

Series "Route 66"
"Philippians"
Book-50

Philippians 1:20-21

The Author – The Apostle Paul (1:1)

When Written – 59-61 AD. Probably written in late 61 AD.

Where it was written – Paul wrote this epistle from a Roman prison.

Written To – Philippians 1:1

Background -

Purpose –

1. To relieve anxiety over his imprisonment by showing how it resulted in the furtherance of the Gospel (1:1-30)
2. To encourage unity in the Church at Philippi (2:1-8)
3. To inform the Church of Timothy's impending visit (2:18-24)
4. To explain how Epaphroditus illness had hindered his return to them (2:25-30)
5. To warn them about the deceit and heresy of the Judaizers (3:1 - 4:1)
6. To admonish two women to stop bickering (4:2-3)
7. To offer an antidote to anxiety - Prayer (4:4-9)
8. To thank them for their financial support (4:10-20)
9. To express brotherly love and personal greetings (4:21-23)

Theme – Philippians has been called "The Epistle of Joy" "Joy of Living"

Key Words – "Joy" and "Rejoice" In this letter 14 times. Christ – 37 times, Mind – 10 times, Life - 6 times

Key Chapter – Philippians 2

Key Passage – Philippians 3:1

Philippians 4:4

Outline –

1. Philippians 1 - The Single Mind:
2. Philippians 2 - The Submissive Mind:
3. Philippians 3 - The Spiritual Mind:
4. Philippians 4 - The Secure Mind:

1. Philippians 1 - The Single Mind: (Partakers of Christ)

Philippians 1:1-11 Fellowship of the Gospel: Philippians 1:1

To all the saints - "Set apart one's" or "consecrated."

1:3-6 I Have You in My Mind.

1:7-8 I Have You in My Heart.

1:9-11 I Have You in My Prayers.

Philippians 1:12-26 Furtherance of the Gospel:

Suffering Produced Progress of the Gospel: Philippians 1:12

Have turned out for the greater progress The word "progress" Is a military term meaning "Pioneer advance" It was the army engineers that go before the troops to open the way to the new territory. It is the idea of cutting brush and undergrowth and removing barriers.

2 Timothy 2:9

Philippians 1:27-30 Faith and the Gospel:

Suffering Produced Faith of the Gospel:

2. Philippians 2 - The Submissive Mind: (People of Christ)

Philippians 2:1-11 Encouragement to live in peaceful accord:

Philippians 2:12-18 Exhortation to shine as lights in the world:
Philippians 2:12

Work out - Literally – (Command - Devote myself) “Keep working down” (To completion)

Work out – (Human) Philippians. 2:13 for it is God who is at work in you, this is (Divine). It is human and divine.

With fear and trembling; (Weak and dependent upon God)

Philippians 2:19-30 Explanation of Plans for Co-Workers:

3. Philippians 3 - The Spiritual Mind: (Pursuit of Christ)

Philippians 3:1-11 Paul the Accountant:

Philippians 3:12-16 Paul the Athlete:

Philippians 3:17-21 Paul the Alien:

4. Philippians 4 - The Secure Mind: (Power of Christ)

Philippians 4:1-4 Rejoicing Stops Wrangling:

Euodia -"fragrant, prosperous journey"

Syntyche-"with fate"

To live in harmony in the Lord. This literally means, “to think the same thing.”

Philippians 4:5-8 Rejoicing Stops Worrying:

Right Praying – Adoration, Supplication and Appreciation:

Right Thinking – Dwelling upon the things of God

Philippians 4:9-23 Rejoicing Stops Want:

Right Living – Practice what we know, being doers of the Word!

Application:

Lessons that we learn from Paul.

1. Conditions are always changing; therefore I must obviously not depend upon conditions.
2. What matters the most is my soul and my relationship to God, this is to be first thing.
3. God is concerned for me as my father, and nothing happens to me apart from God. We better never forget this.
4. God's will and God's ways are a great mystery, I know that whatever He wills, and permits will be for my good.
5. Every situation in life is the unfolding of some manifestation of God's love and goodness.
6. I must not look at circumstances and conditions in and of themselves, but as part of God's dealings with me in the work of perfecting my soul and bringing me to final perfection.
7. Whatever my conditions may be at the present time, they are only temporary, they are only passing, and they can never rob me of the joy and glory that ultimately await me with Christ.