Phil. 2:9-11

Christ has all angels, authorities and powers under Him - I Pet. 3:22

Christ has had every creature placed under him - Rev. 5:9-13

Christ is greater than the law

2:11-17

Christ circumcised us with a spiritual circumcision - 2:11

we are circumcised with a spiritual circumcision

true circumcision is circumcision of the heart - Rom. 2:29
true circumcision causes us not to trust in the flesh - Phil. 3:3

we have had our sins removed by this circumcision

we have been made near by the blood of Christ - Eph. 2:11
we have put on the new man who is renewed - Col. 3:9-10
we have had the body of sin destroyed - Rom. 6:6
we have been made new creations - II Cor. 5:17

Christ buried us with Him in baptism - 2:12

we have been buried with Christ in baptism

we are buried with Christ by baptism into death - Rom. 6:4-5
we have been baptized into one body - I Cor. 12:13
we have put on Christ - Gal. 3:27

we are risen with Christ through faith

we have been raised with Christ to new life - Rom. 6:8-11
we have been raised and sit in heavenly places - Eph. 2:4-6
we have been saved to do good works - Eph. 2:8-10

Christ made us alive and forgave our sins - 2:13

we were dead in our sins

we were dead and have been made alive - Luke 15:24
we are no longer to live for ourselves - II Cor. 5:14-15

we were dead even though we had physical life

we can be dead even though we live - I Tim. 5:6
we were following dead works - Heb. 9:14
the body without the spirit is dead - James 2:26

we have been made alive with Christ

Christ and the Father both give life - John 5:21
the Spirit gives life to our mortal bodies - Rom. 8:11
the Spirit makes us able ministers - II Cor. 3:6

we have had all of our trespasses forgiven

through Christ our sins are all forgiven - Acts 13:8-39
the blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin - I John 1:7-9

Christ blotted out the sins written against us - 2:14

Christ blotted out all that was written against us

God blots out our sins for His own sake - Isaiah 43:25

our sins are blotted out when we repent - Acts 3:19

Christ blotted out all that was contrary to us

Christ abolished all that was against us - Eph. 2:14

Christ remembers our sins no more - Hebrews 8:12-13

Christ removed it and nailed it to His cross

Christ obtained eternal redemption through His blood - Hebrews 9:12-13

Christ offered Himself to take away our sins - Hebrews 10:9-10

Christ defeated all principalities and powers - 2:15

Christ has disarmed all principalities

Christ has judged the prince of this world - John 16:11

Christ defeated Satan who has the power of death - Heb. 2:14-15

Christ has triumphed over all principalities

Christ will one day cast Satan to the earth - Rev. 12:9

Christ will one day cast Satan into the lake of fire - Rev. 20:10

Christ said we do not need to fear the judgment of men any more - 2:16

men may try to judge us in what we eat

we are not to judge what others eat - Rom. 14:1-3

we are not to judge one another any more - Rom. 14:10-13

we are not to hurt the conscience of another - I Cor. 10:28-31

men may try to judge us in what we celebrate

we are to regard the day to the Lord - Rom. 14:6

we are not to turn back to legalism - Gal. 4:8-10

men may try to judge us for how we worship

we have been set free from the law - Acts 15:10

Christ said all these things are only a shadow - 2:17

the law was only a shadow of things to come

the law was an example and shadow of things to come - Heb. 8:4-5

the law was a shadow of good things to come - Heb. 10:1

the law did not provide rest in the body of Christ

the law could never help us enter into rest - Heb. 4:1-8

the law is replaced and we are to enter into rest - Heb. 4:9-11

**Christ is greater than all mystical systems
2:18-23**

Christ is not to be replaced by angels in our worship - 2:18

men will try to deceive us

people will try to deceive us with enticing words - Col. 2:4
people will try to deceive us with human traditions - Col. 2:8
people will try to deceive us by their words - Rom. 16:18
people will try to deceive us with another spirit - II Cor. 11:3-4
people will try to deceive and seduce us - I John 2:26

men will try to get us to worship angels

we are told not to worship angels - Rev. 19:10

men will intrude into things that they do not know

people become deceived by the blindness of their hearts - Eph. 4:17-19

men will become proud in their thinking

people have divisions when they are carnal - I Cor. 3:1-3
people have strife when they depend on human wisdom - James 3:14-16
people have conflict because of their own lusts - James 4:1-6

Christ is the Head the nourishes all parts - 2:19

Christ is the Head who people reject

Christ is the Head of the church - Col. 1:18
people seek to turn others away from the Head - Gal. 1:6-7

Christ is the Head who provides nourishment to all the parts

Christ gives us nourishment so we become fruitful - John 15:4-6
Christ nourishes and cherishes the church - Eph. 5:29

