

The Epistle of Paul to the

PHILIPPIANS

The Faith Translation

An expanded translation that expounds upon

“The Faith” of Christ in all the scriptures

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Chapter 1

1 Paul and Timothy, the servants of Jesus Christ (*having yielded to the faith of Him*), to all those who are sharers fellowshiping (*in the same life revealed*) in Christ Jesus (*our Lord*) which are at Philippi, along with the overseers and deacons (*appointed to your assembly*).

2 (*May His*) Grace (*be multiplied*) to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I (*give*) thanks to my God every time I think of you,

4 Always making all my request for you with great joy,

5 Because of your fellowship (*with me*) in the gospel from the first day (*you heard it*) until now;

6 Being fully persuaded of this very thing, that the One who has brought forth His life (*and inner desire*) in you will (*also*) bring it to completion (*in the glorification of your bodies*) in the return of Jesus Christ:

7 And it seems right for me to think these things about you all, because I have you in my heart; both in my imprisonment and in the defense and establishing of the gospel, since you are all partakers along with me of the grace of God (*according to the gospel which I delivered to you*).

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8 For God is my witness, how (*His love has compelled me*), earnestly desiring for you all (*to experience His life*) with the (*same*) gut-wrenching compassion of Jesus Christ.

9 And this I pray (*also for you*), so that your love may abound (*one for another*), more and more in the knowledge (*of Christ Jesus*) and in (*His*) judgment of all things;

10 So that you may (*thereby examine all things*) and discern the things which are (*good and*) excellent (*according to His judgment unto life*); so that you may be pure and blameless unto the coming of Jesus Christ;

11 And being filled with the fruits of His incorruptible life, which are from abiding in (*the faith of*) Jesus Christ and is that which brings glory and speaks well of God (*our Father*).

12 But I want you to know brethren, that the things which have come against me really turned out to the advancement of the gospel;

13 So that (*because of*) my imprisonment for (*preaching*) Christ (*has the gospel*) become clearly known (*even*) in the palaces (*of kings and world leaders*) and in all other places;

14 And many brethren (*who trust*) in the Lord, have gained in confidence because of my imprisonment, daring to speak more abundantly and fearlessly the word of God (*in Christ*).

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15 And yet (*I know that*) some preach out of jealousy (*of my ministry*) and their desire to debate (*and be argumentative*); while others (*simply*) proclaim Christ from the overflow of His goodness and mercy in their hearts:

16 The one preaches Christ out of selfish ambition and not from pure motives (*but mixed with their own desires*), thinking that it will make my chains more distressful:

17 But the others (*preach*) out of the love (*of God in their hearts for all people, that compels them to do so*), knowing that I (*have settled in my heart and*) am destined (*and willing to lay down my life*) in defense of the gospel (*which we preach*).

18 What do I think about these things? Only that in every way, whether from impure motives or a heart persuaded of the truth is Christ being proclaimed; and that (*makes my heart*) rejoice, and yes, I certainly do rejoice.

19 Because I know that (*my bonds*) will turn out to (*further declare the truth of the gospel*) of my salvation through your prayers and the abundant supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

20 And according to my confident expectation and certainty (*of the life revealed in Christ Jesus*), (*which is*) my hope, so that in nothing will I be ashamed, but will continue with all boldness (*to declare the gospel*) where in Christ will be

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magnified in my body, whether it be by (*His*) life or (*my*) death.

21 Because for me to live (*in the flesh*) is (*to live having*) Christ' (*life in me*) and to die (*and be with Christ is*) gain.

22 But if I (*continue to*) live in the flesh, (*it is His life that lives in me and*) the fruit (*of His life*) which occupies and works in me: yet which I would choose I do not know.

23 Because I am hard-pressed to choose between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ which is much better (*for me*):

24 But despite that for me to remain in the flesh seems more of a necessity for you.

25 And seeing as I know (*it would be more helpful for you*), I will remain and continue with you (*constantly reminding*) you all (*of the gospel of Christ*), for your profit and the joy (*which comes from the hearing*) of faith;

26 So that your boasting might be in Jesus Christ (*and not in me*) when I come to you again.

27 Where you allow your life to be (*born from the faith of Him*) suitable of the same quality and value brought (*to you*) by the gospel of Christ: so that whether I come to see you, or am absent from you, I might hear the things concerning you, that you stand (*finding your life born from the same*)

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spirit and mind (*of Christ*), diligently seeking together the faith of the gospel;

28 And (*where*) you are not frightened by those (*in the world*) who oppose you (*in the faith*): which to them is the evidence of sure destruction (*to stand still and not lift a finger to preserve their own lives*) but to you (*it is*) salvation (*from death and destruction*) and unto an indestructible life which is (*freely given to you*) of God.

