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May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

WELCOME TO THE BAUGH FAMILY HOMEPAGE



"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy..." — *Philippians 1:3–4*

PHILIPPIANS CLASS

Castle Rock Church of Christ — 8 Sessions

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USER MANUAL

Put on your counter-cultural glasses.

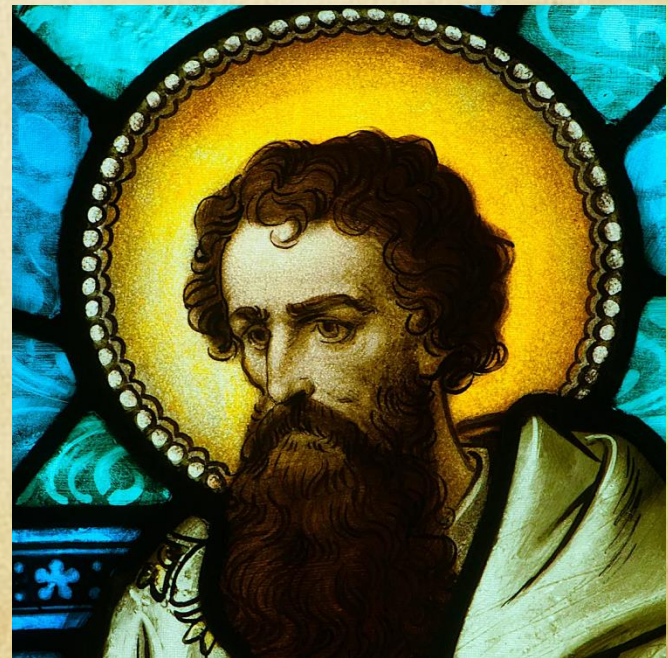


Ask Questions of the Text



Class 3 Agenda

- **The Situation in the Philippian Church**
- **Using Roman Culture Against Itself**
- **The Beginning Structure of the Philippian letter**



The Situation in the Philippian Church

Remember that all of Paul's letters were situational in nature.



THE APOSTLE PAUL

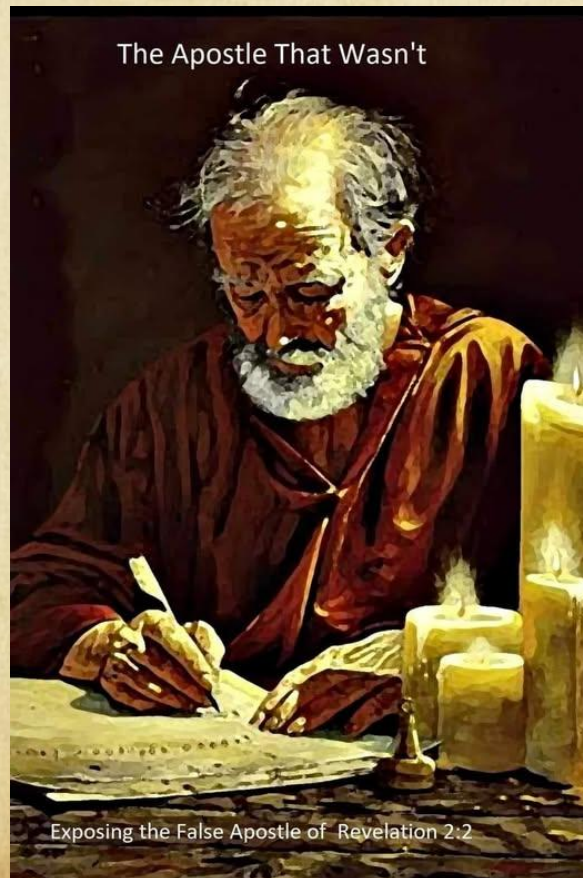
Paul's purpose in writing all his letters was to deal with one or more problems he detected in the congregations.



*So What Was Going On in the
Congregation at Philippi?*



Problem: Somehow, Paul Received Reports of a **Unity Problem within the Philippian Church that threatened the Body.**