Christ is the Head who joins together all parts

Christ is the Head who joins the whole body together - Eph 4:15-16
Christ cause us to be knit together in love - Col. 2:2
Christ joins us together as different parts of the body - Rom. 12:4-5
Christ says that every part of the body is important - I Cor. 12:12-27

Christ is the Head who causes the body to increase

Christ causes the body to be built up and increase - Eph. 4:16
Christ causes us to increase in the knowledge of God - Col. 1:10
Christ causes us to increase and abound in love - I Thess. 3:12

Christ set us free from the ordinances of the world - 2:20

we are dead with Christ

we have been buried with Christ and raised to newness of life - Rom. 6:2-11

we have been set free from the elements of this world

we are dead to this world and our life is hidden in God - Col. 3:3

we are still living in this world

we are dead to the law so we can live unto God - Gal. 2:19-20

we do not have to subject ourselves to the world's ordinances

we are in the flesh but we do not fight in the flesh - II Cor. 10:3-5

Christ does not build our relationship through rules - 2:21

the ordinances of the world teach us not to touch certain things

we are not to add to the Word of God - Genesis 2:18, 3:3

the ordinances of the world teach us not to taste certain things

we are to realize that all can be eaten with thanksgiving - I Tim. 4:3

the ordinances of the world teach us not to handle certain things

we are to separate ourselves from the things God calls unclean - II Cor. 6:14-17

Christ says that the rules of men will perish - 2:22

the ordinances of men will one day perish

the ordinances of man deal with the body - Mark 7:18-20

the commandments of men will one day perish

the commandments of man violate the Word of God - Matt. 15:1-9

the commandments of men replace the Word of God - Mark 7:6-10

the doctrines of men will one day perish

the doctrines of men turn from the truth - Titus 1:14

Christ says that rules are made only to satisfy the flesh - 2:23

human devised worship will come to an end

this comes from those who are spiritually dead - Matt. 23:27-28

false humility will come to an end

this will cause people to be judged by their works - II Cor. 11:13-15

neglecting of the body will come to an end

godliness is the thing that is profitable for all things - I Tim. 4:8

these rules are only to satisfy the flesh

we are not to be deceived by such rules - Col. 2:8

**Paul speaks of the calling of Christians
Colossians 3:1-4:6**

**Christ has called us with a certain calling
3:1-4**

this calling is to seek the things of heaven - 3:1

we have been raised with Christ
we have been raised from the dead with Christ - Rom. 6:4-5
we live our new life in Christ - Gal. 2:19-20
we are to seek those things where Christ is
we see that Christ is seated in heavenly places - Eph. 1:20-21
we are to recognize where Christ is
we are to recognize that Christ is at the right hand of the Father - Acts 7:56

this calling is to set our affection on the things above - 3:2

we are to seek understanding of things in heaven
we are to think on the things of the Spirit - Rom. 8:4-6
we are not to seek worldly understanding
we realize the things of this world will pass away - I John 2:15-17

this calling is based on our new position - 3:3

we are dead to the things of this world
we are dead to sin but alive unto God - Rom. 6:2-11
we have our life hidden with Christ in God
we are held in the hand of God and Christ - John 10:28-30
we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God - Rom. 8:34-39

this calling is based on our glorious hope - 3:4

Christ is the One in whom we have life
Christ is the resurrection and the life - John 11:25-26
Christ came to give us abundant life - John 10:11
Christ will one day come for us
Christ is coming to take us to heaven - I Thess. 4:13-18
Christ will one day share heaven with us
Christ is presently preparing a place for us - John 14:1-6

