

Epistle to the Philippians
Wednesday Evening Bible Class - Philippians Chapter 4
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1. The chapter opens with Paul expressing his love for these saints by referring to them as:
 - a) my _____,
 - b) _____ for brethren,
 - c) my _____ and _____, and
 - d) _____.
2. Paul loved this congregation and was very thankful to God for them because they shared (**fellowshipped**) with him in _____, _____, and _____ confirming the truth (**Phil. 1:7**).
3. **Chapter 4** reveals Paul's concerned about the _____ (**4:6**) and _____ (**1:27**) well-being of these saints (**2:12**).
4. Paul encouraged these saints to " _____ " or to be constant in times of (**v. 1**):
 - a) _____ (**1:28-29**),
 - b) evil _____ (**2:15**), and
 - c) false _____ (**3:18**).
5. They were to "**stand fast**" because they were "**in _____**" (**v. 1**). Paul informs us in **Ephesians 1:3** that those "**in the Lord**" or "**in Christ**" enjoy numerous spiritual _____. What are several spiritual blessings that those "**in Christ**" enjoy?
 - a) _____ of sin (**Eph. 1:7**),
 - b) Covered with God's _____ (**2 Tim. 2:1**),
 - c) Strength to overcome the _____ (**Eph. 6:10**), and
 - d) In a spiritual _____ with God (**Phil. 1:1, 13, 26; 2:1, 3:3, 4:7, 19**)
6. **Verses 2-3** contain something both **unpleasant** and **pleasant**. What, in the verses, is unpleasant and pleasant?
 - a) **unpleasant** - _____ sisters had a significant _____, and
 - b) **pleasant** - members had their _____ registered in _____ of _____.

7. The phrase **Book of Life** is mentioned at least _____ times in **Revelations** (**Rev. 3:5, 13:8, 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27; 22:19**). John tells in **Revelation 3:5** that a person's _____ can be _____ of the **Book of Life**.

8. Based on **Hebrews 12:22-23**, a person can get his or her name _____ in the **Book of Life** by becoming a member of the church of the _____. The firstborn is Christ; therefore, the church is the church of _____. This is the church that He _____ to establish (**Matt. 16:18**).

9. Give the names of the two sisters whom Paul exhorted to resolve their disagreement or to be of the same mind. _____ and _____.

Note 1: The disagreement between these two sisters was not a sinful nature because their names remained in the **Book of Life**.

10. Who did Paul request to serve as a **peacemaker** between these sisters? _____ (yokefellow, RSV).

Note 2: The verse doesn't identify this person, but some biblical scholars have speculated that it might be _____, _____, or _____.

11. These two sisters, among others, were dear to Paul because they _____ with him and _____, and other _____.

12. In **verses 4-9**, Paul gave these saints _____ exhortations:

A. Exhortation 1 (v. 4)

- a) Paul exhorted these saints to _____ in the _____ always.
- b) Paul in this epistle encouraged over a _____ times for these saints to rejoice or have joy (**1:4, 18, 25; 2:2, 27, 18, 28, 29; 3:1; 4:1, 4, 10**)
- c) They were to rejoice or be filled with joy in their _____, _____ and _____ (**1:29; 3:10**)
- d) They were to rejoice or be filled with joy because they were recipients of the _____ blessings mentioned in **question 5**.
- e) Daily Christians need to be mindful of their blessings and be careful not to allow the following things to hinder their abiding _____:
 - 1) _____ problems,
 - 2) _____ problems,

- 3) _____ struggles,
 - 4) _____ or _____ concerns,
 - 5) _____ issues,
 - 6) _____ issues, and
 - 7) _____ problems.
- f) Peter declares in **1 Peter 1:8** for Christians to rejoice with joy _____.

B. Exhortation 2 (v. 5)

- a) Paul said for these saints to let their _____ be observed by all people.
- b) The **KJV** translates gentleness as _____ and **RSV** translates it as _____.
- c) Paul's exhortation is for Christians to allow their _____ regardless of how people treat you or your life's situations to _____, _____, or _____.
- d) Paul gave this exhortation because the _____ is at _____.
- e) The possible meaning of the statement "**the Lord is at hand**" is Christians should display a Christian disposition all the time because the Lord is _____, or the Lord _____ (**Prov. 15:3 and Heb. 4:13**).

