

PHIL 4:1

PRESSURE, SO, - STANDFAST - ~~STABLE~~
(CH3 + CH4) - "ARE BRIDGED BY (VS1)"
"THIS VERSE"

SUMS UP THE PRECEDING CHAPTER --
+ LINKS IT TO THE PRACTICAL
ISSUES OF CH 4

THE PRACTICAL ISSUE OF WHAT JESUS HAS
DONE FOR US - "HIS LIFE" "DEATH" -
"RESURRECTION"

RESULTING
WITH "VICTORY" OVER "SIN" AND --
THE "DEVIL"

NOW
HE ENCOURAGES US TO STANDFAST --
"IN HIM"

"BY THE RESURRECTION" "CHRIST"
WON THE WAR "OVER SATAN" - + -
GOD PROCLAIMED "HIS SON" -
VICTORIOUS OVER THE WHOLE
REALM OF "DARKNESS" AND --

THE "BARK ON"
"VICTORY" CHRIST HAS WON --
HE
HAS GIVEN "TO US" --

IN
(4:1) PAUL IS CHALLENGING US TO --
"STAND FAST"

IN WHAT "JESUS CHRIST" HAS DONE
FOR US --

"CHRIST'S DEATH"

IS THE MEANS -- BY WHICH -- OUR
SINS -- WERE "REMOVED" + "PUNISHED"

CHRIST
BORE OUR PUNISHMENT -- + AS A
RESULT -- WE NEED NO
LONGER "FEAR" -- ANYTHING -- AT
GOD'S HAND --

THE
BIBLE SAYS: (PS 103:12)

GOD HAS REMOVED -- OUR SINS --
FROM US -- AS FAR AS -- THE
(EAST) IS FROM THE (WEST)

(ISA 43:25)

THAT

HE WILL REMEMBER THEM --
"NO MORE" --

"SO"

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS --
PUNISHING THE SAME CRIME --
TWICE -- "WITH GOD"

"SO"
MY BELOVED BRETHREN -- LONGED
FOR -- "STANDFAST" -- IN --
WHAT

GOD OFFERS: "HIS SEED" [1 JOHN 3:8-9]

CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS -- IN THE
PLACE OF -- OUR "INADEQUATE" --
RIGHTEOUSNESS --

"SO"
STANDFAST -- IN THE "OBJECT" OF
-- "OUR EXPECTATION" (WHICH IS)
-- "IN THE LORD" @ (THE SEED)

CHRIST
(THE OBJECT OF THE BELIEVER'S
-- EXPECTATION --

(3:20-21)

-- LOOKING BACK --

NOTING:

"OUR CITIZENSHIP" -- -- IS
"IN HEAVEN" -- AND -- WE LOOK

FOR

"THE SAVIOUR" -- WHO WILL CHANGE

OUR

"LOWLY BODIES" -- FOR A BODY

LIKE

HIS "GLORIOUS BODY" -- -- SO

— STANDFAST —
BECAUSE — HE IS ABLE TO —
"SUBDU" —

ALL THINGS — UNTO HIMSELF

NOTICE

IT GIVES US:

I] HOPE FOR THE FUTURE —

WE BELONG TO ANOTHER COUNTRY

WE
ARE "HEAVEN BORN" — HENCE —
"HEAVEN BOUND" —

"SO"

OUR HOPE IN THE PERSONAL —
RETURN — OF JESUS CHRIST —

"SHOULD"

HAVE A "DECISIVE" EFFECT —

ON

— OUR LIFE & CONDUCT ON EARTH —

(A) THIS WORLD IS NOT OUR FINAL
HOME — — —

ARE

WE LOOKING FOR JESUS
RETURN — ?