**Christ has called us to godly living with one another
3:5-17**

we are to put to death evil actions - 3:5

God calls us to put to death certain actions

we put to death the deeds of the flesh through the Spirit - Rom. 8:13

we are to put these actions to death or experience wrath - Eph. 5:3-6

we are not to yield ourselves to sin - Rom. 6:13

God calls us to put to death fornication

we are not to use our bodies for illicit sex - I Cor. 6:13-20

God calls us to put to death uncleanness

we are not to practice lustful wild living - Eph. 5:3

God calls us to put to death inordinate affection

we are not to let our mind be controlled by evil passions - I Thess. 4:4-5

God calls us to put to death evil concupiscence

we are not to let our lives be controlled by evil lusts - Rom. 7:19-21

God calls us to put to death covetousness which is idolatry

we see that covetous practices produce cursed children - II Pet. 2:14

we know that these evil actions bring judgment to unbelievers - 3:6

these sins result in the wrath of God

the wrath of God will be revealed against all ungodliness - Rom. 1:18

the wrath of God will come on the children of disobedience - Eph. 5:6

these sins bring judgment to the unbelieving

we were children of wrath ourselves in the past - Eph. 2:2-3

we used to walk in these lusts in our ignorance - I Peter 1:14

we know that we used to walk in these same actions in the past - 3:7

we used to walk in these sins

we were formerly dead in these sins - Col. 2:5

we formerly yielded ourselves to these sins - Rom. 6:19-20

we used to live in these sins

we formerly lived in these sins - Rom. 7:5

we formerly walked in these sins - Eph. 2:2

we used to practice these sins in our living - Titus 3:3

we lived our past life in these sins - I Pet. 4:3-4

we are to put off certain things - 3:8

Christ calls us to put off certain things

we are to put off the old man because he is corrupt - Eph. 4:22

we are to lay aside every weight and every sin - Heb. 12:1

Christ calls us to put off anger

we are to be slow to anger - James 1:19-20

Christ calls us to put off wrath

we are to put away all wrath - Eph. 4:31

Christ calls us to put off malice

we are to lay aside all malice - I Pet. 2:1

Christ calls us to put off blasphemy

we are to put off all evil speaking - Eph. 4:31

Christ calls us to put off filthy communication

we are to put off obscene talk - Eph. 5:4

we have put off the old man and his deeds - 3:9

Christ calls us to put off lying

we are not to lie against the truth - James 3:14

Christ says we have put off the old man and his deeds

we are to realize our old man was crucified with Christ - Rom. 6:6

we are to put off the old man because he is corrupt - Eph. 4:22

we have put on the new man that is renewed - 3:10

Christ says we have put on the new man

our inward man is being renewed day by day - II Cor. 4:16

Christ says that the new man has been renewed in knowledge

we are to be filled with the knowledge of His will - Col. 1:9

we are to come to a full knowledge of Christ - Eph. 1:17

Christ says that the new man is created in the image of Christ

we are to become conformed to the image of Christ - Rom. 8:29

we are being changed into the image of Christ - II Cor. 3:18

we have been made one in Christ - 3:11

Christ is able to remove all barriers

we have all been made one in Christ - Gal . 3:27-28

Christ is all and in all

all things are in Christ and through Christ - Rom. 11:36

we are to put on certain things - 3:12

Christ calls us to put on certain things

we put these things on because we have been chosen by God - Eph. 1:4
we put on these things because we have been made holy by God - II Tim. 1:9
we put on these things because we are beloved by God - II Thess. 2:13-14

Christ calls us to put on tender mercies

we are to put on tender mercies - Phil. 2:1-2

Christ calls us to put on kindness

this is what Christ has chosen to show to us - Eph. 2:7
this is part of the fruit of the Spirit (gentleness) - Ga. 5:22-23

Christ calls us to put on humility

we are to be clothed with humility - I Pet. 5:5

Christ calls us to put on meekness

we are to restore one another in gentleness - Gal. 6:1

Christ calls us to put on longsuffering

we are to encourage others with all patience - II Tim. 4:2

we are to forgive one another - 3:13

Christ calls us to bear with one another

we are to bear with one another in love - Eph. 4:2

Christ calls us to forgive one another

we are to forgive one another as God has forgiven us - Eph. 4:32

Christ calls us to deal with our blaming others

we are to be wronged if necessary - I Cor. 6:7-8

Christ calls us to follow His example

we have been freely forgiven by God - I Cor. 2:12

we are to put on love - 3:14

Christ calls us to do the most important thing of all

we are to love one another as Christ loved us - John 13:34-35

we are to abound in love - Phil. 1:9

Christ calls us to put on love

we are to love out of a pure heart - I Tim. 1:5
we fulfill the law by loving one another - I Cor. 13:8

Christ says that love is the bond of perfectness

true love will cover a multitude of sins - I Pet. 4:8
true love is His love perfected in us - I John 4:7-12

we are to let the peace of God rule in our hearts - 3:15

God wants His peace to rule in our hearts

this peace will rule as we yield our thoughts to God - Phi. 4:6-9
this peace will sanctify us completely and make us blameless - I Thess. 5:23

God has called us in one body

this one body is made up of all the members - I Cor. 12:12-20
this one body is part of our oneness in Christ - Eph. 4:3-6
this body functions best as every part functions - Eph. 4:16

