

# **RIGHT THINKING, RIGHT LIVING**

(06/07/2020; Philippians 4:8-23; Steve Thiel; Christ Proclamation Church)

**Sermon Theme:** Christians are called and empowered to stand firm in the faith, despite the difficulties of this life, by thinking rightly about who they are in Christ so that they might live rightly, rejoicing in the Lord, content in all circumstances, and grateful for God's good work in other people's lives.

## **I. RESOLVED TO THINK GODLY**

- A. Pursue Right Thinking – (v.8)
- B. Practice Right Living – (v.9a)
- C. Experience God's Peace – (v.9b)

## **II. RESOLVED TO LEARN CONTENTMENT**

- A. Contentment Is Independent of Circumstances
- B. Contentment Can be Learned – (v.12)
  - 1. The School of Prosperity
  - 2. The School of Poverty
- C. Contentment Is Being Dependent on Christ – (v.13)

## **III. RESOLVED TO LIVE IN PARTNERSHIP**

- A. Pursue Partnerships in the Gospel – (vv.14-16)
- B. Rejoice in the Faithfulness of Others – (vv.17-18)
- C. Trust in God's Perfect Provision – (v.19)
- D. Live for the Glory of God – (vv.20-23)

# **OVERVIEW OF PHILIPPIANS**

(Summary of Philippians; Spring 2020; Christ Proclamation Church; Steve Thiel)

## **Background of Philippians (Who wrote it, when, where, and to whom?)**

The Apostle Paul wrote the book of Philippians (1:1) to the Gentile church which he planted at Philippi (Acts 16:6-40). The letter was written around 62 A.D. while he was imprisoned in Rome under house arrest (Acts 28:16-31).

## **Occasion of Philippians (What prompted Paul to write this letter?)**

The Philippians sent Paul a gift carried by Epaphroditus (2:25; 4:18). Persecution (1:15-17, 28-29; 2:15; 3:2-3, 18-19) has also resulted in the division (2:3-5; 4:2-3), derailment (1:27), and despair (2:19-30) of these gospel-centered believers.

## **Purpose of Philippians (What did Paul hope to accomplish?)**

Paul wrote to thank them for their generosity (1:3-6; 4:10-19) and to encourage them to stand firm in the faith despite current difficulties, including Paul's imprisonment, Epaphroditus' sickness, false teaching, and persecution.

## **Theme of Philippians (What is the letter about?)**

Believers are to stand firm in their faith as a unified body despite opposition by centering their joy in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Outline of Philippians**

### **I. Introduction (1:1-11)**

- A. Personal Greetings (1:1-2)
- B. Heartfelt Thanksgiving and Prayer (1:3-11)

### **II. Exhortation to Stand Firm in the Faith (1:12-4:1)**

- A. Despite Opposition – Paul's Imprisonment (1:12-2:30)
  - 1. By Paul's Example (1:12-26)
  - 2. By Paul's Exhortation (1:27-2:18)
  - 3. By Paul's Encouragement (2:19-30)
- B. Despite Opposition – False Teachers (3:1-4:1)
  - 1. By Rejoicing in the Lord (3:1)
  - 2. By Rejecting Heresy (3:2-16)
  - 3. By Following Paul's Example (3:17-4:1)
- C. Summary Exhortations (4:2-9)
  - 1. Be Unified in the Gospel (4:2-3)
  - 2. Be Rejoicing in the Lord (4:4-7)
  - 3. Be Meditating on What Is True (4:8-9)

### **III. Conclusion (4:10-23)**

- A. Heartfelt Thanksgiving (4:10-20)
- B. Personal Greetings (4:21-23)