

Philippians Chapter One Outline

1A Greeting, vv.1-2:

1B Writers and recipients, v.1:

1C Identity of the writer and friend, 1a: Paul and Timothy,

2C Identity of their status, 1b: slaves of Jesus Christ,

3C Identity of the readers and their status, 1c: to all the saints in Christ Jesus, who are in Philippi, together with overseers and deacons.

2B Greeting, 2: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2A Paul's relationship with the Philippians, vv.3-11:

1B Thanksgiving for them, 3: I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you,

2B Joyful prayers for them, 4: always in every prayer of mine in behalf of you making the petition with joy,

3B Reasons for the thanksgiving and joy, vv.5-8:

1C Enduring fellowship in the Gospel, 5: for your fellowship in the Gospel, from the first day until the present;

2C Continuation of God's work in their lives, 6: being confident in this very thing, that the one who began a good work in you will complete it to the uttermost at the day of Christ Jesus.

3C Partakers in the defense and confirmation of the Gospel, 7: Just as it is right for me to conclude this about all of you, because I have you in my heart, in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the Gospel, you are all partakers with me of grace.

4C Longing affection, 8: For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affections of Jesus Christ.

4B Paul's desire for the Philippians, vv.9-11:

1C Abundance of love in knowledge, 9: And this I pray, that your love still more and more might abound in full knowledge and all awareness,

2C Ability to be discerning, 10: that you might test the things that are distinctive, that you might be unmixed and un stumbling in the day of Christ,

3C Spiritual fruit, 11: having been filled with the fruits of righteousness which are through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

3A The history of Paul's sufferings, vv.12-14:

1B The outcome of Paul's sufferings, 12: Now I want you to know, brothers, that the things that came down on me have rather come to advance the Gospel,

2B The unbeliever recipients of Paul's testimony, 13: so that my chains became manifest in Christ in the whole Praetorium, and to all the rest,

3B The believer recipients of Paul's testimony, 14: and the majority of the brothers in the Lord having become persuaded by my chains, are abundantly more daring to speak the Word fearlessly.

4A The motives and outcomes for preaching Christ, vv.15-18:

1B The two general motives for preaching Christ, 15: While some indeed preach Christ because of jealousy and strife, others also *preach* because of good will.

- 1C The evil motive, 16: Those proclaim Christ from selfish ambition, not purely, supposing to load tribulation to my chains.
 - 2C The good motive, 17: But the others from virtue love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the Gospel.
- 2B The conclusion: God is in control, 18: What then? Only in every way, whether in allegation or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and I rejoice in this, but also I will rejoice.
- 5A Paul's future, vv.19-26:
 - 1B The deliverance of Paul, 19: For I know that this will set out for my deliverance through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
 - 2B The hope of Paul, 20: according to my eager expectation and hope, that in nothing will I be ashamed, but in all boldness, as always, also now Christ will be magnified in my body whether through life or through death.
 - 3B The summary of principles, 21: For to me living: Christ; and dying: profit.
 - 1C The living option, 22a: But if living in the flesh,
 - 2C Paul's quandary over personal preference, 22b: this for me is fruit from work; and what I will take I do not discover.
 - 4B Preference and duty, vv.23-24:
 - 1C Paul's great preference, 23: But I am pressured from the two, having the desire to depart and be together with Christ, is far greater.
 - 2C Paul's sense of duty, 24: But to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.
 - 5B The obvious will of God, vv.25-26:
 - 1C Paul's knowledge of the obvious, 25: And being confident of this, I know that I will remain, and that I will stay together with all of you for your advance and joy of the faith,
 - 2C The purpose of Paul's continuation, 26: that your celebration in me may abound in Christ Jesus, through my presence again with you.
- 6A The responsibility of the Philippians regardless of Paul, vv.27-30:
 - 1B The responsibility of good citizenship in Christ, 27a: Only be citizens worthy of the Gospel of Christ, that whether coming and seeing you, or being absent, I might hear things about you,
 - 2B The qualities of good citizenship in Christ, 27b-28a:
 - 1C Standing, 27b: that you stand in one Spirit,
 - 2C Striving, 27c: striving in one soul in the faith of the Gospel,
 - 3C Fearless, 28a: and not in anything terrified by those who oppose;
 - 1D The indications of fearlessness, 28b: which is for them an indication of destruction, but for you salvation, and this from God.
 - 3B The reason for good citizenship in Christ, vv.29-30:
 - 1C The two-phase plan of God, 29: Because for you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer on His behalf,
 - 2C Their imitation of the plan in Paul, 30: having the same conflict which you saw in me, and now you hear in me.