① IF WE ARE MOTIVATED BY --
"PREJUDICE" --

AGAINST OTHER CHRISTIANS --
"OR" -- OTHERS IN GENERAL --

THAT IS:

"WHITE OR BLACK" -- "RICH OR
POOR" -- "CULTURED OR NAIVE" --

"MAYBE"

-- EVEN DOCTRINAL DIFFERENCES --

② CONTEMPLATING SOME SIN --
"DISHONEST" -- OR -- "LYING FOR
GAIN" -- "HATRED OF SOMEONE" --
WHAT EVER --

"CHRIST RETURN"
AND -- OUR FINAL HOME -- HAS --
"NOT"

MADE THE PROPER "IMPRESSION"
-- ON US --

WE

CARE STILL LIKE THE WORLD
(TURN) -- OF
BE "STANDEAST" (IN HOPE IN HOME

OUR HOPE
IS IN OUR FUTURE -- WHICH --
GIVES US ?

II. HELP FOR THE PRESENT - ①

PAUL'S EXHORTATION -- "INDICATES"

THAT

THE PHILIPPIANS -- WERE "INCLINED" --
TO YIELD GROUND -- TO RETREAT --

FROM

A FIRM STAND -- BECAUSE OF
PRESSURE -- OF (THE PAGAN CITY)

THE

PROBLEM OF -- "DEFEATISM" +

"INSTABILITY" -- HAS BEEN -- A --

PROBLEM -- FOR THE CHURCH --

THROUGHOUT

ITS HISTORY -- WHY -- BECAUSE

WE ARE IN A "GREAT SPIRITUAL"

CONFLICT --

SO

PAUL ENCOURAGES THEM --

TO FACE THE FOE -- "WITHOUT"

"FLINCHING"

— KNOWING — A TRUE CITIZEN OF THE
"KINGDOM OF GOD" — (IS NOT QUICK) —
— TO SURRENDER —

NOTICE HERE:

(A) OUR POSITION OF POWER — ①
"IN THE LORD"

HE IS OUR SECRET & SOURCE OF
— OUR STRENGTH + SECURITY —

STRENGTH = INTELLECTUAL +
MORAL FORCE — — —
— OUR POWER TO RESIST —

SECURITY = FREEDOM FROM — —
CARE, ANXIETY, DOUBT —
"OUR"

GUARANTEE — CERTIFICATE OF
ASSURANCE —
(KEPT IN SAFE CUSTODY)

"IN THE LORD" — MENTIONED:
"8" TIMES — IN THIS EPISTLE —
"WHY"

— WE ARE HIS POSSESSION —

HE OWNS US -- HE PROTECTS US --

"STANDFAST"

IN YOUR FAITH -- IN CHRIST --

(1 COR 16:13)

"WATCH", STANDFAST IN THE
FAITH -- BE STRONG --

OUR POSITION OF POWER

(B) THE PROSPECTIVE CROWN -- (1)

PAUL SAYS:

(MY SDY & CROWN) --

PAUL HAD A CROWN COMING --

"DO WE"

YES

IF WE REMAIN FAITHFUL --

-- YES, TO THOSE WHOS:

"PRAYERS" -- "PERSONAL WORK" --

-- & -- "SACRIFICIAL GIVING" --

ARE

"INSTRUMENTAL" -- IN BUILDING

UP -- (HIS CHURCH) --

③ OUR PERSONAL PASSION - ①
"LONGED FOR"

[THOSE, BRETHEN, IN ONE FAMILY -
POSSESSING DIVINE LIFE -]

A MATURE LOVE = "ONLY POSSESSED"
BY

THE INFUSEING OF "THE LOVE OF GOD"

① SINCE, ALL ARE MEMBERS OF ONE -
FAMILY -

② ALL ARE MOTIVATED BY THE "SAME"
"FORCE"

③ ALL ARE LOVED WITH THE "SAME LOVE" -
"THEREFORE"

ALL OUGHT TO LOVE "ONE ANOTHER" -

TO

REALIZE THIS "KINDRED RELATIONSHIP"

WILL HELP THEM (US) -

"TO" STANDFAST - AND -

"NOT"

"GIVE IN"

PHIL 4:2-4

"PROBLEM" -- SO --

→ STRAIGHTEN UP --

THERE ARE 2 PROBLEMS HERE :

