

City. Founded by Philip of Macedonia in 360 BC. ^{Gold} mines nearby but exhausted by 168 BC when came under Rome. Octavius and Antony defeated Rustus and Cassius at Phil in 42 BC and settled a colony ^{In 30 BC more forced to Phil} of veterans there. Colony = bit of Italy on foreign soil, having polit. and econ privl. 2 chief magistrates and police, 16:35. Gangites river. Egnatian Way across N. Greece. 10 mi Neapolis. Acropolis 1000 ft high. Citizenship 3:20 and 1:27; live & citizens

P. and Phil. Arrived about 50. Stayed 2 mo? Left Luke there 16:17 then 20:5 for 'we.' P prob visited again on 3rd trip, 20:1 and bet 1st and 2nd impris, 1 Tim 1:3.

Founding of ch. Acts 16.

2nd trip. Revisit. Contention over Mark, P, Silas, Tim joined at Lystra. Thru Galatia. Blocked from Asia and Bithynia. Waited at Troas.

H^andsome, intelligent, civilized Greek man. But failed intellectually, 1 Cor 1:22; morally, Rom 1; spiritually, Acts 17:22.

To river. No 10 Jewish men heads of families. Lydia from Asia where forbidden to go. 13-15.

Demon-possessed girl. 16-23

Jailor and family, 24-40.

Letter. About 61. From Rome. 1:13-9000 troops assigned to emperor in Rome. 4:22 employees of Caesar. Nero. Phil helped P 2x before this letter with money, 4:16, then sent Epap with another to Rome. Ill. P sends this thank-you by Epap.

Joy in 1:4, 25; 2:2, 29; 4:1.

Rejoice in 1:18; 2:17, 18, 28; 3:1; 4:4, 10.

Used in connection with trial and confinement. 1:20

Concl. 20th C people same as Greeks.

God's solution for man's prob same. Gospel given out by people.

$\phi\rho\omega\rho\omega$ - think 1:7 2:2 (2x) 4:2 2:5, 2:15 (2x) 2:19, 4:10 (2x) = 10
 growth in holiness req. mental concentration & determination
 Also $\eta\gamma\epsilon\sigma\mu\alpha\iota$ - consider 2:3, 6 3:5 $\sigma\kappa\omicron\pi\tau\omega$ = consider 2:4 3:17
 $\lambda\omicron\gamma\epsilon\beta\omicron\rho\alpha\iota$ = reckon 3:13 4:8

Discerning Love

Tim with P in Rome and had been at Phil 2:19. Servants, not apost. Bishops and deacons. Elder, Tit 1:5, 7=bishops. Prayer of thanksgiving, 3-8. Bec he remembered

1. their fellowship. Money gifts so gospel could go to Greece, 4:16; 1Th 2:9. Acts 2:42.
2. ~~Conf~~ Confidence in God's completing sal. 6. complete=epiteleo. till day X intervenes (rapt) like day of Lord is when He intervenes.
3. Partnership in his imprisonmt and defense, 7-8. apologia=defense and proof of the case ag P. They supported P even when to their knowledge he was not "producing." Both v8 I have you or (and) you have me in your heart.

Prayer for discerning love, 9-11.

Love. Rom 5:8; Jn 13:34; Mk 12:31. Can damage if let go like swamp. Can do nothing if dammed up. Gret force if channeled. Abound, periseuo. Lk 15:17.

A. The banks that channel Xn love, 9.

1. Full knowledge. Eph 1:17 facts about Him and sal. Col.1:9 of His will. Use of facts.
2. Judgmt or discernment. Only here tho similar in Heb 5:14. ^(senses) Discern good--Barnabas, Acts 9:26-7 re P. 11:22-23 Antioch 15:37-39 re Jn Mark pract
Discern evil-Gal 2:11 P vs Peter, wrong doct and 1 Cor 5, little leaven.

Diakrino Heb 5:14 and anakrino 1 Cor 2:15.