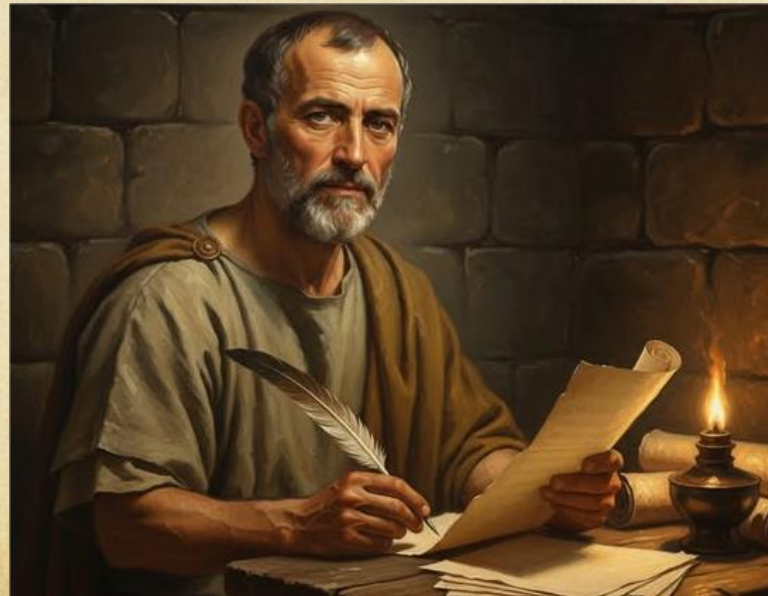


Remember, the infant Christians at Philippi were still living in a culture that was saturated with the drive for status.



Paul writes to the Philippian church teaching them 2 things:

- 1. How the Roman thinking on status was beginning to creep into their congregation.**
- 2. And How to counter its influence?**

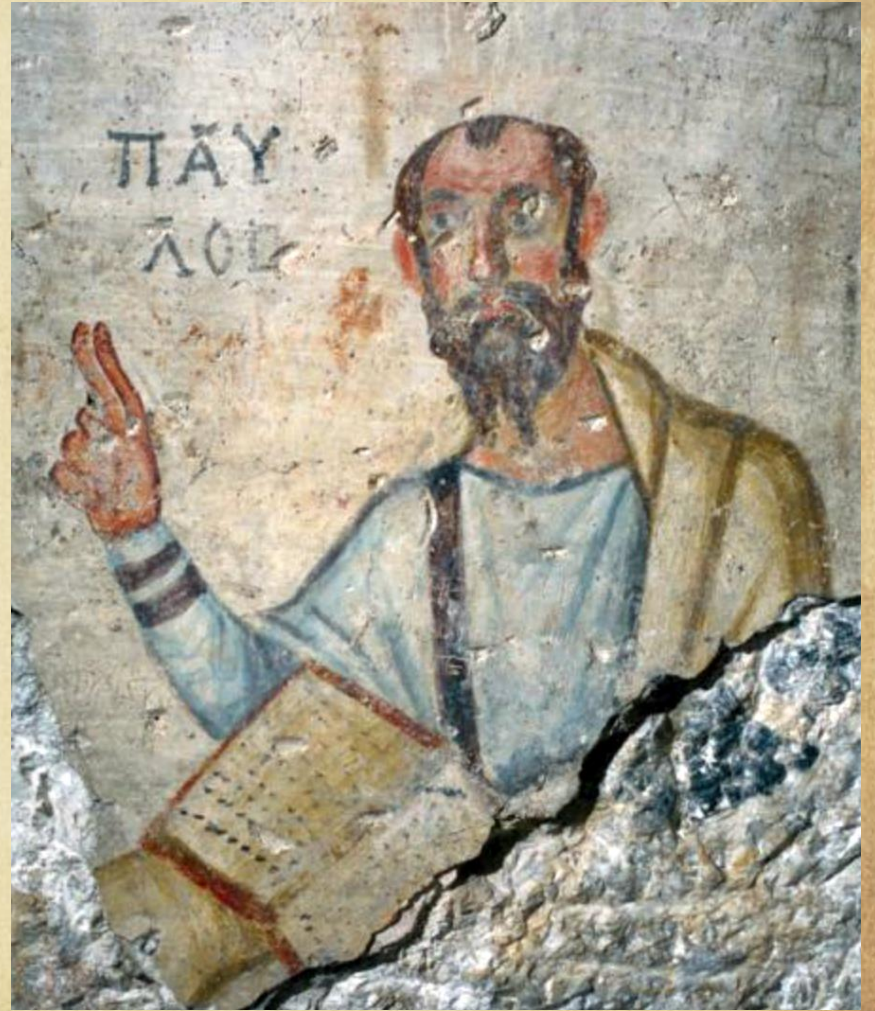


Using Roman Culture Against Itself

- *The Church is Family*
- *Self-Promotion is worthless*
- *Our model for life is Jesus Christ*
- *We are citizens of a greater Empire than Rome*



