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PHILIPPIANS 1:12-21

“Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, ¹³so that my imprisonment in *the cause of* Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else, ¹⁴and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear. ¹⁵Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will; ¹⁶the latter *do it* out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel; ¹⁷the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my imprisonment. ¹⁸What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, ²⁰according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but *that* with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.”

²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

ACTS 28:30-31

“And he stayed two full years in his own rented quarters and was welcoming all who came to him, ³¹preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered.”

PHILIPPIANS 1:12-13

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PHILIPPIANS 4:22

“All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar’s household.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:15-18

“You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; ¹⁶for even in Thessalonica you sent *a gift* more than once for my needs. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account. ¹⁸But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:19

“And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

ROMANS 8:32

“He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?”

MATTHEW 6:30-33

“But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is *alive* today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, *will He* not much more *clothe* you? You of little faith! ³¹ Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’ ³² For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-4

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all”

PHILIPPIANS 2:17

“But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all.”

PHILIPPIANS 3:1

“Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things *again* is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:4

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!”

PHILIPPIANS 1:21-26

“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² But if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. ²³ But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better; ²⁴ yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that your proud confidence in me may abound in Christ Jesus through my coming to you again.”

I THESSALONIANS 4:15-17

“For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.”

PHILIPPIANS 1:29

“For to you it has been granted for Christ’s sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,”

PHILIPPIANS 4:4

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!”

ACTS 16:24-26

“and he, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.²⁵ But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them; ²⁶and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened.”

PSALM 119:62

“At midnight I shall rise to give thanks to You because of Your righteous ordinances.”

HEBREWS 12:2

“fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

PHILIPPIANS 1:21

“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain”

PHILIPPIANS 3:10

“that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death”

PHILIPPIANS 4:19

“And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

PHILIPPIANS 1:21

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THE EXCHANGED LIFE

Not to impress or earn a crown or merit anything
But out of love and thankfulness I sought to please my King.
For stooping love, and grace so free toward one, so lost and low
I set my heart to pay the debt of gratitude I owe.

How can I, pardoned, yield Him less than all I have and am?
What other song is suitable than “Worthy is the Lamb?”
And, so it was, I set my heart to serve with life and limb
And never take another breath that wasn’t unto Him!

The more I tried to serve the Lord and bless His worthy name,
The more I grieved Him by my sin—more guilty I became.
Repent! Confess! And rise again—old promises renew
Became the story of my life as I, more weary grew!

Why was the promised “easy yoke” so difficult to wear?
And why, the burden, if so light, a crushing weight to bear?
Why, if my spirit’s will was strong, His face alone to seek—
Why did I fail at every turn? Why was my flesh so weak?

If love and gratitude fall short, what motive can there be?
And who will praise, if it is not redeemed humanity?
My life was all I had to give and happily resign,
And even that, by blood, was His and wasn’t even mine.

By fits and starts my anxious heart, now void of peace and rest
Drudged on in fruitless agony, to satisfy my quest.
No righteousness had I to bring; no motive, foul or fair;
The dream I had to live for Him, expired in despair!

Undone! I fell before the Lord and called upon His name
Without a single offering—as, when at first, I came.
And now, as then, my inner eyes were opened wide to see
Apart from Christ, my Substitute, there was no hope for me!

I knew full well, for me He died, for me His blood was shed;
I also knew it was for me, He rose up from the dead.
I had no doubt, my Substitute died in my stead and place.
That’s why I sought to live for Him, to thank Him for such grace!

But, can it be? Oh, glorious day! Can such a thing be true?
The tidings of a Substitute—refreshing as the dew—
Broke on my heart, and turned at once my water into wine!
His purpose was to live for me—exchange His life for mine!~

It is no longer I who lives, but Christ who lives in me—
No longer must I do for Him; I simply have to be!
As once, He lived and died on earth, and rose for sinful men,
He now indwells my thankful heart to do it once again!

Now, from my Risen Head, there flows to me, a life divine;
A fruitful branch I have become—Abiding in the Vine;
The joy I seek to bring to Him, the thanks I long to give
I offer in my privilege: allowing HIM to live!