

PHIL 1:1-8

- INTRODUCTION -

PAUL: WRITING TO THE SAINTS ^{START} WITH THE
"BISHOPS + DEACONS" - (NOTE 1 Peter 5:1-4)

- THE SAINTS, OVERSEERS, DEACONS ARE NOT
3 GROUPS. THE CHURCH IS COMPOSED OF
"ALL" "SAINTS" WHICH INCLUDES "BISHOPS" +
"DEACONS" - (NOTE) WITH

- THE PEOPLE OF PHILIPPI -

- AS PAUL WROTE... HIS THOUGHTS WENT TO
THE "PEOPLE" HIS DISCIPLES AT "PHILIPPI" -

[THE HAD SENT HIM A GIFT... AND HE WAS
GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGING THEM:]

① WITH IRREPRESSIBLE JOY... "WHICH WAS
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT" "FLOODING HIS SOUL"
+ "POURED OVER INTO AN EPISTLE" WHICH
WAS TO BE IN NEW TESTAMENT CANON -

② AND WITH NO THOUGHT OF THE PLACE HE
WAS "PRISON" BUT "SIMPLE" PRAISE FOR
EVERY REMEMBRANCE OF THEM -

[BECAUSE "OF THE GOSPEL"]
used 6 times ch 1

AS HE THOUGHT OF THEM - PHILIPPIANS;
(HE ADDRESSED THEM WITH WONDERFUL MEMORIES)
- PAUL - TIMOTHY - SERVANTS -

"PHILIPPI" WAS THE CHIEF CITY IN THE
PROVINCE OF MACEDONIA (ROMAN LOCAL
GOVERNMENT SEAT).

(ACTS 16:10) - IT BECAME THE FIRST
CHURCH ESTABLISHED IN EUROPE. (ACTS 16)

AS PAUL THOUGHT:

① THE CHURCH ESTABLISHED - (ACTS 16:13-15)
"LYDIA" & THE PRAYER MEETING BY
"THE RIVER" -

- SHE A DEVOTED WOMAN - WITH SOME
DEVOTE "WOMEN" - PROBABLY JEWISH -
SHE A GENTILE - FOR "THYRITA" - (A WOMEN
IN THE DYE BUSINESS) -

- PROBABLY NO SYNAGOGUE IN CITY - MUST
BE AT LEAST "10" TO ESTABLISH ONE -
"50"

- THEY MEET BY WATER FOR CLEANSING CEREMONY

- THEY "SINGING & RECITING SCRIPTURE"

"SAW 4 MEN APPROACHING" WITH THE
MESSAGE - THE MESSIAH HAS COME

THE CHURCH WAS ESTABLISHED AND MEET IN
LYDIA'S HOME

② THE SLAVE GIRL -- ^{"WAS OWNED"} DEMON POSSESSED --
FOLLOWED PAUL -- (ACTS 16: 16-18)

SHE WAS A "FORTUNE TELLER" -- "MAKE MONEY
FOR ^{TOURIST} THE MASTER" -- HER MASTER "SATAN"

[THESE MEN ARE GOD'S SERVANTS -- AND --
"SHEW THE WAY OF SALVATION" --
"SO"]

(SHE WAS SAVED & SERVED THE CHURCH)?

③ THE ROMAN JAILER --

PAUL & SILAS -- IN JAIL AT MIDNITE --
WAS SET FREE BY GOD --

"HE & FAMILY SAVED" -- -- ALONG
WITH PRISONERS & PRISONERS "SAVED" --

THIS -- AS PAUL WROTE -- HE THOUGHT --

-- THIS IS: A PRECIOUS FELLOWSHIP --

TIMOTHY -- ARRIVED WITH GIFT & GREETINGS

HE "HALF JEW & HALF GENTILE" -- HAD SERVED
WITH PAUL SINCE CONVERTED -- "POSSIBILITY"
HELP ORGANIZE THE CHURCH -- "MINISTER THE
WORD" -- CERTAINLY -- "THE PHILIPPANS
CHERISHED HIM ALSO" --

PAUL INTRODUCES HIMSELF + TIMOTHY AS:
"DOULOS" OR "SLAVE" -- "SERVANTS"