B. The results of discerning love, 10-11

1. Test the best for yourself. By discernmt
2. Sincere. Unadulterated. Sun can't detect pollution. straightness of purpose. Unmixed. without stumbling othrs.=1Cor 10:32. =Sanc bec of justif
3. Fruit that results from justified (rtes) state OR fruit that consists in right conduct. Almost=
To glory (manifestatn) and praise (esteem) of God.

Concl. Day of X. Assured we'll be in heaven, 6, but need to go with fruit, 10.

Motives for Ministry

Review P's circ. Awaiting trial. 18 mo. Rented house. Why these things happen? ¹ Fallen world. 2. Failure to judge sin, 1 Cor 11. 3. Prevent sin, 2 Cor 12. 4. Promote growth, Rom 5:3-5. 5. Promote gospel (Phil 1). Lit advance, =Lk 2:52; 1Tim 4:15. Turned out=have come. Hint of sovereignty.

I. Motives.

- A. By circ in which God places me. ¹² Above, on have come. Steele illus. B. Goodwill=^{and love, 15-16} good motives, 2Cor 5:17
- B. By tough times God places others. 14. P wanted Phil to be encouraged. Eph 3:13. Xns in prison embolden us.
- C. Fearlessly. aphobos. 2 Tim 1:7-8 another imprisonmt. perisoteros. comparative. so much more. Word of God. motive was good will, ^{bold=} 15. courage=dare.
- C. Envy and strife, 15. ¹⁸ What? Word of God. How? Intensely, daringly, fearlessly. What? preach X, 17 / Who? all Xns. Who? Mild form of Judaisers, 3:2
- How? Envy and strife, 15
Contention (vv. 16-17 reversed in ^{or NKJ} KJ)=selfish ambition.=2:3. Used of hired hand who was looked down on bec he labored only for own interest. Pretense, 18 Preaching X used as mask for selfishness. With mixed (impure) motives, 17.

II. Results, 1:13-14

A. In Rome, 13.

1. Praetorium guard, 13. Sometimes of residence (Mt 27:27) but here of lifeguards of emperor. Chained, Eph 6:20; guard changed 6 hrs. P's actions always scrutinized
2. To all the rest, 13 (KJ in all other places). People who came to see P like Jews in Acts 28. Onesimus.

B. In Other places, 14. Use ^{2.} B above.

- C. In P's heart, 1:18. Rejoices and will (Fut mid=decision of P's will to do so). Not condoning Judaisers nor compromising grace but realizes that imperfect understanding better than no understanding (unsaved). RC, etc)

2.

Concl. Prob is not that gospel is imperfectly preached but that we don't preach it at all.

1. Trouble can promote gospel and Xn growth.

To Live or To Die: Which Is Better?

P's circ. House, guards, trial. Acts 25:11 (Festus) at Caesarea

I. P's Deliverance, 1:19-20

This=this state of affairs. Sal or del either by acquittal, default or death. Dan 3:16-18. Thru prayer and supply (=Gal 3:5) not special but regular supply.

What did P want their prayers and HS to do? Ans. v 20.

1. No shame, 1 Jn 2:28.

2. Lots of courage=boldness. Whether at trial or executn.

3. X magnified. Made large. P made small.

II. P's Dilemma, 1:21-26

A. To live is X-wrapped up in Him. Gal 2:20. Perspectv. A. Die is gain. More profit. Tit 1:11-sake of base gain.

B. Working and fruit, 22
Living means working
working means fruitbearing.

C. Nec for Phil to remain. ²⁵⁻²⁶

Confidence-perhaps time limit near. Phil 22.

1. for Phil's progress in sanct.

2. for Phil's rejoicing in faith (both body of truth (obj) and apprehension of it (subj).

3. for Phil's being able to see P again. in me=on occasion of my return to you.

B. Be with X, 23. Involves
1. loosing=2 Tim 4:6, loose ship, break camp, death. No confinement, pain, limitatns.

2. better. lit much rather better. Heaven is this when compared with earth's ^{1:21} brightest hour, not ^{1 Jn 3} darkest. No soulsleep, purgatory, stop at funeral home.

P's dilemma, 23==constrained. Bliss (on earth) vs. bliss (heav)

III. P's directions for those not knowingly facing death. Whether have ^{imminent} encouragmt of P's presence or not, do these. conduct selves as citizens of heaven, 27.