God has called us to be thankful

this thanks is to be at times for all things - Eph. 5:20
this thanks is to be given in everything - I Thess. 5:18
this thanks is to be given for one another - Eph. 1:16

we are to let the Word of Christ dwell in our hearts - 3:16

the Word of Christ is to dwell in our hearts

this Word is to dwell in us just like faith dwells in us - II Tim. 1:5
this Word is to dwell in us just like the Holy Spirit dwells in us - II Tim. 1:14

the Word of Christ is to be ministered to one another

this ministry is to be done with all wisdom - Col. 1:28
this ministry includes teaching one another - II Tim. 2:2
this ministry includes admonishing one another - I Thess. 5:14, II Thess. 3:15

the Word of Christ gives us a song in our hearts

this song in our hearts causes us to share with one another - Eph. 5:19

we are to do all that we do in the name of Christ - 3:17

this includes all that we speak

we are to give the sacrifice of praise continually - Heb. 13:15

this includes all that we do

we have been created to do good works - Eph. 2:10
we are to be equipped for the work for the work of ministry - Eph. 4:12
we are to be fruitful in every good work - Col. 1:10
we are to be rich in good works - I Tim. 6:18

this includes doing it in the name of Christ

we are to do all in the name of Christ - Eph. 5:20

this includes giving thanks to the Father

we are to give thanks always for all things - Eph. 5:20
we are to give thanks to the Father for our inheritance - Col. 1:12

**Christ has called us to godly living in the home
3:18-21**

we are given instructions for wives - 3:18

wives are to submit themselves to their own husbands

this provides an example of the way the church is subject to Christ - Eph. 5:21-24

this provides a way to reach non-Christian husbands for Christ - I Pet. 3:1-6

wives have this as a fitting way to please the Lord

we are warned to avoid things that are not fitting - Eph. 5:3-4

we are to encourage others to do what is fitting - Philemon 8

we are given instructions for husbands - 3:19

husbands are to love their wives

husbands are commanded to cleave to their wives - Gen. 2:23-24

husbands are to love their wives as Christ loves the church - Eph. 5:25-28

husbands are to love their wives as they love themselves - Eph. 5:33

husbands are to love their wives and honor them - I Pet. 3:7

husbands are not to be bitter toward their wives

husbands are commanded to put away bitterness - Eph. 4:31

husbands are following worldly wisdom when they have bitterness - Jam. 3:14-16

we are given instructions for children - 3:20

children are to obey their parents in all things

children are to obey because it is right - Eph. 6:1

children are promised blessing for obedience - Ex. 20:12

children who do this are well pleasing to the Lord

walking worthy of the Lord is pleasing to Him - Col. 1:10

doing the will of God is pleasing to Him - Heb. 13:21

we are given instructions for fathers - 3:21

fathers are not to provoke their children to anger

fathers correct their children if they delight in them - Prov. 3:12

fathers are to bring their children up in the nurture of the Lord - Eph. 6:4

fathers are not to cause their children to become broken in spirit

fathers are to lead by godly example instead - I Thess. 2:10-12

**Christ has called us to godly living in our work
3:22-4:1**

servants are to be obedient to their masters - 3:22

servants are to obey their human masters (employers)
the Lord calls servants to be obedient to their masters - Titus 2:9-10
servants are not just to obey when the boss is watching
the Lord calls servants to not just work when being watched - Eph. 6:5-6
servants are to obey in order to please God
the Lord calls servants to work to please Him - Eph. 6:6-7

servants are to do everything to please the Lord - 3:23

we are to do all that we do to please the Lord
the Lord calls us to live to please Him - Rom. 14:6-8
the Lord calls us to do all we do to serve Him - Eph. 6:6-7
we are not to do things just to please men
the Lord says our actions can silence foolish men - I Pet. 2:13-15

servants are to look to the Lord for reward - 3:24

the Lord is the One who will give us a reward
the Lord will reward us according to our works - I Cor. 3:8-16
the Lord is the One we are really serving
the Lord is the One we want to please and serve - Gal. 1:10

servants will be disciplined for what they do wrong - 3:25

the Lord says the one who does wrong will be judged
the Lord will judge all disobedience - Heb. 2:2-3
the Lord does not show favoritism in His judgment
the Lord will bring all judgment without favoritism - Rom. 2:11-12

masters are to treat their servants fairly - 4:1

masters are to treat their employees fairly
the Lord calls us to treat others as He treats us - Eph. 6:8-9
masters are to realize the Lord is their master
the Lord will one day call us to give an account - Luke 19:15