① PROBLEM OF DISUNITY -- +

② PROBLEM OF DEPRESSION --

AS WE HAVE SEEN -- IN (V. 1) WE MUST
-- STANDFAST

AS

→ DEARLY BELOVED & BELOVED BROTHERN --

BECAUSE

① WE ARE CHILDREN OF THE -- SAME
SPIRITUAL FATHER --

② WE ARE MEMBERS OF ~~THE~~ -- ONE
FAMILY OF GOD --

③ UNITED TOGETHER IN A -- HAPPY
CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD --

+

ALL HAVE -- "PERSECUTE" & "SUFFER"

SO

WE MUST -- STAND TOGETHER --

-- STEADFAST --

⇒ IN FAITH -- AND -- LOVE --

"BUT"

INVOLVED IN SPREADING THE GOSPEL --
-- AND BUILDING THE CHURCH -- WITH
ITS FELLOWSHIP -- "INVOLVES" --
-- UNITY & CO-OPERATION -- AMONG
-- THE BELIEVERS --

"YOU SEE"

CHRISTIAN WORK -- MUST HAVE ALL
KINDS OF "TALENTS" -- GIFTS -- AGENCIES --
AS WELL AS
(DILIGENT, STRENUOUS, LABOUR) --
-- WHICH -- MANY TIMES -- BRINGS ABOUT
-- DISUNITY & DEPRESSION --

SO PAUL ADDRESSES:

I] DISUNITY -- (2-3)

IT IS A "WISE POLICY" -- OF ALL
MEMBERS -- TO "STRIVE TOGETHER" -- TO
PREVENT -- DISCORD & DISUNION --
-- "IN THE FELLOWSHIP" --

IT WAS THE "WOMEN" WHO PLAYED A --
-- PROMINENT ROLE -- IN THE ~~BEDROOM~~
FELLOWSHIP & ESTABLISHING OF THE
CHURCH --

AMONG THESE

PAUL CALLS OUT "2" -- TO BE --
-- LIKE MINDED -- IN THE LORD --

"WHEN PAUL"

ARRIVED AT PHILIPPI --- (ACTS 16:12-15)

TELL THE HISTORY

ON THE SABBATH DAY --- HE WENT DOWN
TO THE RIVER --- BECAUSE --- IT WAS
A "CUSTOM" --- PRAY WAS MADE THERE

VISION OF PAUL --- JAIL ---

THE SCRIPTURE SAYS --- HE SPOKE
TO THE WOMEN ---

AND

AMONG THEM --- WAS A WOMAN ---
NAME "LYDIA" ---

① THERE WAS NO SYNAGOGUE IN THE
CITY --- WHERE PAUL USUALLY WENT
ON THE SABBATH "TO PREACH" ---

"PROBABLY"

BECAUSE JEWISH LAW + RULE ---
REQUIRED 10 MEN "BEFORE" A
SYNAGOGUE COULD BE FORMED ---

NO

AMOUNT OF WOMEN COULD ---
MAKEUP --- FOR THE LACK OF

--- THE REQUIRED 10 MEN ---
= = =

"SD"

AN UNOFFICIAL GROUP -- MET BY THE
RIVER -- DEVOTED -- SPIRITUAL MINDED
~~ROMAN~~ JEWISH WOMEN --

PAUL

SHARED THE STORY OF JESUS --- AND
A "CHURCH IS BORN"

LYDIA BELIEVED + WAS BAPTISED --

SHE OPENED HER HOME -- TO BEGIN
THE ASSEMBLY --

② THE CHURCH WAS ESTABLISHED

THE WOMEN'S PRAYER MEETING
GAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR "GOD" --
TO
ESTABLISH A "GREAT CHURCH"

① EUODIAS AND SYNTYCHE - ②
WERE

AMONG THESE WOMEN -- WHO

THEY ~~PRAYED~~ PLAYED

A PROMINENT PART -- IN THE
CHURCH AT PHILIPPI --

① PAUL RECOGNIZED THEIR —
DEVOTION —

② "THESE WOMEN 'LABORED' WITH
ME IN THE GOSPEL" — ③

"LABORED"

