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Philippians
Chapter 1. Pt. 1

I. Philippians chapter 1:1

A. Paul

1. His given name was Saul- asked for or demanded. This is the type of leader the world demands. He was a tall king who was self centered and prideful. Paul thought of himself as great and was proud.
2. God gave him the name Paul- This name means "little". Grace makes us little and God great.
3. He does not announce himself as an apostle in this letter- There was no question of his authority or leadership as in Corinth or Galatia.

B. Timothy- One who honors God

1. He was a convert of Paul- probably he was saved on Paul's first journey although Timothy had been taught the scriptures from a baby.
2. He joined Paul and Silas on the 2nd missionary journey into Macedonia and Achaia.

C. Paul was a father and a mentor to Timothy. Paul was a mentor to many young men

1. [2 Tim. 2:2]- Teach faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
2. The greatest leaders were those who mentored and trained up others.
3. Who was a more effective leader?
 - a. Moses/Joshua- **Moses** because he mentored Joshua
 - b. Elijah/Elisha- **Elijah** because he mentored Elisha

D. Paul mentions others quite often and praised them. He did not take all the credit. This is a leadership key.

E. servants

1. Gr. doulos- lit. *bond slave*. Without the article "the", this means by nature bond slaves. One bound to another to do their will.
2. A bond slave was one who had their freedom price paid but voluntarily served their Master who bought them. Old Testament example- [Ex. 21:5-6]- The ear is pierced through the doorposts. The doorpost was where the blood was put on the Passover. We have been redeemed and we chose to serve in the house of God forever.
3. Paul uses the word slave here instead of apostle to teach the church humility which was a necessary virtue for peace and unity.

F. All saints- Gr. hagios- *set apart for divine use*. Not someone super holy with miracles attesting them. In Christ we are super holy and have attesting miracles attesting us.

1. Paul lists the saints first and the ministers last to reveal the humility and serving that should be among us.
2. Ministers are under rowers- hupretes- They are under the ship serving for those up on top of the ship.

G. In Christ/In Philippi- This speaks of the Christians dual citizenship. In Christ is mentioned first and is our highest calling. We are ambassadors for Christ in this world. [2 Cor. 5:20] We live by the laws and supply of our homeland. Our laws are much higher and nobler than those here. It is a shame that many Christians fail to live up the standards down here. Ambassadors are removed before war is declared on a country. We will be ruptured before the Tribulation.

1. Our natural location is Broken Arrow, but our spiritual address is Christ.
2. He is our representative. What is true of Him is true of us. [1 John 4:17] As He is, so are we now in this present world. ***In stands as us before God and we stand as Him before the world.***

G. Bishops- Gr. episkopos- *one who oversees or looks from above*. Bishops get a look at the people of God from God's vantage point by prayer. Bishop/Elder often are interchangeable terms.

1. [Titus 1:6-7]
2. [1 Peter 5:1]
3. [Acts 20:17,28]
4. Bishop is a function/elder speaks of mature character
5. All Bishops are elders, but not all elders are bishops.
6. There are teaching bishops and elders and those who are not- [1 Tim. 5:17]

II. Philippians chapter 1:2

A. Grace- Gr. charis- *unmerited favor*

1. Charis was the gift the Emperor gave on his birthday to notable and faithful subjects. Christ extends this meaning and virtue to give lavishly to the vile and to His enemies!
2. Charis is not just kind feeling towards us but all of God's resources and ability to meet life's demands.
 - a. [2 Cor. 12:9]

B. Peace- Gr. eirene- *to bind together or to join*. It means wholeness. This word is the same as shalom in Hebrew.

C. These two words bring in the two great concepts from the Gentiles and the Jews- grace and peace. The church is comprised primarily of gentiles and some Jews.

D. This phrase is the most repeated phrase in the NT besides in Christ. It is repeated 16 times. What God repeats is a great importance. Since in Christ and the grace and peace of God are the most mentioned phrases this are of the most important doctrines for the Christian to grasp. Each letter starts out with it. The Christian life commences with grace and is lived by grace. God gives us grace at the outset before any command for holy living. Holy living comes from and out of grace.

E. Peace is always mentioned after grace. This is because wholeness in our lives will only come from an understanding of and appropriation of God's grace.