



Philippians

Having The Mind of Christ

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Lesson 10 (Philippians 4:1-9) The Mind of Christ Regarding Peace

Philippians 4:1-9
(New King James Version)

1. Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.
2. I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.
3. And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names *are* in the Book of Life.
4. Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!
5. Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand.
6. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;
7. and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
8. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.
9. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Intro

1. Verse 1 of chapter 4 is more closely connected with chapter 3.
2. What fact in chapter 3 suggests that brethren should “stand fast in the Lord”?
3. What four expressions does Paul use to suggest his deep feelings for the Philippians?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

Peace Among Christians

1. Name the two women who were having problems. Were these bad women?
2. What was the solution to their problem? To what extent is this the solution whenever two Christians have disagreements and tension?
3. What had the women of verse 3 done which entitles them to special help? Who was asked to help them?
4. What eternal benefit could Paul’s fellow-laborers expect?

Peace Within

1. Rejoice – verse 4
 - a. How many times in this epistle does Paul exhort the Philippians to rejoice? How many times in this one verse?

 - b. How would the current circumstances of Paul or of the Philippians encourage rejoicing? In what could they rejoice?

2. “Let your gentleness be known” – verse 5
 - a. Check some other translations and suggest the meaning of this exhortation.

 - b. What injustices had led to Paul’s imprisonment? What circumstances in our own society test our moderation or forbearance?

 - c. In what confidence is such moderation possible? What does this mean?

3. “Be anxious for nothing” – verse 6
 - a. What kind of things do we worry about? How did Paul’s problems compare with these?

 - b. What does Paul offer as an alternative to worry? What two things are to be included in prayer?

4. “Peace of God” – verse 7
 - a. Why is it that the peace which a Christian enjoys is not understood by the world?

 - b. If we do not possess such peace, where should we look for the cause?

5. Nature and source of peace – verses 8-9
 - a. Where does true peace exist? List eight qualities which should characterize our thoughts:

 - b. In what four ways could the Philippians benefit from their relationship with Paul?

 - c. Whom must we have with us if we are to have peace?