

# Scraps from the margins of my Bible.

## PHILIPPIANS

with a little expansion  
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Direct quotes from the Bible are  
**\*bold** *\*italicized* \*underlined  
i.e. **scattered**

### Introduction

1. An epistle of joy, 15X
2. Major themes:  
joy            prayer            peace            life/death            Gospel  
mind            overcoming            thanksgiving            salvation            unity
3. Hardship made Paul better, not bitter. He's in jail awaiting trial by Nero.  
"Adversity [*in jail*] often produces a self-centered focus." *Chuck Colson*
4. Philippian church started with  
\* ladies at the river  
\* a slave-girl exorcised  
\* and a centurion  
\* "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. And thou shalt be saved." Acts 16.31
5. "The gentlest of all Paul's letters." *Lance Latham*
6. Chains, 1.7,13,14,17

### 1.3 every prayer of mine,

- 1.5 thanks for the cash [4.14-18]
- 1.6 God's work in your lives
- 1.7,8 I love you guys
- 1.9 praying for your love, knowledge, discernment
- 1.10,11 " " " " spiritual growth

### 1.5 Gospel, 1.7,12,16,27 [2X]

1.17 group of soul winners out for personal glory, PTL anyway

1.20 earnest expectation = straining one's neck for a look

1.22 death or life: what I shall choose, I wot [know] not, sorry Paul but it's not your choice but God's

### 2 chapter theme + mind

### 2.2 same...same...united...one

2.5-11 The Kenosis Passage [*Jesus empties Himself of glory*],

The Hypostatic Union of Jesus' humanity & deity is stated in AD 431 with the Athanasian Creed, Council of Ephesus.

v. 7 **kenosis** *κενοσις* = emptied, made Himself of no reputation.

Jesus is truly, wholly God

2.8 Jesus was obedient, Heb 2.14

2.14 murmuring & disputing [*complaining*] = sin

[Exod. 10X in the wilderness] 14.11 15.24 16.3 16.20 16.27 17.2 32.7 Num 11.1 11.4 14.1

2.16 a book title: A Long Obedience in the Same Direction

2.19 Paul will send Tim to Philippi before too long. . .to become pastor? yes, a guess, *pjm*

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- 3.5-7 things the Jews considered perks: circumcision, tribe of Benji., Hebrew, Pharisee, persecuted the Church, meticulous keeper of the Law
- 3.8 **knowledge of Christ**, know Him as Savior, know Him as Lord & master, know Him as guide, know Him as. . . .
- 3.7-15 6-fold dedication:  
 a. price to pay, b. past to shun, 3. perfection to stalk, 4. person to know, 5. persistence in striving, 6. goal to reach  
 “In relentless pursuit of Christ and Christlikeness” is my goal in life.  
 II Cor 5.9, “We make it our aim. . .to be pleasing to Him”
- 3.9 **not having mine own righteousness**, which are filthy rags [Isa 64.6]
- 3.10 **that I may know Him**, for 2 years I puzzled over this phrase just prior to enrolling in Bible college

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- 4.1-9 8-part relationship
- v.1 stand firm
  - v.2 live in harmony
  - v.3 help women
  - v.4 rejoice, Rave On!
  - v.5 be gentle
  - v.6,7 don't worry, pray hard, ask, be thankful  
 not to pray is sin, *I Sam 12.23, devote yourself to prayer, Phil.*
  - v.8 dwell on another 8 things!
  - v.9 do the things Paul did
- 4.10-19 \$money\$moneymoney\$ Is this the theme?
- 4.15 Act of giving more important than the gift
- 4.16 Thessalonika is 100 miles from Philippi
- 4.17 Paul looks for spiritual results more than contentment
- 4.22 In prison in Rome, Caesar's household = Nero's family?