"SO" THEIR WORK "DOES NOT
APPEAR" TO HAVE BEEN "MOTIVATED"
BY — "PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP" —

— (IS THE CASE — MANY TIMES) —

③ EVIDENTLY — THEY ~~TREATED~~
TREATED ALL — & — HELPED ALL —
— WITH NO FAVORITIS —

④ THEY WERE COMMITTED TO —
SPREADING THE GOSPEL — +
INCREASING THE CHURCH —

⑤ THEY TOILED — WITH SELF-SACRIFICING
DEVOTING — — — AND

[RECOGNIZED AS SUCH — BY
THE APOSTLE — PAUL —]

③ EUODIAS AND SYNTYCHE -- ②

~ "HAD A FALLING OUT" ~

①

TWO

GOOD WOMEN -- WITH A REMARKABLE
SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION --

--- WITH PAUL --- NOW ---

HAD

BROUGHT -- DISUNITY INTO THE
--- CHURCH ---

~ WE ARE NOT TOLD THE CAUSE ~

② THE TARGETY IS -- SATAN GOT AN
-- ADVANTAGE -- OVER THEM --

+

THEY BECAME A "GAZING STOCK"
BY ~~THE~~ THOSE -- WITHOUT THE CHURCH --

"EACH"

THOUGHT SHE WAS RIGHT -- AND
"NEITHER" WOULD TAKE THE
"FIRST STEP" TO MAKE UP --

+

THIS IS MOST DANGEROUS WHERE

(THE PARTIES ARE "RESPECTED" &
"GIFTED" --)

PAUL URGES THEM TO:

① PURSUE THE RIGHT CONDUCT -

THIS
- HAD BECOME A "PUBLIC MATTER"

"BUT"

- PAUL (DID NOT TAKE SIDES) -

HE

URGED THEM TO:

- SET ASIDE THEIR DIFFERENCES -

② THEN, BE OF THE SAME-MIND -

③ HE IS NOT TELLING THEM - THAT
(THEY MUST THINK ALIKE) -
IN EVERYTHING - ~ "NO"
"NOT"

[TO SEE "EYE TO EYE" ON EVERY
ISSUE -

④ THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM - - FOR
"DIFFERENCE OF OPINION" -
"ORIGINALITY OF THOUGHT" -

- DEPENDING ON -
ENVIRONMENT - EDUCATION - INFLUENCES

OR
AFFECTED
BY ✓

③ "SO" HOW CAN THEY BE OF ---
--- "ONE MIND" ---
"ONLY"

"IN THE LORD" --- "FOR CHRIST'S SAKE"

"IN HIM"

THERE MAY BE --- "DIVERSITY" ---
WITHOUT ~~WITH~~ "DIVISION" --- "DISAGREEMENT"
WITHOUT ~~WITH~~ "DISUNITY" + "DEPARTURE"
"IN HIM"

--- "WE CAN HAVE" A DIFFERENCE OF
METHODS --- WITHOUT A DIVISION ---
--- IN THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP ---

④ BE IN SUBJECTION TO CHRIST ---
--- + --- THE TEACHING OF THE BIBLE ---
"WILL"

"SAVE THE CONGREGATION FROM"
--- DISSENSION + DIVISION ---

"DIVERSITY" = CAN BE A GOOD THING
(BUT) ---

DISUNITY WILL DESTROY OUR ---
--- TESTIMONY FOR CHRIST ---

© EUODIAS AND SYNTYCHE --
-- NEEDED HELP -- (3)

["YOKEFELLOWS", CLEMENT, --
-- + -- FELLOW WORKERS --]

PAUL IS "APPEALING" TO OTHERS --
-- IN THE CHURCH -- TO CO-OPERATE
-- IN -- BRINGING RECONCILIATION TO
-- THESE WOMEN -- -- AND
-- RESTORE HARMONY --

