

# Philippians 1

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## Greeting

<sup>1</sup> Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

<sup>2</sup> Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

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## Thanksgiving and Prayer

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,

<sup>4</sup> Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,

<sup>5</sup> For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;

<sup>6</sup> Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

<sup>7</sup> Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.

<sup>8</sup> For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.

<sup>9</sup> And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;

<sup>10</sup> That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

**11** Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

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### **Paul's Chains Advance the Gospel**

**12** But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;

**13** So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;

**14** And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

**15** Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:

**16** The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:

**17** But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.

**18** What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

**19** For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

**20** According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

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

**22** But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.

**23** For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

**24** Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.

**25** And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;

**26** That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.

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### Standing Firm in the Gospel

**27** Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

**28** And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

**29** For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

**30** Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### **Believe** — πιστεύω (Pisteuo)

To believe, trust, have faith

The Greek **pisteuo** (πιστεύω) means to believe or trust—active reliance upon Christ. 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish' (John 3:16).

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### **Faith** — πίστις (Pistis)

Faith, belief, trust

The Greek **pistis** (πίστις) denotes faith, belief, or trust—confidence in God's character and promises. It's both intellectual assent and relational trust, central to justification (Romans 5:1).

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### **Glory** — δόξα (Doxa)

Glory, majesty, splendor

The Greek **doxa** (δόξα) means glory, splendor, or magnificence—the radiant manifestation of God's perfection. Christ revealed the Father's glory: 'we beheld his glory' (John 1:14).

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## God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

## Gospel — εὐαγγέλιον (Euangelion)

Good news, gospel

The Greek **euangelion** (εὐαγγέλιον) means good news or gospel—the message of salvation through Christ's death and resurrection. It's 'the power of God unto salvation' (Romans 1:16).

## Grace — χάρις (Charis)

Grace, favor

The Greek **charis** (χάρις) denotes unmerited divine favor—God's kindness toward the undeserving. Salvation is 'by grace through faith' (Ephesians 2:8), not human merit.

## Hope — ἐλπίς (Elpis)

Hope, expectation

The Greek **elpis** (ἐλπίς) denotes hope—confident expectation of good. This hope is 'an anchor of the soul' (Hebrews 6:19), grounded in Christ's resurrection and the believer's future inheritance (1 Peter 1:3-4).

## Lord — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

## Love — ἀγάπη (Agape)

Divine love

The Greek **agape** (ἀγάπη) denotes self-sacrificial, unconditional love—the highest form of love, characterizing God's nature (1 John 4:8) and the love Christians are called to demonstrate.

## Messiah — Χριστός (Christos)

Christ, Anointed One

The Greek **Christos** (Χριστός) translates 'Messiah'—the Anointed One. Peter confessed 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God' (Matthew 16:16), recognizing Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah.

## Salvation — σωτηρία (Soteria)

Salvation, deliverance

The Greek **soteria** (σωτηρία) denotes salvation, deliverance, or preservation—rescue from sin's penalty and power. It encompasses justification, sanctification, and glorification.

## Spirit — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

## Truth — ἀλήθεια (Aletheia)

Truth, reality

The Greek **aletheia** (ἀλήθεια) denotes truth or reality—that which corresponds to actuality. Jesus declared, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life' (John 14:6), embodying ultimate reality.

## **Word** — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

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## **CROSS REFERENCES**

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**Parallel theme:** Romans 8:28. **Spirit:** Acts 16:7; Romans 8:9; Galatians 4:6. **Prayer:** 2 Corinthians 1:11

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