

Philippians

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Jn 6:40,44, Rom 8:38-39, Heb 7:25, 1 Cor 1:8

God keeps and saves us in Christ until the day of Christ. (Phil 1:6, Jn 6:40, Rom 8:38-39)

Phil 1:6 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:

Jn 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Christ also keeps us and saves us until the day of Christ. (Heb 7:25, 1 Cor 1:8)

Heb 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

1 Cor 1:8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

440. I pray for you. (Phil 1:9-11)
Col 1:9-12, 2 Pt 3:18, Jn 6:29, Jn 5:39, Lk 10:41-42, Gal 5:22-23

Paul prayed for the saints like this:

Paul prayed that the saints would grow in knowing God's will and knowing God. (Col 1:9-10, Phil 1:9-10)

Col 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;
10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Phil 1:9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;
10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ.

The will of God is to believe that the Christ is Jesus, whom God has sent, and to save all those whom God has entrusted to us. (Jn 6:29,39-40)

Jn 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.
39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.
40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.
2 Pt 3:18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Paul prayed that the saints would be full of the fruit of righteousness and glorify God. (Phil 1:11, Gal 5:22-23)

Phil 1:11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

441. Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice. (Phil 1:12-18)

Although Paul was imprisoned, he was able to preach the gospel to those who visited him. Some saints preached the gospel more boldly because of Paul's imprisonment. The Jewish Christians who were jealous of Paul also preached the gospel competitively. Paul rejoiced because the gospel was being preached in one way or another.

Phil 1:12 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.

442. Now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. (Phil 1:20-21)
Rom 14:8, 1 Cor 10:31, Eph 6:19-20, Acts 21:13, Col 1:24

Paul, who was in prison, wanted to preach the gospel, regardless of whether the outcome of his trial was release or death. (Phil 1:20-21, Eph 6:19-20)

Phil 1:20 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.

Eph 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,
20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Paul suffered many hardships while preaching the gospel and passed many obstacles to death. Paul was ready to die for the sake of preaching the gospel. (Rom 14:8, Acts 21:13, Col 1:24)

Rom 14:8 For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Acts 21:13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

Col 1:24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

444. Christ, who is in the form of God (Phil 2:5-8)
2 Cor 4:4, Col 1:15, Heb 1:2-3

Christ is in the form of God. (Phil 2:5-6, 2 Cor 4:4, Col 1:15, Heb 1:2-3)

Phil 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

2 Cor 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

Heb 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

But Christ became obedient to God to the point of death in order to save us. (Phil 2:7-8)

Phil 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

446. Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phil 2:9-11)
Mt 28:18, Ps 68:18, Ps 110:1, Isa 45:23, Rom 14:11, Eph 1:21-22, Rev 5:13

The Old Testament prophesied that God would bring all men to the knees to Christ. (Ps 68:18, Ps 110:1, Isa 45:23)

Ps 68:18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

Ps 110:1 The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Isa 45:23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

God gave Jesus all authority. That is, Jesus is the Christ prophesied in the Old Testament. (Mt 28:18)

Mt 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

God made all knees bow to Jesus. (Phil 2:9-11, Rom 14:11, Eph 1:21-22)

Phil 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Rom 14:11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

Eph 1:21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:
22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

Acts 5:31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

On the day of Christ all things will give praise to God and to Jesus Christ. (Rev 5:13)

Rev 5:13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

447. I may rejoice in the day of Christ. (Phil 2:16)
2 Cor 1:14, Gal 2:2, 1 Thess 2:19

Those to whom we have preached the gospel and have come to believe that Jesus is the Christ are our pride in the day of Christ. Our lives should not be in vain without this pride.

Phil 2:16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

2 Cor 1:14 As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are our's in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1 Thess 2:19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

Gal 2:2 And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain.

448. Those who believe in Jesus as the Christ are true circumcision and true Jews. (Phil 3:3)
Col 2:11, Rom 2:29, Jn 4:24, Rom 7:6

Phil 3:3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

We have been circumcised by Christ by believing that Jesus is the Christ. That is, the Holy Spirit has come into our hearts. (Col 2:11, Rom 2:29)

Col 2:11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

Rom 2:29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Now we worship God with the Holy Spirit, not the Law. (Rom 7:6, Jn 4:24)

Rom 7:6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

Jn 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

449. I count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord. (Phil 3:7-14)
Mt 13:44, 1 Cor 2:2, Eph 1:19-20, 1 Pt 4:13, Acts 26:6-8, 1 Cor 9:24, 2 Tim 4:7, Heb 3:1

Paul wanted to know Christ more, knowing that the knowledge of Christ is the noblest. (Phil 3:7-9, Mt 13:44, 1 Cor 2:2, Heb 3:1)

Phil 3:7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

Mt 13:44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

1 Cor 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Heb 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

Paul was not afraid of being persecuted while preaching the gospel. Because Paul knew there was a resurrection. (Phil 3:10-11, 1 Pt 4:13, Acts 26:6-8)

Phil 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

1 Pt 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

Acts 26:6 And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God, unto our fathers:

7 Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.

8 Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?

Paul was caught by Christ and did his best to fulfill the mission of evangelism entrusted to him by Christ. (Phil 3:12-14, 1 Cor 9:24, 2 Tim 4:7)

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1 Cor 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

2 Tim 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

450. For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, (Phil 3:20-21)
Rom 8:23, 1 Jn 3:2

We await the return of Christ. When Christ comes again, our bodies will be changed to be like the body of Christ's glory.

Phil 3:20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:
21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Rom 8:23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

1 Jn 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

451. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; (Phil 4:6-7)

Jn 14:27, Col 3:15, Ps 55:22, Mt 6:28-34, 1 Pt 5:7

Do not be anxious about anything, but seek first his kingdom and his righteousness. That is, you must preach the gospel of Christ. Then the peace of Christ will keep you. (Mt 6:28-34, Phil 4:6-7, Jn 14:27, Col 3:15)

Mt 6:28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Phil 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Jn 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Col 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Leave all your worries on God. God takes care of us. (Ps 55:22, 1 Pt 5:7)

Ps 55:22 Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

1 Pt 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

452. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Phil 4:11-13)

1 Cor 4:11-13, 2 Cor 6:9-10, 2 Cor 12:7-9, 2 Tim 4:17

Paul faced many difficulties while preaching the gospel. But Paul made it clear that in Christ, no difficulties can stop the preaching of the gospel.

Phil 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

1 Cor 4:11 Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace;

12 And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:

13 Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.

2 Cor 6:9 As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;

10 As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

2 Cor 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2 Tim 4:17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.