• *The Church is Family*

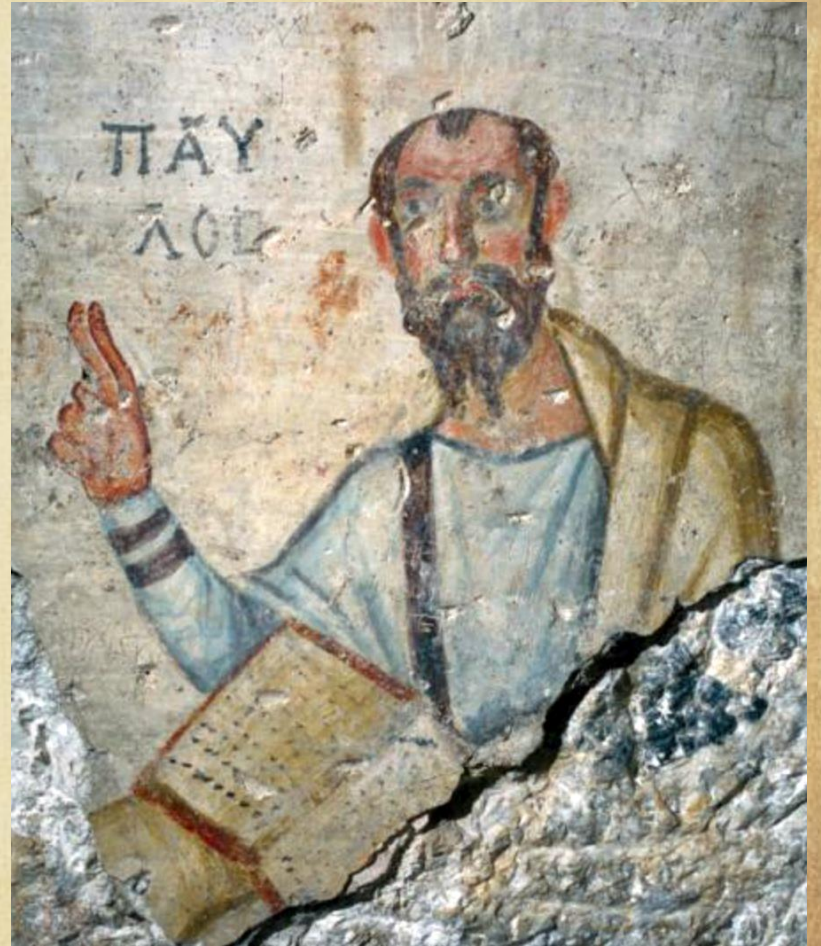


Philippians 4:1

*Therefore, **my brothers and sisters**, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!*

- **Paul refers to the Church as his brothers and sisters (family)**
- **In Roman society, all the competition to gain honor and status did not apply among members of the same family.**
- **So He used the Roman culture against itself.**