[SPIRIT-FILLED & SPIRIT-LEAD --
CHRISTIANS -- ARE USED BY GOD --
RESTORE THE FELLOWSHIP --]

"WE"

NEED TO -- SAFE GUARD OUR
LORD'S NAME & INTERESTS

BY

(NOT ALLOWING "DIFFERENCES"
-- IN OR AMONG -- "THE BRETHREN"
TO

(BRING DISUNITY & STRIFE --
-- IN GOD'S FAMILY -- "THE" --
-- CHURCH --

NOT ONLY -- PROBLEMS OF DISUNITY

(BUT)

II] PROBLEMS OF DEPRESSION - (4)

[YOU SEE -- THE SPIRITS OF THE PEOPLE --
WE ARE RUNNING LOW -- SO -- PAUL
"SAYS"

ENOUGH SAID: DON'T BE --

-- DISCOURAGED OR DEPRESSED --

"WHICH"

-- CAN EASILY COME UPON THE CHURCH --

THE

DIVISION AND DISUNITY IN THE CHURCH

-- CAN ROB BELIEVERS OF THEIR JOY --

-- DON'T ALLOW IT --

(A) REJOICE IN THE LORD --

THIS IS ACTUALLY --

(THE THEME -- SOME SAY -- BECAUSE

IT OCCURS THROUGH THE LETTER --

(GALS: 22) "JOY" -- IS A GIFT OF THE SPIRIT

"JOY" -- IS NOT ANOTHER WORD FOR (HAPPINESS)

JOY

"SMILES", WHEN IN THE MOST -- "ADVERSE"
CIRCUMSTANCES -- BECAUSE --

IT COMES FROM THE "SPIRIT"

JOY
RESIDUES + RESIDUES AGAIN --

(JOHN 16:20) (YOUR SORROW -- WILL

TURN TO JOY) -- -- --

"RESIDE IN THE LORD"

③ JOY, RESIDES IN THE LORD. (JOHN 15:11)

"THESE THINGS HAVE I SPOKEN UNTO
YOU, -- THAT YOUR JOY MAY BE FULL --
-- THAT MY JOY MIGHT REMAIN -- --
IN YOU"

① "MY JOY" IS YOUR JOY --

-- HIS JOY -- TOOK CARVARY -- INTO
CAPTIVITY -- --

(HEB 12:2)

"FOR THE "JOY" THAT WAS SET
BEFORE HIM -- HE ENDURED
THE CROSS"

② YOUR JOY --

(CHRIST IN YOU) FOR ALWAYS"

"ALWAYS"

"SO"

CHRISTIAN JOY IS NOT -- --

-- "CAPRICIOUS" -- --

NOT

A -- SENTIMENTAL RAPTURE --
BUT

A STEADY -- UNIFORM -- CONTINUAL
STATE OF LIFE --

"BUT"

HOW CAN THIS BE?

①

JOY, A CONTINUAL PERPETUAL
EXPERIENCE --

"AGAIN"

"I SAY" -- RESOLVE --

BUT "HOW" --

① WHEN WE ARE -- CONTINUALLY
IN THE MIDST OF SIN --
-- SUFFERING -- AND
SORROW -- ARE OUR LOTS --

② IN THE MIDST OF --
DISAPPOINTMENT -- SOME
EVEN IN PRISON --
AND
EVEN FACING DEATH

BY
[WHAT DIVINE GRACE HAS —
BROUGHT US —]

① THE PROVISION OF THE "GOSPEL"
AND WHAT IT HAS GIVEN US —

② WHEN WE REMEMBER —
INFINITE ABILITY — OUR LORD
— HAS PROVIDED FOR US —

[ALL HIS "PRECIOUS PROMISES"
ARE OURS — — RESOICE]

[ALL HIS POWER IS GIVEN —
TO US — — RESOICE]
(MOSTLY)

[HIS WONDERFUL PRESENCE
I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU —
— OR — FORSAKE YOU —]
(THEN)

— OUR JOY WILL BE —
— ~~THE~~ "PERPETUAL" ~~(STOP)~~ — STOP —