A WORD USED BY PAUL 30 TIMES (IN HIS EPISTLES) =

"GOD'S PROPERTY" -- AT HIS DISPOSAL

= A PATTERN CHURCH

= GRACE + PEACE BE FROM GOD + JESUS

GRACE = GOD'S RESTORING US

PEACE = ALL HOSTILITIES CEASE

① HAS A
- THIS (PRECIOUS FELLOWSHIP) - ②
- WHAT MEMBERS

IT WAS A CONTROLLED FELLOWSHIP - (4-6)

6 TIMES IT WAS IN THE GOSPEL (FELLOWSHIP)
IN CHURCH (USED 5 TIMES)

- 1:5, 2:1, 3:10, 4:14, 15

- "KOINONIA" -- COMMUNION TOGETHER
THEY MADE UP "THIS HOLY FELLOWSHIP" --
(ACTUALLY)

- A PARTNERSHIP -- A SHAREING IN COMMON

③ CONTROLLED BY COMMON BIRTH

IN THE HEART -- WHERE CHRIST IS
BORN -- "BY HOLY SPIRIT"

③ CONTROLLED BY A COMMON BOND -
"GOD" - "ONE BODY FOR CHRIST"

"I THANK GOD" vs 3 (YOUR FELLOWSHIP)

IS IN & WITH HIM -

(1 COR 12:13) ALL CHRISTIANS ARE
BAPTIZED BY ONE SPIRIT INTO ONE BODY

NOT FORCED - "OR" - REGIMENTED - BUT
(BY DIVINE CONTROL)

PAUL IS SAYING:

WHAT YOU ARE IN CHRIST - GOD MADE YOU

WHAT YOU ARE - "YOU ARE" BY HIS GRACE

+ I THANK HIM FOR YOU -

(THIS BOND) HAD BEGUN WITH PAUL - FROM
THE FIRST - WOULD BE KEPT BY GOD -

"UNTIL NOW" - & - UNTIL THEN - 5

1/16
THIS FELLOWSHIP "COULD NOT" FALL APART

① HE IS ABLE - [HELD TOGETHER BY GOD]

② HE BEGAN THE WORK - [ORIGINATED BY GOD]

③ HE WILL COMPLETE IT - GOD IS RESPONSIBLE
BRING IT TO ITS - FINAL PURPOSE

II] IT WAS "A COMPASSIONATE" FELLOWSHIP (9-8)
"I HAVE YOU IN MY HEART" (7)

THEY WERE NOT :

A NUISANCE ON PAUL'S NERVES ---

OR

A WEIGHT ON HIS MIND ---

THEY WERE :

A JOY TO HIM - IN HIS HEART

THOUGH IN PRISON - HE WAS REJOICING
BECAUSE OF THEIR "SHARED FELLOWSHIP"

A JOINT EFFORT :

(A) IN A DIVINE PROJECT - (7)
"SHARING THE GOSPEL"

"DEFENCE & CONFORMATION OF THE
GOSPEL" -- OF GRACE

WITH ME --- "FELLOW PARTAKERS"

① PROCLAIM - (DEFENCE)

PREACH THE CROSS &
TEACH THE CROSS --- "STAND FIRM"

② PRACTICE - (CONFORMATION)

PUT THE GOSPEL INTO "YOUR LIVES"
AS AN EXAMPLE -

(B) WITH A DIVINE PASSION - (BOWELS)

"ALWAYS PLURAL" - "SEAT OF EMOTION"

IN CHRIST:

"AFFECTIONS" - "TENDER MERCIES"

"COMPASSION"

OUR LIVES:

(LOCAL ASSEMBLIES)

"BE AN OUTLET FOR"

"SHARING" & "SERVING"

"SUPPORTING" & "SAVING"

GENUINE LOVE OF CHRIST -

TO THOSE WITHOUT CHRIST - BY THOSE
LIKE YOU - (A PRECIOUS FELLOWSHIP)

LIVING & LOVING & LOYAL -

IN THE GOSPEL

(C) A DIVINE POSITION - (IN THE GOSPEL)

"A DESIRE FOR FELLOWSHIP" (R)

[WE ARE ON COMMON GROUND TOGETHER]

① WE ARE PERFECT IN OUR POSITION -
"IN CHRIST"

② WHILE BEING MADE PERFECT IN OUR
CONDITION - (FROM FAITH TO FAITH)

(THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK)

- ~~I~~ I A PRECIOUS FELLOWSHIP -
II A PRAYING LEADERSHIP -

(IN EPH 6:18)