• *Self-Promotion is worthless*





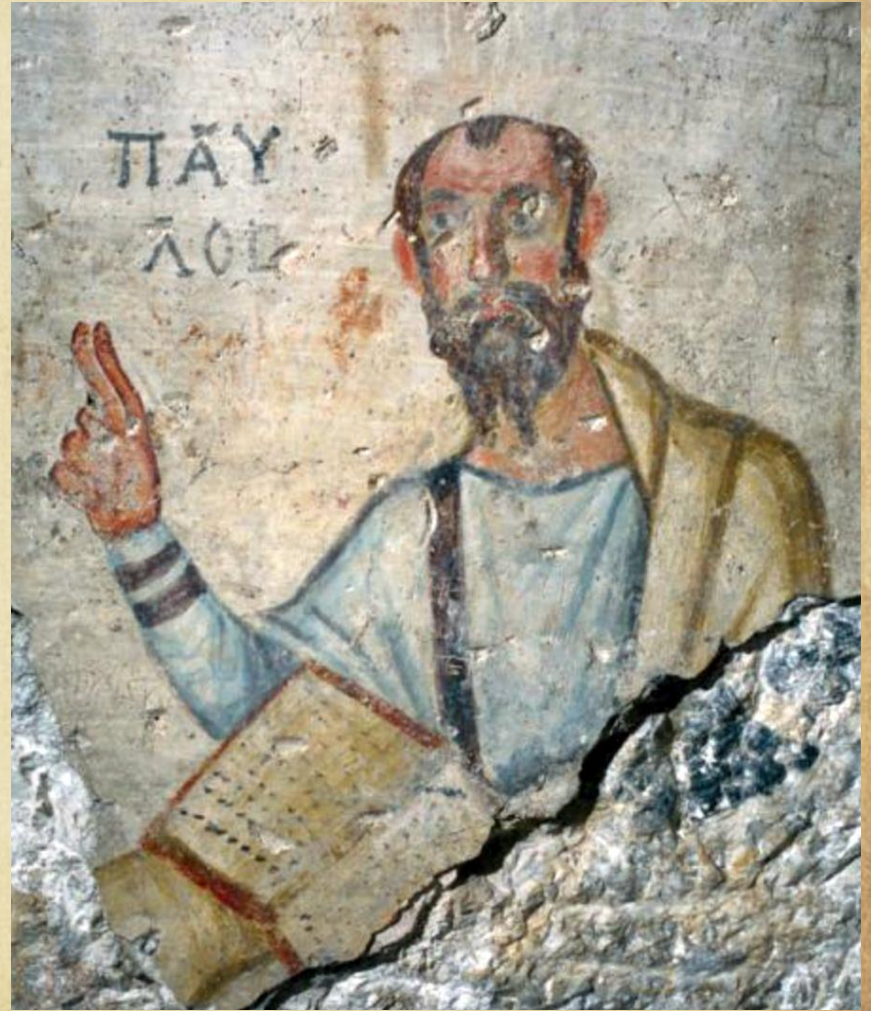
Phil 3:5-6

⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

But Paul rejects the kind of self-promotion (Status) suggested in Philippians 3:5-6

*⁷ But whatever were gains to me **I now consider loss** for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, **I consider everything a loss** because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake **I have lost all things. I consider them garbage**, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.*

• *Jesus Christ is our model for life*



- *The Christ Hymn in Philippians 2:5-11 is the foundation of Paul's Church planting strategy at Philippi.*
 - *To the Romans that grew up in that honor saturated Culture, the gospel is foolishness, but to those who would receive it, it was the power of God that brings salvation. (Romans 1:16)*

Philippians 2:5

*⁵ In your relationships with one another, have **the same mindset as Christ Jesus:***

The Same Mindset

• **Φρονεῖτε 2nd Person Plural Present Imperative**

• **This verb involves both cognition and volition, not merely an activity of the intellect, but also includes a movement of the will, it is both interest and decision at the same time. Not simply thinking the same way, it is all should be thinking the same way, all should share the same comprehensive mindset**

The Same Mindset

Φρονέω - occurs ten times in Philippians

to think, to mind; to be of opinion, Acts 28:22; Phil. 1:7; to take thought, be considerate, Phil. 4:10; to entertain sentiments or inclinations of a specific kind, to be minded, Rom. 12:16; 15:5; 1 Cor. 13:11; 2 Cor. 13:11; Gal. 5:10; Phil. 2:2; 3:16; 4:2; to be in a certain frame of mind, Rom. 12:3; Phil. 2:5; to imagine, entertain conceit, 1 Cor. 4:6; to heed, pay regard to, Rom. 14:6; to incline to, be set upon, mind, Mt. 16:23; Mk. 8:33; Rom. 8:5; Phil. 3:15, 19; Col. 3:2

Philippians 2:6-7

*⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, **he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a slave, being made in human likeness.***

Philippians 2:8

*⁸ And being found in
appearance as a man, **he**
humbled himself by becoming
obedient to death —
even death on a cross!*

