

A Glance at Paul's thank you note to the Philippians

Theme: The Joy of Living when to Live is Christ

Purpose: Paul desires the Philippians understand the centrality of Christ Jesus our Lord in life: Our conduct should be worthy of His gospel, Our attitude toward life should be His attitude. He should be our focus. Peace should come and stay because He is our strength.

Paul's Intro. 1:1-11	Paul's Exhortations to the Philippians 1:27 - 4:20 /2			Paul's salutation 4:21-23	
<p>Paul's Initial Greeting 1:1-2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From: Paul and Timothy • To: the saints in Philippi • Greeting: Grace and Peace <p>Paul's prayer for them 1:3-11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in joyful thankfulness for mutual ministry (3-8) • For abounding love and its results (9-11) 	<p>Paul's own outlook and Resulting Request 1:12-30</p> <p>Outlook: Christ is Life (12-26)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rejoicing in his circumstances 12-18 • Knowing his life will bring success <p>Paul's request: Conduct worthy of the gospel of Christ (27-30)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing firm (27) • Striving together (28) • Trusting Christ for life (29) • Suffering for His sake (30) 	<p>Paul's Exhortation on our Attitude: Make it Christ's 2:1-30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characterized by Christ's Example (1-18) • Typified by Timothy (19-24) • Exemplified by Epaphroditus (25-30) 	<p>Paul's Warnings on our focus: Make it Christ 3:1-4:1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid placing confidence in your own efforts (1-7) • Focus on Knowing Christ Jesus as Lord (8-12) • Never regard yourself as having reached that goal (13-16) • Walk according to Paul's pattern 3:17-21 • In this fashion stand firm (4:1) 	<p>Paul's encouragement to Peace: Christ our strength 4:2-20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urge peace among fellow workers (2-3) • Understand the process toward personal peace (4-7) • Dwell on things worthy of praise and the peace of God will remain (8-9) • Knowing the secret of peace in all circumstances (10-20) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greet all the saints in Christ (21-22) • The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. (23)