29 For unto you it has been given (*so that you may rest in*) Christ, not only believing upon (*the life of*) Him (*that came out of the grave*) but also to suffer in the world (*knowing that you also possess a life that cannot be hurt or injured by the death in the world*) because of Him;

30 And (*you also share in*) this same conflict (*of faith*) you see in me and have now heard of me.

Chapter 2

1 If then the (*same*) faith that was in Christ has come to exhort (*and persuade our hearts*), if all comfort (*is found*) in (*being persuaded of His*) love, if (*it is also what brings*) fellowship with the Spirit, and if (*Christ is where*) all (*the same*) compassions and mercies (*come forth in us*),

2 Then the fulfillment of my joy (*for you*) is that you all be of the same mind (*as Christ*), having the same love (*born in you*), and being united in one mind (*and one spirit*).

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3 (*Where*) nothing (*you do*) is from selfish ambition (*and strife*) or a high opinion of oneself; but (*rather where*) thinking little of your ability (*and much of God's*) to exalt you to blessing and life, you esteem others above yourselves.

4 Where every man is not considering his own welfare but preferring (*and caring for the welfare of*) others.

5 Allow (*yourself, therefore, to be persuaded by the faith of Christ Jesus*) so that this (*same*) mind would be in you, which was also in Him:

6 Who, already possessing the life of God in Himself did not think it was something He needed to seize upon (*and attain to by force*) already being equal with God:

7 But (*preferring our life over His own*) made Himself of no reputation (*laying aside His life*) taking the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of (*corruptible*) men.

8 And finding Himself (*the Son spoken of in the volume of the book*) in the same body (*and shape*) as corruptible man, He dismissed any reliance upon Himself (*to be exalted but trusted solely upon the Father*) and (*being filled with the desire to do His will*) He, (*for the joy that was set before Him*) became obedient (*in offering His body*) unto death, even the death of the cross.

9 Therefore has God Himself also highly exalted Him (*to His right hand, in immortal flesh and bone,*

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far surpassing all wisdom, knowledge and authority), and (has shown forth His lovingkindness He has toward man) in giving Him (the Son of man) a name which is above every name:

10 So that at the name of Jesus every knee (*that would exalt itself above the wisdom of God*) would have to bow down, of those things which are in heaven and those in earth as well as the (*death and corruption*) which was planted in the earth.

11 And every tongue (*that has ever come to accuse man that he was not the son*) would have to bow in submission, agreeing that Jesus Christ is Lord (*over all flesh, having conquered death in the flesh*), unto the glorification of His body immortal (*declaring the good opinion and value of man that*) God the Father (*has had from the beginning*).

12 Therefore my beloved, just as you have always hearkened diligently to be obedient to the faith (*of Jesus Christ*) not only when I was with you but now much more in my absence (*may each one of you allow this faith to*) work out salvation in your own hearts with fear and trembling (*which is to fully rely on His ability and not your own*).

13 For it is God (*and the word that He has spoken in Christ*) that works in your heart both to (*bring about His*) desire and (*He alone is fully able*) and takes great pleasure to perform it (*in you*).

14 Do all things (*cheerfully*) without murmuring (*in secret displeasure*) and inward debate.

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15 So that you may appear blameless and innocent, the sons of God, unblemished (*from the marring effects brought by death*), in the midst of a twisted and perverse generation among whom you shine as lights in the world (*filled with death and darkness*);

16 Having been marked by the word of life; so that I may rejoice (*glorying*) in the day of Christ, (*knowing*) that I did not run my race without profit, neither have I labored (*for the truth*) in vain.

17 And (*in fact*) even if I am offered (*and my blood is poured out*) in a sacrifice and for the ministration of the faith to you, I (*will have*) joy and will rejoice with you all.

18 And likewise it is the same (faith) which also causes you to (*have*) joy and rejoice with me.

19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus (*and hope*) to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also will be encouraged when I hear the things concerning you.

20 Because I do not know of anyone (*else*) who is as likeminded (*as myself*) who will genuinely care for you.

21 For all seek their own (*personal interest*) and not the things which are in Jesus Christ.

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22 But you know (*and have seen*) the evidence of him, (*how*) that like a son with the father, he has served with me in the gospel.