Philippians 2:9

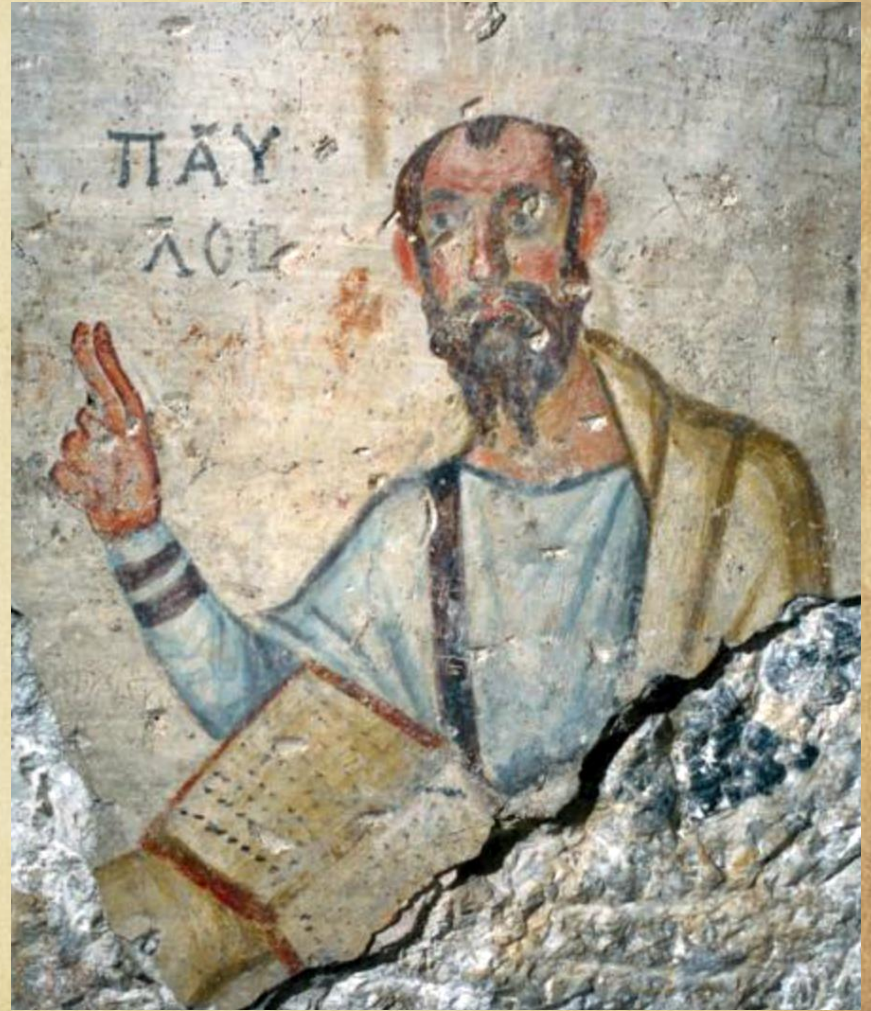
*9 Therefore God exalted
him to the highest place and
gave him the name that is
above every name,*

Philippians 2:10-11

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

• We are citizens of a greater Empire than Rome



Philippians 3:20-21

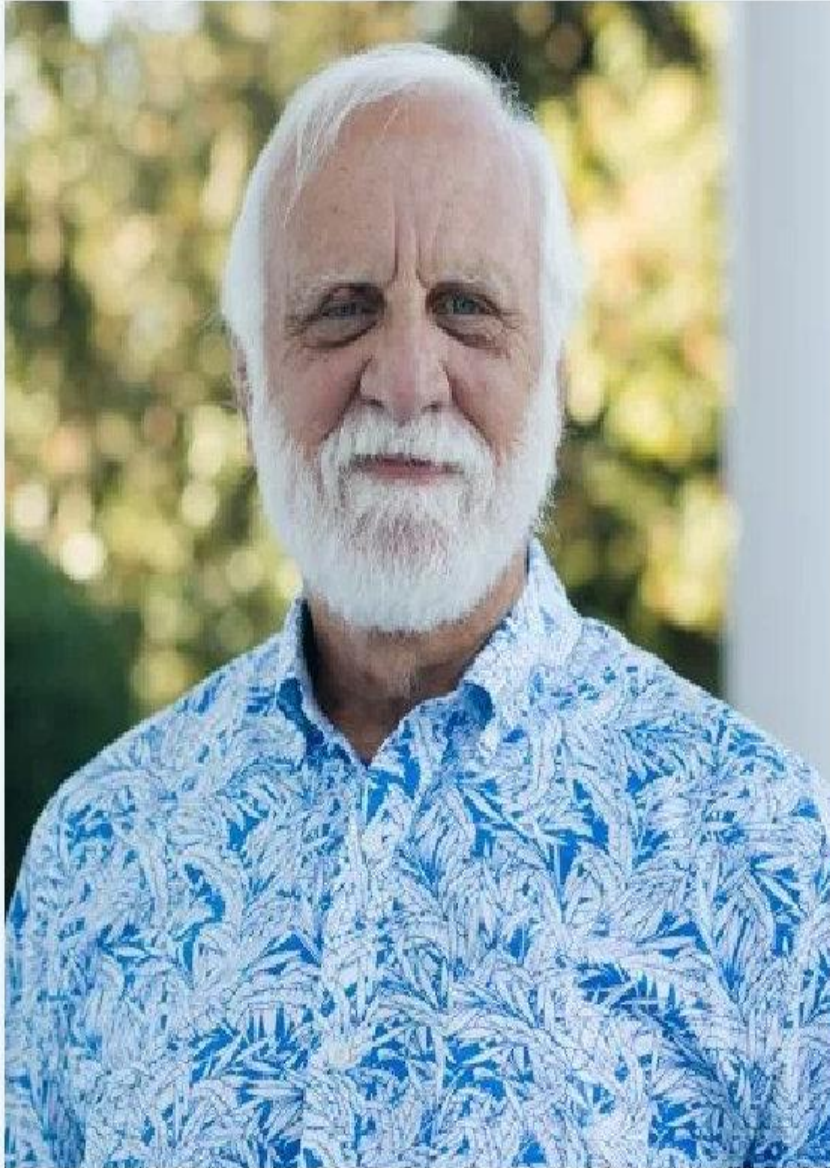
²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