① "PRAYING ALWAYS" -

"WITH"

② "SUPPLICATION" IN THE SPIRIT -
"ON EVERY OCCASION" - "IN EVERY SEASON"

③ BEING WATCHFUL
"STAYING ALERT"

III A PERFECT STANDING -
HE WHO BEGUN A WORK IN YOU -
WILL PERFECT IT - PERFECT IT -

NOTE: THE BELIEVER POSITION

① PERFECT IN CHRIST -
- COMPLETE COMMUNION -

② BEING PERFECTED -

CHRIST IS AT WORK - IN US

SANCTIFYING - PROGRESSING -

- HIS WORK -

"THROUGH US" -

PHIL 1:9-11

— PAUL PRAYS FOR THE CHURCH —

② A PRAYING LEADERSHIP —

THE PRAYS OF PAUL ARE NOT EMPTY WORDS
THEY WERE NOT "VAN REPETITIONS" (MATH 6:7)
"NOT" (MANY WORDS) + (MEANINGLESS THOUGHTS)

TO
"IMPRESS" OR "PURSUADE" : "BUT"
RICH IN "CONTENT" + "CHARACTER"

— HIS "DEEPEST DESIRES" WERE EXPRESSED
WITH EVERY "MOVE" OF HIS PEN —

WE SEE :

THE GENUINE LONGING OF A "SINCERE" (AND)
"COMPASSIONATE" HEART — AS IT TAKES
THE "FORM OF PRAYER"

THIS BURDEN ON HIS HEART TAKES —
THE FORM OF PRAYER IN 3 PETITIONS :

① THEIR EXPRESSION OF LOVE BE GREATER — ⑨
"ABOUND"

② THEIR EVALUATION OF LIFE BE GRANTED — ⑩
"APPROVE"

③ THEIR EXPERIENCE OF LIVING BE GLORIOUS — ⑪
"TO THE GLORY & PRAISE OF GOD"

I] THEIR EXPRESSION OF LOVE BE GREATER - ②
THEY ALREADY HAD "LOVE" - BUT - "HE PRAYED"
THAT IT - WOULD BE MORE FERVENTLY EXPRESSED

① LOVE IS COMMAND BY "CHRIST"

② CHARACTER OF "SPIRIT-FILLED" FRUITS

PCOR
13

③ CONTINUES WHEN "FAITH" + "HOPE" CEASES

PAUL PRAYS FOR AN OVERFLOW "OF LOVE" -
- - - IN THE SAINTS;

(A) THE DEMAND FOR LOVE - "JESUS SAID"
"A NEW COMMAND I GIVE YOU" "LOVE ONE ANOTHER"
"YOUR LOVE" ①
"THE MOST CONVINCING TESTIMONY" -
TO THE LOST - IN THE "LOOKING WORLD"

(B) THE DEMENTION OF LOVE -
"MAY ABUND" - A "VERB"
FORM OF "ABUNDANCE" -
ABUNDANCE - "AN EXCEEDING MEASURE"
"ABOVE THE ORDINARY"

① DYNAMIC LOVE - (CONTINUE TO ^{INCREASE} ~~INCREASE~~)
MORE + MORE

THE LOVE THAT CAN BE KNOWN - ONLY -
BY THE "ACTION IT PROMPTS"

IE. "THUS"

① DEMONSTRATE LOVE -

"AS CHRIST LOVES ME" - (SD) -
"I LOVE YOU" -

② THE DEVELOPEMENT OF LOVE -

"IN KNOWLEDGE + JUDGEMENT"

KNOWLEDGE = PRECIOUS "ACQUIRED BY

FUTHER + DEEPER EXPERIENCES WITH
GOD"

"ADVANCES GOD'S LOVE
MORE DEEPLY" WITHIN OUR HEART"

FROM:

"CRUCIFIATION" - "RESURRECTION" - (to)

THE "CHRISTIAN" UNTIL =

"THEY KNOW" = (KNOWLEDGE)

GOD'S LOVE NEVER STOPS... + OUR
LOVE SHOULD "PATTERN CHRIST'S LOVE"

JUDGEMENT = (PERCEPTION OR DISCERNMENT)

"LOVE" IS WARM AND GIVING BUT
STAYS WITHIN "LIMITS OF SENSE"

NOTE: (DECERNMENT)