**God has called us to godly living in our prayer life
4:2-6**

we are to be devoted to prayer - 4:2

we are to continue in pray
we are to be praying at all times - Eph. 6:18
we are to pray with thanksgiving
we are to give thanks in everything - I Thess. 5:17-18

we are to pray for our witness and that of others - 4:3

we are to pray for other Christians and their witness
this prayer should include prayer for boldness to speak - Eph. 6:19-20
we are to pray that the Lord will open the door to share the Gospel
the Lord opens doors and there are also adversaries - I Cor. 16:9
we are to pray that we will speak about the mystery of Christ
the message that we have is always the message of Christ - Col. 1:26-29

we are to pray that we will speak with clarity - 4:4

we are to pray that the Lord will help us share the Gospel clearly
we want to speak with boldness and obey God - Acts 4:29, 5:29
we are to pray that we will speak as we should speak
we want to speak in the power of Christ - I Cor. 2:4-5

we are to pray for a proper walk - 4:5

we are to pray that we will walk in wisdom
we want to walk in wisdom as we share the Gospel - Jam. 3:13-17
we are to pray that we will use our time wisely
we want to make the best use of our time - Eph. 5:15-17

we are to pray that we will be able to answer others - 4:6

we are to pray that we will speak with grace and gentleness
we are called to be salt and light - Matt. 5:13-14
we want to speak words that will minister to others - Eph. 4:29
we are to pray that the Lord will give us answers for each person
we are to be ready at all times to give an answer - I Pet. 3:15

Paul closes with personal exhortations Colossians 4:7-18

Paul describes Tychicus as a faithful minister - 4:7

Tychicus was a faithful messenger

he was also a faithful messenger to Ephesus - Eph. 6:21

Tychicus was a beloved brother

he had traveled with Paul in the past - Acts 20:4

Tychicus was a faithful minister

he was faithful in ministering for Paul - II Tim. 4:12

Tychicus was a fellow servant

he worked as a team member with Paul - Titus 3:12

Paul says that he sent Tychicus to encourage them - 4:8

Tychicus was sent for a purpose

he understood the purpose that Paul had for each church - Eph. 6:21-22

Tychicus was coming to see how they were doing

he faithfully carried out whatever Paul sent him to do - Eph. 6:21-22

Tychicus was sent to encourage them

he had a ministry of comfort and encouragement - Eph. 6:22

Paul describes Onesimus as a beloved brother - 4:9

Onesimus was a faithful brother

Onesimus had changed from unprofitable to profitable - Phile. 10

Onesimus was a beloved brother

Onesimus had his status changed from servant to beloved brother - Phile. 16

Onesimus was originally from Colosse

Onesimus had been a servant of Philemon - Phile. 17-21

Paul encourages them to receive Mark - 4:10

Paul sent greetings from Aristarchus

Aristarchus traveled with Paul during his imprisonment - Acts 27:2

Paul had given them instructions about Mark

Mark was profitable to Paul for service - II Tim. 4:11

Paul told them to receive Mark

Mark had originally caused conflict between Paul and Barnabas - Acts 15:37-39

Paul shared about his fellow workers - 4:11

Justus was a fellow worker of Jewish background
the circumcision were people of Jewish background - Gal. 2:7-8

These fellow workers were serving with Paul
there were a number of fellow workers serving with Paul - Phile. 24
Paul often focused on his fellow workers - I Thess. 3:2

Paul wrote to fellow workers - Phile. 1
Paul also focused on the fact that we are fellow workers - I Cor. 3:9

These fellow workers had been a comfort to Paul
the Lord encourages us through other Christians - II Cor. 7:6-7

Paul shared about the character of Epaphras - 4:12

Epaphras was originally from Colosse
he was a faithful minister from Colosse - Col. 1:7

Epaphras was a faithful servant of Christ
he was also a fellow prisoner with Paul - Phile. 23

Epaphras was a faithful prayer partner for the Colossians
he fought for them through prayer - I Tim. 6:12

Epaphras prayed for their maturity in Christ
he had the same purpose as Paul - Col. 1:28

Paul shared about the ministry of Epaphras - 4:13

Epaphras had a great zeal for the Christians in Colosse
the Christians in Colosse had not seen Paul personally - Col. 2:1-2

Epaphras had a great zeal for the Christians in Laodicea
the Christians in Laodicea had not seen Paul personally - Col. 2:1-2

Epaphras had a great zeal for the Christians in Hierapolis
the Christians in Hierapolis were in the same area so had not met Paul - Col. 2:1-2

Paul shared greetings from two brothers - 4:14

Paul shared greetings from Luke
Luke had started traveling with Paul at Troas - Acts 16:6-10
(notice the change from they 6, 7, 8, to we 10)

Luke was a fellow laborer with Paul - Phile. 24
Paul shared greetings from Demas
Demas was a fellow laborer with Paul - Phile. 24

Paul sent greetings to the church in Laodicea - 4:15

greetings were sent to the church in Laodicea
the church at Laodicea had been started by Epaphras - Col. 4:12-13
greetings were sent to Nymphas
greetings were sent to the church in the house of Nymphas
a church also met in the house of Aquila and Priscilla - Rom. 16:3-5
a church also met in the house of Philemon - Phile. 2