The Beginning Structure of Philippians

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- *The Letter Opening (Phil 1:1-2)*
- *The Thanksgiving Section (Phil 1:*
- *The Prayer Section*

The Letter Opening Phil 1:1-2



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Today it is widely recognized that the openings of the Pauline letters reflect many of the concerns raised in the letters themselves.

David Alan Black in Linguistics for students of New Testament Greek Second Edition, p. 174

The opening of Philippians contains three unique features that illustrate this:

- 1. In Phil 1:1, Paul breaks with his normal procedure and condescends to grant Timothy the same title as himself (douloi).*
- 2. Paul uses the all-inclusive word “pas” to address the readers*
- 3. Paul singles out for special mention the overseers and deacons of the church and in so doing emphasizes that they are extensions of the church and not over it.*

**1:1 Paul and Timothy, slaves of
Christ Jesus, To all God's holy
people in Christ Jesus at
Philippi, together with the
overseers and deacons**

So Let's Ask Some Questions of The Text.

Why did Paul place himself on the same status level as Timothy? (Think Status in the Roman Mind Set)

*Why did Paul address the Letter to **ALL the saints? (Holy Ones)***

*Why did Paul use the phrase **“together with”** when he addressed the **“Elders and Deacons”***

Notice how Paul addresses the congregation in the opening of the letter:

•Paul claims no greater status between himself and Timothy. They are both **slaves of Christ Jesus. The Lowest Status One Can Have.**

•Paul addresses the letter to **all** God's holy people, not just a select few in the congregation.

•The congregation was addressed **together with** the elders and deacons.

•The leadership was not given special status or power to lord it over church members

Paul levels the playing field in the Philippian congregation.

- **Everyone in the congregation was equal. No one was better.**

No one was worse.

- **Self-promotion was not allowed.**

- **In contrast, every member was to be humble and value others above ourselves. (Phil 2:3b-4)**

The Introductory Thanksgiving (Phil 1:3-8)

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Introductory thanksgivings were expressions of gratitude to the gods found in a broad range of Greco-Roman letters. In his own letters, Paul demonstrated his knowledge of introductory thanksgivings and modified them to suit his own Christian purposes. Even so, they could vary with each specific situation being addressed in the letter. Paul's Introductory Thanksgivings express gratitude to God for the recipients, their faith and love, and their perseverance.

These thanksgivings often follow the salutation or letter opening. In the view of Guthrie and Black, the thanksgiving and prayer section in Philippians 1 are a bridge to the main teaching section or the Body of the Philippian letter. In summary, Paul's introductory thanksgivings are a distinctive feature of his letters, blending conventional epistolary forms with theological and pastoral concerns, and they play a crucial role in shaping the tone, purpose, and relational dynamics of the Letter .

Introductory Thanksgiving

³ **I thank** my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, **I always pray with joy** ⁵ because of **your partnership in the gospel** from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since **I have you in my heart** and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of **you share in God's grace with me.** ⁸ God can testify how **I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.**

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Unity Words

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The Intercessory Prayer

Phil 1:8-11

Intercessory Prayer

Intercessory prayer is the act of praying on behalf of others, seeking God's intervention, guidance, and blessings in their lives.

Definition and Purpose

Intercessory prayer involves standing in the gap for others, lifting their needs, struggles, and desires before God as if they were your own . It is a selfless act of love and faith, reflecting compassion and concern for others. This form of prayer is not about perfect words but about a willing heart, sincerity, and faith that God can intervene in any situation .

Intercessory Prayer

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,
¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Love With the Brain Engaged

- **love may abound more and more**
- **knowledge**
 - Knowledge of God's will
 - how we need to change our behavior & thinking to conform to His will
- **depth of insight**
 - Insight that informs behavior
- **discern what is best**
 - Choose between what's good, better, or best

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