A. Stand, 27. but not alone. Unity. 1 spirit, 1 soul. Singleness of purpose, harmony. Don't give ground.

B. Strive or struggle, 27. Rule of life which charz gospel. Not scared of opponents. Xncourage is omen of their dest. and our sal. Changed life. Take ground.

C. Suffer, 29-30. Grace gift like sal. Not bec foolishness, but bec Xn citizenship. Agony. Saw in Acts 16. Know about in Rome. Lk 22:44 X in Geth agony.

Concl. Is 1:21 true. Life wrapped up in X. Death desirable

Is Unity Really Possible?

Jn 17:21-23 4x. Done by 1 Cor 12:13. Eph 2:19. Position. In practice have to be eager to keep it, Eph 4:3 cause it to grow thru gifts till 4:13. Phil 2 also way to achieve it

- I. Basis for unity, 1. Foundation. If=since *Motus I & II*
- A. Encouragmt from being united in X. Also exhortation. Barnabas. All tog. in body. Fact. Live with it.
- B. ~~encouragmt~~ Comfort from His love in heart. Prep=aside. That which draws mind aside from care. His love in all. Rom 5:5. Love that
- C. Fellowsp with HS living within (2 Cor 13:14) which also produces fell with others.
- D. Tenderness and compassion. for others in body.

II. Motive for unity, 2a. Make P's joy complete. 4:2.

III. Features or char of unity, 2b-

- A. Think same. Frame of mind to promote unity.
- B. Same love.
- C. One souled. Soul not evil or world centered. Ambition. 1 Pet 2:11 Mk 12.
- D. Thinking the one thing=one purpose.

IV. Procedure for unity, 3-4.

- A. No selfish ambition. Used of seeking political office by unfair means. Seeking power and position, not service. Same as 1:17, Gal 5:20. Rivalry. Party spirit.
- B. No empty glory or conceit. Personal vaity. Gal 5:26. Only 2x
- C. No haughtiness, but humility. Insuff of self but suff of God. Humility is seeing self before God Xn grace
- D. No self-interest but others'. Deeming others as having more (uperexo) than self. Rom 12:10. If think someone is inferior, then help him to be superior. 1 Cor 10:24; 13:5.

V. Practicalities of unity.

- A. Diff of opinion OK but not self-centeredness.
- B. Diff of gifts if exercised will bring unity. ~~Phi~~ 4
- C. Shifting attentn from self to others will bring joy.
- D. Sameness of goals, ambitions (spiritual) shows unity. e.g. see maturity in others. Rebuke sin in others. Same fruit of HS.
- E. Strive, be eager to do these things. Eph 4:3. Not ~~td~~ally possible while sinful but strive.

Emptied and Filled

Intro. After call to humility, 4, now greatest example. H=low position, undistinguished. Bad concept outside Xnty, but in Xnty a grace, retaining ideas of lowliness. False is parading rel actvts. Rom 12:3. H=attitude about my truly undistinguished self which results in promoting God in life

I. X emptied of--6

- A. Position of being deity. Form=morphe. uparchon pres. 6a
 1. He was eternal. Being already and continuing so. Not ~~ami~~
 2. He was fully and truly God. Distinctively God, like distinctively servant, 7. All attributes. Essence of God Glory is display of God. Jn 17:5. Scarcely seen on earth Jn 1:14. Grace and truth displayed glory on earth.
- B. Privileges of deity, 6b. Equality with God not a thing to be grasped bec He had it. Nor thing to be held onto when incarnate. Still God but gave up rights. Mtl 7:27. exactly equal

Emptied (self-imposed) of position and privileges of deity, but Person unchanged. He did add humanity, to be God-man. Poured deity into humanity, but union not mixture. Empty=made of no effect.

II. Filled with--7-11

- A. Slavery 7a. Mt 20:27-28. Jn 8:29. Gal 1:10 (inclgd self) form=morphe. Really slave. Jesus is Lord, King, Slave.
- B. Humanity, 7b-8a. Becoming (at incar) in likeness (resembd what men are) really like men. tho diff. Heb 4:16. tho sinless. Schema=outward appearance.