Paul encouraged the churches to exchange their letters - 4:16

the Colossians were to read the letter sent to Laodicea
the Lord wants His Word to be read to the brethren - I Thess. 5:27
the Colossians were to share their letter with Laodicea
there is a great need to build relationships between churches - Col. 2:1-2

Paul encouraged Archippus in his ministry - 4:17

Archippus was to understand the ministry he had been given
Paul called him is a fellow soldier in the Gospel - Phile. 2
Paul called spiritual leaders to watch over the flock - Acts 20:28
Paul called spiritual leaders to pay attention to their ministries - I Tim. 4:16
Paul called spiritual leaders to be examples - I Tim. 6:11-14
Archippus was to fulfill the ministry that he had been given
Paul called spiritual leaders to fulfill their ministries - II Tim. 4:1-5
Paul called spiritual leaders to exercise their gifts - I Tim. 4:14
Paul called spiritual leaders to equip the saints - Eph. 4:11-13
Paul called spiritual leaders to teach others also - II Tim. 2:2

Paul closed with his personal greetings - 4:18

Paul signed his own greeting
Paul used large letters when he wrote - Gal. 6:11
Paul often closed letters in his own hand - I Cor. 16:21
Paul said this was a token of every epistle - II Thess. 3:17
Paul asked them to remember his bonds
Paul did not want people to be ashamed of his bonds - II Tim. 1:8
Paul saw his bonds as a testimony and encouragement - Phil. 1:13-16
Paul said that bonds did not cause the Word to be bound - II Tim. 2:9
Paul encouraged Christians to suffer with those who suffer - Heb. 13:3

Philemon

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Paul gives greetings to Philemon Philemon 1:1-3

Philemon is greeted by Paul and Timothy - 1:1

Paul was a prisoner of Christ

this book was written while Paul was in prison in Rome - Acts 28:16-31

Paul mentioned Timothy is a beloved brother

Paul viewed Timothy as a beloved son - I Cor. 4:17

Paul also viewed Timothy as a fellow worker - I Thess. 1:1

Paul viewed Philemon as one dearly beloved

Paul recognized many Christians as dearly beloved - I Thess. 2:8

Paul viewed Philemon as a fellow worker

Paul recognized many Christians as fellow workers - Phile 24

Philemon is to greet his family and the church - 1:2

Paul sent greetings to Apphia

Apphia is apparently the wife of Philemon and also greatly loved
(this is the only reference to her in the New Testament)

Paul sent greetings to Archippus

Archippus is also mentioned as one who had a ministry - Col. 4:17

Paul sent greetings to the church in Philemon's house

the early church usually met in someone's house - Rom. 16:3-5

Philemon is invited to experience grace and peace - 1:3

Paul encouraged Philemon to experience grace

we have all been called by the grace of God - Gal. 1:15
we need to experience the daily benefits of that grace - Eph. 1:6-7

Paul encouraged Philemon to experience peace

we have peace because of Christ and the cross - Eph. 2:14-17
we experience peace as we think God's thoughts - Phil. 4:7-9
we are called to experience perfect peace - Isaiah 26:3

Paul said these came from the Father

God is the source of peace who makes us holy - I Thess. 5:23

Paul said these came from the Lord Jesus Christ

Christ encouraged the disciples to experience peace - John 14:27
we are called to follow peace out of a pure heart - II Tim. 2:22
we can experience peace at all times and by all means - II Thess. 3:16