23 For that reason it is him that I hope to send you immediately, as soon as I see how things will go for me.

24 But I am persuaded in the Lord (*hoping*) that I as well might come to you shortly.

25 Yet (*it seemed good and*) I considered it necessary to send to you E-paph-ro-di'tus, my brother (*in Christ*), and companion in (*the work of the*) ministry, and fellow associate, but also your messenger and he that ministered to my needs.

26 For he has great affection for you all, and was deeply distressed (*by your sorrow*), because you had heard that he had been sick.

27 For indeed he was sick and near to death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow on sorrow.

28 Therefore I have sent him more speedily, so you would be able to see him again and so that you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful.

29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold him in high regard:

30 Because (*it was*) for the work of Christ (*that*) he was near to death, not regarding his (*own*) life, (*but he came to me in your stead*) to supply for my

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needs because of your lack of opportunity toward me (*seeing I could not be with you in person*).

Chapter 3

1 Finally my brethren (*in Christ*), rejoice in (*and find your delight*) in the Lord (*who is the source of all joy*). For me, it is not troublesome to write to you (*again and remind you of*) the same things, on the other hand for you (*to hear and keep on hearing*) is a safeguard (*from being led astray*).

2 Beware of dogs (*who are of a corrupt mindset outside of the faith of Jesus Christ*), beware of those whose works are born from the serpent, beware of the false circumcision (*who load men with burdens too hard to bear*).

3 For we are the true circumcision, who trust in (*and rely upon*) the Spirit of God (*to serve us with the life that is*) in Christ Jesus (*our Lord*) in whom we rejoice and have no confidence in the flesh (*to preserve our lives from the death in the world*).

4 Although I could find reasons to have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinks that he has reasons that he might trust in his flesh, I have even more:

5 I was circumcised (*in my flesh*) on the eighth day, from the offspring of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; according to the law (*I was of the separatist sect*) a Pharisee.

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6 I displayed my enthusiasm (*and fervor*), by pursuing to apprehend and overtake the church; according to the deeds of the law (*did I keep myself ceremonially clean and*) blameless.

7 But whatever things I formerly thought were gain to me (*in the flesh and in the world*), those things I (*now*) consider a total loss for (*the purpose of obtaining to the incorruptible life revealed in*) Christ Jesus our Lord.

8 Yes and in fact, I consider all things (*that I could have ever gained in my flesh*) nothing but loss for (*the purpose of obtaining to and compared to*) the (*surpassing*) excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: because of (*the revelation of*) Him (*and His life and immortality*) I have suffered the loss of all those things (*which I previously labored to gain in my flesh*) and I count them completely worthless (*and only fit to be discarded as filthy waste*), so that I may gain (*the inheritance of eternal life in*) Christ (*Jesus my Lord*),

9 And be found (*resting*) in Him, not having the (*corruptible life that I can gather to myself in the flesh*), which is by (*laboring to keep*) the carnal commandments contained in the law, but that incorruptible life which is through (*resting in*) the faith (*that was authored and finished in the death, burial, and resurrection*) of Christ, (*being persuaded by*) the life (*which God has promised from the beginning and has come out of the grave immortal by the faith*) revealed by God in Christ:

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10 So that I may be intimately acquainted (*and intertwined with*) Him, and (*the hope of*) the (*glorious*) power of His resurrection, and (*that by sharing*) in the fellowship of His suffering (*where He did not lift one finger to preserve His own life but trusted in the Father*), (*that my heart would also rest in Him*) being formed into the same image (*as His and the*) death (*that He died*);

11 So that in that same manner (*as Him*) I might attain to the resurrection of the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained to the thing which my heart (*finds certainty in and*) hopes for or have already been made perfect (*in my body immortal*), but I follow after (*the faith of Christ*), so that I may lay hold of the (*life and immortality*) which (*God has purposed and promised from the beginning*) for which my heart has also been grabbed hold of by Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I do not consider myself to have (*already*) obtained to (*the resurrection and redemption of my body*): but this one thing I do, forgetting (*the death that once reigned over me and*) those things which are (*now*) behind (*me*), I reach forward to the sure hope (*of the same life that is in Christ Jesus my Lord*) that is before (*me*),

14 I pursue that (*life which my heart has always desired, which is also*) the mark (*that God has fixed His eyes on for my life from the beginning*) and toward the prize He has called me to, with the (*most eloquent speech and the*) highest calling of God in Christ Jesus.

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15 Therefore, as many as (*desire*) to be perfect (*as He is perfect*), be of the same mind (*seeing that you lack nothing*): and if in anything you are of a different mind, (*it is*) God (*who*) will also reveal (*and bring to light*) even this to you.