C. Exhortation 3 (v. 6)

- a) Paul exhorted for these saints not to be _____ about _____.
- b) We are not to worry about the things mentioned in **Exhortation 1** that are trying to hinder our abiding _____.
- c) We need to remember the words of Jesus in **Matthew 6:25-34**; the Lord says don't worry because:
 - 1) He will _____ for us as He provides for the _____ (**v. 26**),
 - 2) it will not _____ our physical _____ (**v. 27**),
 - 3) He takes care of the _____ of the _____, and we are more important (**vv. 28-29**), and
 - 4) the Lord _____ our needs and He will _____ (**v. 32**).

- d) In times of stress, troubles, problems or whatever, Christians are to engage in _____ and _____, with _____.
- e) Supplication implies _____ the Lord in detail of your situation or need.
- f) In **v. 7**, Paul states the result of a life of praying in times of troubles:
- the peace of God will _____ your _____ (**feelings**) and _____ (**thoughts**), that is, God will give you confidence to face life's situations (**1 Jo. 5:14**).

D. **Exhortation 4 (v. 8)**

- a) In **verse 8**, Paul encouraged these saints to engage in _____.
- b) Meditation is taking the time for _____, or long-term _____.
- c) Meditation is encouraged in the following examples:
- 1) Moses encouraged _____ to meditate (**Jos. 1:8**),
 - 2) David says the _____ man meditates (**Psa. 1:1-2**), and
 - 3) Paul charged _____ to meditate (**1 Tim. 4:15**).
- d) Paul exhorted the saints to mediate (**fix their minds**) on the follow _____ virtues, that is, think on things that are:
- 1) _____,
 - 2) _____,
 - 3) _____,
 - 4) _____,
 - 5) _____, and
 - 6) _____.

E. **Exhortation 5 (v. 9)**

- a) Paul's final exhortation was for these saints to model or imitate the things that they had _____, _____, _____, and _____ saw in him.
- b) Earlier Paul had challenged them to follow (**mimic**) his _____ (**3:17**).
- c) Paul describes God as the _____ of _____.
- d) Paul frequently called God by the name _____ of _____ (**Rom. 15:33; 16:20; 1 Thess. 5:22 and Heb. 13:20**).

13. After Paul gave these 5 exhortations, he expressed his _____ to these saints for their _____ (**v. 17**) - the _____ of financial support!
14. These saints had wanted to assist Paul earlier but _____ or had no way of showing it (**v. 10**).
15. Paul had learned in want, need, trials, and afflictions to be _____; his contentment came from _____ that God will _____ his needs (**4:19**).
16. Remember earlier, Paul had exhorted these saints to be anxious or worry about nothing but to _____ God of their _____ (**4:6**).
17. Christians are to be _____; contentment comes from learning to _____ in God; Solomon declares for all to “_____ **in the Lord with all your _____ and _____ not on your own _____**” (**Prov. 3:5**).
18. Paul informs us in **v. 12** that he had learned to live with contentment when he had _____ and when he had _____.
19. According to **v. 13**, the key to Paul not worrying or not being consumed with anxiety in life is that he could _____ on the Lord to _____ him strength to face any situation in life. Paul had learned that God’s _____ was _____ in times of his weaknesses (**2 Cor. 12:7-10**).
20. Paul thanked these saints for _____, that is, for their fellowship in helping him when he needed help or was in _____ (**v. 14**).
21. When Paul preached the gospel in _____ - Thessalonica, Athens, and Corinth (**Acts 18:1ff**) - the church in _____ was the only congregation that supported him (**vv. 15-16**). This is one of several passages which state it’s _____ for those who preach the gospel to be supported by the congregation (**1 Cor. 9:4-14; Gal. 6:6**).
22. In **verse 17**, Paul states that although he needed the _____, the beauty of the Philippians was not the _____ itself but the beautiful _____ displayed by them.
23. In **verses 18-19**, Paul informed the saints of Philippi that he presently had all he needed because _____ had delivered their generous _____. The Philippians had the mindset of Christ stated by Paul in **Acts 20:35** that “**It is more _____ to give than to _____.**”

24. When it comes to giving and being benevolent, we can't out _____; let us remember that the Lord will supply our needs just like He supplied _____ needs (**v. 19**).
25. From reading **verses 21-22**, it appears Paul had converted other _____ and people of _____ palace.
26. Paul's desire for these saints was that they would be steadfast to be recipients of God's _____ gift of eternal life (**v. 23** and **2:16**).