Paul speaks about the character of Philemon Philemon 1:4-7

Philemon was prayed for by Paul - 1:4

Paul thanked God for Philemon

Paul always gave thanks for other Christians - I Thess. 1:2

Paul was always mentioning Philemon in his prayers

Paul continually prayed for other Christians - I Tim. 1:3

Paul continually prayed for each church - Phil. 1:3-4

Philemon was a man of love and faith - 1:5

Paul had heard of the love of Philemon

Onesimus had told Paul about Philemon - Phile. 9-10

Paul had heard of the faith of Philemon

Paul often focused on the faith, hope and love of Christians - I Thess. 1:3

Paul heard that he showed these to all saints

Philemon had a real ministry to other Christians - Phile. 2

Philemon was encouraged to show an active fellowship - 1:6

Paul was encouraged by the fellowship of Philemon's faith

true faith is shown by how we minister - James 2:18

Paul encouraged this fellowship to be active

fellowship is active as we walk in the light - I John 1:3-7

Paul encouraged Philemon to show the good in him

Paul knew that Philemon would show love by his obedience - Phile. 20-21

Philemon caused great joy to Paul and Timothy - 1:7

Paul had great joy because of the love of Philemon

Paul often had great joy as he saw Christians respond - I Thess. 2:13

Paul said this joy will be complete when we stand before Christ - I Thess. 2:19

Paul had great encouragement because of the love of Philemon

Paul knew that Philemon would show love - Phile. 20

Paul heard that Philemon refreshed the hearts of the saints

Paul said Christians can refresh the spirit of others - II Cor. 7:13

Paul said that he had often been refreshed by others - II Tim. 1:16

Paul spoke of how others refreshed Christians - I Cor. 16:17-18

Paul shares his concern for Onesimus Philemon 1:8-17

Paul was able to speak boldly - 1:8

Paul did speak with great boldness at times

Paul spoke with boldness as he explained the Word - II Cor. 3:12-17

Paul spoke with boldness when he confronted sin - II Cor. 10:1-5

Paul spoke with boldness when suffering persecution - I Thess. 2:2

Paul could speak with boldness from Christ

Paul had been given apostolic authority - II Cor. 10:8

Paul could have chosen to command Philemon

Paul chose instead to treat him as a fellow worker - Phile. 1

Paul chose to humbly request instead - 1:9

Paul chose to show love by how he made his request

Paul made humble request when he wrote to Christians - Rom. 12:1-2

Paul made humble request when he wrote to non-Christians - II Cor. 5:20

Paul made humble request as a fellow worker of Christ - II Cor. 6:1

Peter made humble request as a fellow pilgrim - I Pet. 2:11

Paul chose to speak as one who was old

Paul said that the aged men are to minister in love - Titus 2:2

Paul chose to speak as one who was a prisoner

Paul made humble request as a prisoner - Eph. 3:1, 4:1

Paul made a humble request for Onesimus - 1:10

Paul made his request for a spiritual son

Paul warned those who were spiritual sons - I Cor. 4:14-16

Paul helped spiritual sons become partners - I Cor. 4:17

Paul tenderly cared for spiritual children - I Thess. 2:7-9

Paul provided an example for spiritual children - I Thess. 2:10-12

Paul wrote to spiritual sons - I Tim. 1:2, Titus 1:4

Paul made this request for Onesimus

Paul was willing to take the debt of a spiritual son - Phile. 18-19

Paul worked to change the status of spiritual sons - Phile. 16

Paul had adopted Onesimus while in prison

Paul had seen Onesimus change from unprofitable to profitable - Phile. 11

Paul now considered Onesimus a faithful and beloved brother - Col. 4:9

Paul said that Onesimus had become profitable - 1:11

Onesimus had been unprofitable in the past
apparently Onesimus had stolen money from Philemon - 18-19

Onesimus had now become profitable to Philemon

Paul encouraged Philemon to accept Onesimus like he would Paul - 17

Onesimus had now become profitable to Paul

Paul tells how a person becomes useful - II Tim. 2:21

Paul gives an example of one who was useful - II Tim. 4:11

Paul asked Philemon to fully accept Onesimus - 1:12

Paul was sending Onesimus back to Philemon

Paul did not want to take advantage of Philemon - Phile. 14

Paul wanted to serve Philemon in love - Gal. 5:13

Paul urged Philemon to fully accept Onesimus

we are to accept others as Christ accepted us - Rom. 15:7

Paul asked Philemon to accept Onesimus as he would Paul

Titus gives an example of this kind of concern - II Cor. 7:13-15

Paul had this same kind of concern for the Philippians - Phil. 1:8

Paul wanted us to have this same concern for one another - Phil. 2:1-2

Paul recognized Onesimus as one who could minister effectively - 1:13

Paul could have used Onesimus to minister in Rome

Paul could use help since he was in prison - Acts 28:30-31

Paul had formerly had such help - Phil. 2:25-30

Paul knew Onesimus could minister on behalf of Philemon

Paul had sent some team members to other places - Eph. 6:21-22

Paul could use a larger team in Rome - Col. 4:10-14

Paul was thankful any time a helper came to help - I Cor. 16:17

Paul wanted Philemon to be a willing partner in ministry - 1:14

Paul would not do nothing without the agreement of Philemon

Paul chose to treat all people with love - Phile. 1:8-9

Paul did not want to take advantage of help from Philemon

Paul did not want to dominate but instead serve - II Cor. 1:24

Paul wanted Philemon to choose how he would minister

Paul wanted people to act from their own heart - II Cor. 8:7

Paul took a long range view of ministry - 1:15

Paul wanted to move beyond the short range

Paul knew what it was like to have partners depart for a season - Acts 13:13

Paul had feared such partners at one time - Acts 15:36-41

Paul had learned that partners can become profitable - Co. 4:10, II Tim. 4:11

Paul wanted people to see the long range

Paul focused on seeing individual Christians mature - Col. 1:28-29

Paul focused on seeing entire churches mature - Eph. 4:11-16

Paul focused on development of ministry - 1:16

Paul said the old status was that of a servant

the servant does not know what his master is doing - John 15:15

(this change is the model that Christ demonstrated)