THOUGH HELL EXISTS GOD DOES NOT STOP

"LOVING" THOSE WHO ARE THERE

LOVE "SO" MORE MAY NOT GO THERE

LOVE WORKING FOR GOOD - TO THOSE

BROUGHT WITHIN ITS EMBRACE

II) THEIR EVALUATION OF LIFE BE GRANTED - (D)

APPROVE = TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN WHAT IS
GOOD & WHAT IS BEST -



- THERE MUST BE A STANDARD WHICH CAN BRING
INTO "HARMONY" OUR CHOICE -

"WHICH IS"

[WHAT BEST PLEASES & HONORS GOD]

THE "WORD OF GOD" IS THE JUDGE OF "

(A) "APPROVE THINGS THAT ARE EXCELLENT"

(HEB 4:12) - "DECERNER" OF THE

THOUGHTS & INTENTS OF THE HEART"

DECERNER = "CRITIC"

WHAT A MAN "THINKS" AND "PLANS" IN HIS
HEART - "THAT IS WHAT HE WILL BE
IN REAL LIFE"

"SO"

WE MUST ALLOW GOD TO "SEARCH"
OUR "SECRET THOUGHTS" & "PURPOSES"

⑧ THAT YE MAY BE SINCERE -

2 "LATIN WORDS" =

SINE = "WITHOUT" ~~AND~~ CERA = "WAX"

ANCIENT DEALERS OF PORCELAIN -

WHEN FIRED = "HAIR LINE CRACKS"

"IT WAS REPAIRED WITH WAX --- TO
FILL THE CRACKS!"

= ~~NOT~~ "NOT PERFECT"

THE PORCELAIN THAT DID NOT CRACK ---

WAS "WITHOUT WAX"

WE SHOULD BE "WITHOUT WAX" --- BEING

"ACTUALLY" AS WE APPEAR -

"GUILELESS" = (NOT TWO-FACED)

⑨ WITHOUT OFFENCE -- UNTIL THE DAY
OF CHRIST - (10)

"CHRIST IS COMING" "SO"
BE "WITHOUT OFFENCE" -

THIS MEANS "GIVE NO OCCASION TO

CAUSING ANYONE TO "STUMBLE" & "FALL" -

OFFENCE = THE PART OF A TRAP -

WHERE THE "BAIT" IS ATTACHED

→ MAY THE LORD FIND US FIDELITY
WHEN HE RETURNS -

III] THAT THEIR EXPERIENCE OF LIVING
BE GLORIOUS → (1)

How?

~ WHEN OUR FRUIT & PROFESSION
BALANCE ~

(A) FRUIT = THE "INHERENT ENERGY"
OF A "LIVING ORGANISM" -

- THE "PROOF IT IS ALIVE" - IT BEARS
FRUIT - (OCCURS 8 TIMES IN THIS CH)

(B) FAITH
FRUIT = THE CHRISTIAN'S "ATTITUDE" &
ACTIONS - WHICH - "EXPRESS"
THE "PRESENCE OF GOD"

(1) IN LIFE "LIVED" (2) "LABOR" DONE

(C) RIGHTEOUSNESS = "RIGHT STANDING"

WE ARE IN CHRIST SO HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS
IS OUR "WAY OF LIFE" -

CHRIST IS "THE VINE" - WE "THE BRANCH"

HE IS THE "SOURCE" & "GOVERNOR" OF
OUR "FRUIT" - "RIGHTEOUSNESS"

"FRUITS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS"
ARE TO BE "DISTINGUISHED" FROM -- THE
"FRUITS OF FAITH" --

"FRUITS OF FAITH" = (THE RESULT OF SERVICE +
ACTIVITY) -- (WHAT WE DO)

FRUITS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS =

"RESULT OF CHARACTER" -- (WHAT WE ARE)

"THE EFFECT OF THE INDWELLING CHRIST"
CHRIST'S CHARACTER IN US -- (LOVE IN
CONTROL)

— CHRIST'S LIFE, POWER, GRACE -- WHICH
ESTABLISHES US AS HIS CHILDREN —

① IN UNION WITH CHRIST -- WE ARE PERFECT --

② IN COMMUNION WITH CHRIST -- WE ARE

~~WE ARE~~ BEING PERFECTED --

(BY THE FRUIT OF HIS RIGHTEOUS
CHARACTER)

STOP