

Philippians

Chapter 4

V1: “therefore” refers to our citizenship is in Heaven. So, we stand fast in the Lord. Addresses them with kindness, love, and respect. They are his brethren. Wants to be with them. They were his joy.

V 2-3: we should be of the same mind. Help the women. All these workers have their names written in the Book of Life.

V 4-7: we should always rejoice in the Lord. Does not depend on circumstances. It is so important that he repeats it. This is the Christian life. We should be different than other people and they should notice that. Do not have anxiety. Make your requests known to Him, with thanksgiving. Pray about everything. Increases the intimacy between us and God. Then we will know His peace. Surpasses all understanding. His peace will guard us. This will keep us encouraged and prevent us from sinning.

V 8-9: we should think about noble, moral, truthful, honest, beautiful things. Virtuous, righteous things. They should use Paul as a model. All these things will be peaceful.

V 10-13: Paul was thankful for what the Philippians had done for him. Sent him something while he was in prison? They owed him everything. They had supported him while he was there. Paul is content in every state and situation. He counted on the Providence of God. Accommodates himself to every situation. Whether he has a lot or nothing. Whether he has food or is hungry.

How does he do it? Through Christ Who strengthens him. It is not through Paul’s own strength or power. It is through Jesus’ power and grace. The Greek means an ongoing action.

V 14-20: but the church in Philippi had helped him. They supported him when he left Macedonia. They were so thankful to him for what he had done. Even in Thessalonica they sent support for his necessities. He wasn’t looking for gifts but their kindness went to their account. They made good use of their worldly possessions to spread the Gospel.

Paul had enough but the gifts pleased God as an acceptable sacrifice. So He will provide them with all their needs. He takes care of our poverty by His riches in the Glory of Jesus. The Paul praises Him.

V 20-23: greet every saint in Christ; the saints with Paul greet the Philippians also. Saints of *Caesar’s* household. There were believers in the Court of the Emperor and even Caesar’s relatives. Concluding blessing.