Servants - John 15:15

Friends - John 15:15

Brothers - John 20:17

Paul said the new status was above that of a servant

the friend does know what a person is doing - John 15:15

Paul said the new status was a brother beloved

this change from servant to brother beloved was what Paul taught - I Tim. 6:2

Paul said this was the status he had with Onesimus

this change from servant to brother beloved was what Paul modeled - Phile. 16

Paul encouraged Philemon to have this same status

Paul asked Philemon to view Onesimus differently - Phile. 8-12

Paul focused on partnership in ministry - 1:17

Paul asked Philemon how he viewed Paul

Paul viewed others as partners - I Cor. 3:9

Paul viewed Onesimus as a partner - Col. 4:9

Paul asked Philemon to view him as a partner - Phile. 16

Paul encouraged Philemon to view Onesimus as a partner - Phile. 21

Paul said he felt like he was accepted by Philemon

Paul felt Philemon was a dearly loved brother - Phile. 1

Paul encouraged Philemon to also accept Onesimus

this encouragement was based on eternity - Phile. 15-16

**Paul promises to repay any debts of Onesimus
Philemon 1:18-21**

Paul was willing to take the debt of Onesimus - 1:18

Onesimus may have wronged Philemon

Paul knew Onesimus had sinned against Philemon - Phile. 11

Onesimus may owe a debt to Philemon

Paul knew Onesimus had been unprofitable in the past - Phile. 11

Onesimus would have his debt moved to Paul's account

Paul viewed their ministry as a partnership - Phile. 17

Paul was willing to give his personal guarantee - 1:19

Paul was willing to take personal responsibility for the debt

Paul wrote personally on urgent issues - Gal. 6:11

Paul was willing to pay the debt

Paul was not concerned about his own financial condition - Phil 4:11-12

Paul reminded Philemon of his own debt

we all have a debt to the Lord and others - Rom. 1:14

Paul wanted to experience joy through Philemon - 1:20

Paul viewed Philemon as a brother

Paul viewed other Christians as brethren - II Tim. 4:21

Paul viewed Philemon as a brother - Phile. 7

Paul viewed Onesimus as a brother - Phile. 16

Paul wanted to have joy because of Philemon

this joy would come through mutual ministry - Phile. 1

Paul wanted to be refreshed by Philemon

Philemon had refreshed other brothers - Phile. 7

Paul knew Philemon would do even more - 1:21

Paul had confidence in Philemon

Paul had his real confidence in the Lord - II Thess. 3:4

Paul knew how Philemon would respond

Paul knew he would have obedience to Christ - II Cor. 10:5

Paul knew he would do even more than requested

Paul did not want to make his help by necessity - Phile. 14

**Paul shares greetings from his team
Philemon 1:22-25**

Paul hoped to visit Philemon in the near future - 1:22

Philemon was asked to prepare a room for Paul

Paul was expecting to be released from prison - Acts 28:30-31

Philemon was asked to pray for Paul

Paul often asked people to pray for him - Eph. 6:18-20

Philemon was to expect God to answer prayer

Paul expected God to work in answer to prayer - Rom. 15:30-32

Paul realized we help one another through prayer - II Cor. 1:11

we also need to realize the power of prayer - James 5:16-18

Paul sent greetings from a fellow prisoner - 1:23

Epaphras also sent greetings to Philemon

Epaphras had earlier gone to Colosse for Paul - Col. 1:7

Epaphras was a fellow prisoner in Christ

Epaphras prayed faithfully for the saints in other places - Col. 4:12-13

Paul sent greetings from his fellow workers - 1:24

Mark sent greetings to Philemon

Mark was with Paul in Rome - Col. 4:10

Aristarchus sent greetings to Philemon

Aristarchus was a fellow prisoner of Paul in Rome - Col. 4:10

Demas sent greetings to Philemon

Demas was with Paul in Rome - Col. 4:14

Luke sent greetings to Philemon

Luke was with Paul in Rome - Col. 4:14

Paul concluded his letter - 1:25

Paul wanted Philemon to experience grace

Paul usually closed his letters by emphasizing grace - Rom. 16:24,

I Cor. 16:23, II Cor. 13:14, Eph. 6:24, Phil. 4:23, Col. 4:18

I Thess. 5:28, II Thess. 3:18, I Tim 6:21, II Tim. 4:22, Titus 3:15

Paul wanted Philemon to experience Christ's presence

Paul wanted Christians to experience grace in their spirit - Gal. 6:18