16 But regarding that which we have already attained to (*and seen in Christ*), let us walk (*being persuaded*) by the same mind (*revealed in the faith of Jesus Christ*), let us be diligent to be mindful of the same.

17 Brethren be followers (*of His faith*) together with me and consider those who (*also*) walk like me (*seeing*) as you have us for an example.

18 Because many (*in the world*) walk; of whom I have often told you and even now do with (*great sorrow and*) tears in my eyes, that they walk as enemies (*standing opposed to*) the cross of Christ (*and instead glorying in the life they can gather to themselves in the world*):

19 Where their end is destruction, and their god is their belly (*feeding their flesh with that which can never satisfy its lust for life*), and who esteem that which only serves them with shame, who mind earthly things.

20 (*But follow our example*) because the life that we possess in us (*even now in this world*) is seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven (*inside immortal human flesh*); from where we look for

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(*the certainty, of the same life in our body in the return of*) the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ:

21 Who will transform our vile (*corruptible*) body, so that it may be formed into the image and likeness of His glorified (*incorruptible*) body, through His doing and power (*alone*) by which (*power and dominion*) He is able even to subdue all things (*in heaven and in earth*) unto Himself.

Chapter 4

1 Therefore, my brothers, beloved and greatly missed, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord (*and the certainty of all He has done*), my beloved.

2 I exhort Eu-o'di-as, and exhort Syn'ty-che, that they would be of the same mind in the Lord.

3 And I earnestly request that you also, my true partners, help these women who have labored together with me in the gospel, along with Clem'ent and with my other fellow workers, whose names are written in the book of life.

4 Rejoice (*and delight yourself*) in (*all that*) the Lord (*has done*) always (*being mindful of it*): and again, I say, rejoice.

5 Let your gentleness (*and patience*) be known to all men. The Lord is (*always*) near (*unto you*).

6 (*Therefore*) do not be anxious (*thinking that you must take great care for your own life and future*) but in every situation (*when the word that death*

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can bring comes with its laborious thoughts to your heart and mind) it is by prayer (an exchanging of your inner desires) and earnestly appealing to the one who (has) supplied (all your needs in Christ) with thanksgiving (knowing He has already conquered your death) from where you let your request to be made known to God.

7 And the peace (that comes from seeing your death has been conquered can only come) from God, which (peace) surpasses all understanding (that is in the world) and will keep your hearts and minds (free from these laborious imaginations and tormenting thoughts) through Christ Jesus.

8 Finally my brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is admirable, if anything be good and virtuous, and if anything, be praiseworthy, think on these things.

9 And (as you think on) these things which you have learned, and received, and heard and seen in me, walk also in the same: and the God who serves you with peace will always be with you.

10 But I am so grateful to the Lord, that now, after some time you have sent care for me again; it is not that you were not always concerned for me, but you lacked opportunity.

11 And I am not saying that I was destitute (and lacking in what I needed for contentment): because (as I have grown in the knowledge of Him) I have learned that whatever circumstances I find myself

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in (*that He is the sufficiency for my life and being persuaded of that*) I am fully content.

12 I (*have both experienced and*) know what it is like to be brought low and what it is like to flourish: In every (*circumstance*) and in all things, I have learned the secret (*of contentment is in Him*), whether I am full or hungry, both when in abundance or in need.

13 For in all these things I find strength in Christ, the One who strengthens me.

14 But you have done a beautiful thing, having fellowship in my affliction.

15 Now you Philippians should also know that in the beginning of the gospel when I went out from Macedonia, there was no other church that shared with me, giving and receiving for my needs but you alone.

16 And even (*when I was*) in Thessalonica you sent once and then again (*contributing*) to my needs.

17 I am not seeking after the gift: but my desire (*is for you to experience*) the (*incorruptible*) fruit (*God supplies*) that is (*already*) overflowing to your account (*and in your lives*).

18 Now I have all that I need, and more: I have received in full (*the supplies*) from E-paph-ro-di'tus which you sent to me; (*which offering was like*) a sweet-smelling fragrance, a sacrifice (*which*

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comes from hearts overflowing with the fruit of His life) which is acceptable and well pleasing to God.

19 And my God (*is the One*) who will supply all of your needs (*for life and Godlikeness*) according to the abundant supply of His incorruptible life through Christ Jesus (*our Lord*).

20 Now all the glory be unto God and our Father forever and ever. Amen.

21 Greet all those fellowshiping with us in the life of Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you.

22 All the believers here greet you, especially those that are of the household of Caesar.

23 The grace (*that comes*) from our Lord Jesus Christ be with all your lives. Amen.