Used of king who exchanges robe for sackcloth. schema includes actions, manners, dress.

- C. Humility, 8b. Make low, undistinguished. Most ignominious death on a cross. A cross death. Jn 1:1 a God Word. Heb 1:1. Nature of a Son. /Word who is nature of G. Cross for slaves, rebels, lowest criminals.

D. Exaltation, 9-11.

- Who did it? God. Highly exalted and grace-gave name.
- How did He do it? By giving name Jesus. Bec that name focuses on sacrifice on cross.
- Who will acknowledge? Angels and saints, people on earth, demons & Satan. Isa 45:23 bow to God. Here to X; so X=God.
- How will they do it? Confessing J as Lord (G0d). Not personal Lord bec those under earth didn't.
- Result? More glory to Father.

Concl. Bel 1 Pet 5:6. Unbel-confess as God-man Savior. Rom 10:9-10.

HOW TO DO AND KNOW THE WILL OF GOD

Intro. X completely surrendered to will of God. Now u^{stoo}

I. How to do, 2:12-13

A. Focus on others (what they expect), 12a

Pexpected them to obey in absence as if present, Heb12:1

B. Focus on self and work hard, 12b.

Work hard (compounded). Not to be saved, Rom 4:5 but to do will and be sanctfd. Completed sal needs to be c completed. =sanctf=cleansing=holy. Tense is pres contin. With fear and trembling like slaves to master, Eph6:5 so as we slaves to God our master. 1 Pet 1:17.

C. Focus on God (and His energizing in us), 13.

We work but not alone. gar at beg means that more we work more we realize God's work.

He energizes to will and energize to do His good pleas=^{will} Ps 23:3b. Don't ask for help to do wrong or useless.

II. How to Know, 2:14-16

A. Submit, 14. All without grumbling/complaining or arguing/dialoging. Ex 15:24 waterMarah; 16:2 food/manna. Don't grumble or negotiate will of God.

B. Shine, 15. Get rid of (so light can come thru clearly) brightly

1. reproach (blame)

2. experiences or flirtations with evil, Mt 10:16;

Rom 16:19 only. Rom 1:32

spiritual

3. blemishes. 2 Pet 3:14.=like X, 1 Pet 1:19. zits!

Then light can shine brightly. Only Rev 21:11 of light in New Jer. Let people (who are crooked=scoliosis=curvature and perverted=crooked=vessel misshappen on a potter's wheel) see heavenly light in us and thus want to be in heaven.

C. Stand and show, 16a. Holding onto Word for constancy of godly life. May also have idea of holding up or out in evangelism.

Concl, 16b. just like 12a. day of X=rapture, 1:6,10.

EULOGIES FOR THE LIVING

Intro. High praise. At funeral deceased becomes saint.

I. Philippians, 17-18. Sacrifice & Service

Sacrifice and leitourgia that came from their faith.

= Rom 12:1 (same words). Mention of P as drink off means

Phil's sac was burnt off. Libation here & 2 Tim 4:6. only.

Num 15:10; 28:7. Lev 1:3 (ascent off), 9 (aroma), 14-Lk 2:24.

As drink, P wants his death to be reckoned to their credit.

II. Timothy, 19-24. Selflessness & Second.

Non-assertive. More than 20 yrs younger than P. P will

send to Phil so can return with good report, 19

Equal ^{Toward P} souled with P, 20. Served as slave with P, 22

and proved in work, 22.

B. Toward Philippians, 20. Genuine anxious care.

1 Pet 5:7; 1 Cor 12:25.

C. Toward X, 21. Sought X's interests, not self-interest.

III. Epaphroditus. Soldier. (Obeys and endures)

A. Twd P. Fellow worker and soldier. Only of ^{Epap} Arcippus,
Phile 2 (Phil's son) and all bel 2 Tim 2:3.

B. Twd Phil. Messenger, 25 who brot money gift (apostle)
Minister (leitourgon), 25. Obeyed P's orders, 25.

C. Twd work. Endured hardness (=afflictions 2 Tim 1:8).
to point of severe illness. Maybe on way to Rome or
after arrived.

Why sickness? Bec ^{work of X} overwork, 2:30. Gambled with his life.

Bec sin 1 Cor 11:30 ; to glorify God, Jn 11:4.

Bec need to keep humble, 2 Cor 12:7. To prevent sin.

Bec to display works of God, and lead to faith. Also Jn 4:53.

To test, Job 2:7; bec of demons, Acts 5:16

P sent back to Phil so they would see Ep OK. No mention of

P healing him, 2 Tim 4:20.

Concl. All examples of mind of X as slave.

Phil, 17. Tim 22, Epap 25. Leit is service as worship.

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GARBAGE

Int. Only preacher would say finally, v1 then go on.
No trouble for P to repeat and safeguard ag dangers for Ph.

I. Corruption of Grace is garbage, 2-3

A. Who? Judaiser=adopt custome, bel of Jews. L.Added work of cir to faith. 2. Used law for sanct. Acts 15:1,5. Gal 5:2 cf. Gen 17:12.

B. What were they? 1.Dogs. Gentiles, Mt 15:24.Unclean. Ate garbage, filth. 2. Evil workers. Bec 2 Cor 11:3 & said sal by works. 3. Cutting. Mutiliation.Circ without any meaning of separ^{to God}atn, Deut 30:6.

3. How? Flesh and works instead of worship in HS, in flesh, Jn 4:24. Instead of boast in X, in circ. In stead of faith, confidence in flesh. Acts 13:39. Lordship sal.

II. Confidence in Pedigree is Garbage, 4-8.

A. In rite of circ,5. 8th day, not adult.Ishmaelites at 13.

B. in race,5. Israelite, Benj who stood with Judah in divsr Heb of Heb. Knew lang. Observed custome of Jews, not Gk. Acts 21:40; 22:3.

C. In religion. Phar. Mt 23:2-Script. Lk 18:12-tithed; fasted,Mk 18:12;prayed,Mk 12:40. Hypoct Mt 23:15; self-rt, Lk 18:9; persectd Lord,Mt 9:3.Explanatns of law binding as law.

D. In record⁶ of persectng ch.Jud perverted ch.Gal 1:13.

E. In rtness.⁶ Blameless=kept commands, not sinless. Lk 1:6 Zacharias and Eliz.

Bottom line: 7-8 Gain=profit, 1:21. Pedigree can be profit but not for acceptn with God. Loss=at sea, Acts 27:10. Counted, pf. Decided and still true.

Real value is personal know of X. Count 2x, pres.Doesn't regret initial decision to abandon Jud and pedigree for X. Garbage,dung,refuse.what's thrown to dogs. Not heritage but using it to commend to God.

Gourmet (Salvation)

Int. One who recognizes excellent sal.

I. Righteousness, 9-11

Not self from keeping law, Rom 3:20, but thru ^{dia} faith and based on (epi) faith. Means to be ~~o~~found in Him=in X.

II. Goals or Purposes in Life, 10-11

Know Him in sanct or walk that includes power of res, conf to death, Rom 6, Col 3:1. Sufferings, Isa 53:3; Phil 1:27. End is death and after is out-res=rapture, 11.

How to achieve growing life of sanct?

1. Press on to do will of God, 12. No perfectn at conversion, aor. nor at that time, pf.

2. Run race, 13-14. Reaching=runner in homestretch. Forget past lest rest on laurels. Prize is upward call away from self and to new heights ^{and depths} of holiness.

3. No backsliding, 15-17. If mature will acknowledge truth, 15. Hold on and live to what attained, 16. Follow P's ex, 17.

III. Perspective on life, 18-21

A. Not like antinomian libertines, 18-19. Earthy persp. The enemies of all cross stands for, sac, service, death. =unbel. tho in ch.

End is destruction=hell.

Life is for satisfying appetites. Glory in what ought to be ashamed of. Summary: thinking earthly things.

B. But perspective of heavenly citizens, 20-21.

Phil Roman colony, Acts 16:11. Exempt from poll, property taxes. Self-gov. Same priv as if lived in Rome. We have heavenly priv tho living on earth. *2 Cor 4:16-18*

Eagerly wait for a person. Changed body. by His power. If attention on earthly things, then not eager.

PEACE OF MIND

1. Stand¹(as citizens of heaven, 3:20-therefore). Joy & crown = 1 Thess 2:19.
2. Think same=2:2²⁻³. Resolve diff. Leaders of house chs.? P enlists help of true yokefellow & Clement who had helped P along with women; now help women. E and S maybe not honoring leaders like Clement. Not meddling but true body life.
3. Rejoice, 4. in Lord, not circ nec. P's fate uncertain in Rome. Dissension in ch at Phil. Opposition, 1:27. Always
4. Be gentle, 5. Forbear. Put others 1st. No priority on personal rts. Don't be concnd if being treated fairly. ^{sweet reasonableness}
2 Cor 10:1 of X. 1 Tim 3:3 of elders. Jas 3:17 wisdom. Lord is near. What diff do my rits mean anyway? Humble steadfastness which can submit to injustice, disgrace, maltreatment without malice bec trusting God. 1 Pet 2:23.
5. Pray, 6-7. No anxiety. ^{2:20} Matt 6:25; ³¹ 1 Cor 12:25. Prayer, petitns, thankings, requests. Peace of God is supernatl, not psychological. It will stand guard heart (center, emotions) and mind (thots).
6. Think, 8-9. Meditate (NKJ). logizomai. True, honorable=^{noble} venerated, revered. Just. Pure. Lovely=winsome, pleasing. Good report=well-spoken of. Since (1st class like 2:1) virtue=excellence, splendor and praise. P modelled these things to them. Learned, recd, heard, seen. practice (do NKJ)
All pres impv except v 5. (aor=lifestyle).

In 1931 ATR wrote on qualities in v 8: "They are pertinent now when so much filth is flaunted before the world in books, magazines and moving-pictures under the name of realism (the slime ~~and~~ of the gutter and the cess-pool)."

GOD DOESN'T NEED MY MONEY, BUT I NEED . . .

Intro. 1 Jn 3:17. P didn't usually take, 1 Cor 9:1; 1 Th 2:9. Felt he robbed Phil, 2 Cor 11:8. Recd several gifts.

Thanking them. God doesn't need but I need certain things.

1. I need to think ^{care for} about others, not self (2x think in 10)

NKJ care. Care, not control others. P was self-suff. Not content bec of abundance. Freedom in whatever circ. bec trusting power of X. All of v 13 refers to circ 12. 12-learned secret=initiated. Was P out of will when hungry

2. I need to fellowship with others, 14,15. 2 Cor 8:4.

15-16 Thess only 100 mi from Phil so they sent money quickly after P in Phil.

3. I need fruit, not money, 17. Also means profit or interest on my acct is earned when I give. Int. accruing to your credit.

4. I need to offer God a fragrant, pleasing sacrifice, 18. =Eph 5:2 of sac of X. Combination of burnt off (Lev 1:9) where my self-sac is displayed by self-denying giving and peace off. of thanksgiving displayed by giving, Lev, 3:5. Shouldn't bring burnt, peace off but can do same when give.

5. I need my needs met, 19. Material esp, 2 Cor 9:8 and spir. Needs not wants. Riches which reside in His character. Supply=fill.

I need (1) focus on others; (2) fellowship with others; (3) fruit; (4) fragrance; (5) fulness.

Concl. How? Guidelines for giving. 1 Cor 16:2 best.

Everyone. Planned. Proportionate (more income, greater proportion). Regular. Jan good time to plan year.

Pledges Ok, 2 Cor 8:10-11. Faith promises not, 8:12.

No tithing. Collections OK. Pressure not. 1991-17, 16, 24 appeal letters from 3 diff Xn organ. 1990 1/2 of donations to charity from families that earn less than \$30000.

Earn less than \$10000 give 2.8%. Bet 50-100000 give 1.6%.

There was a man. They called him mad,

The more he gave, the more he had.