

PHILIPPIANS Outline

Living Beyond the World's Reach

By understanding God's calling and purpose for our lives and devotedly committing ourselves to this, we are able to live above the world's reach and like the apostle please our Lord, strengthen our brethren, witness to the lost and find personal fulfillment.

I. Commitment to Missions – Purpose in life (1:1-26)

We need to not only understand the great work of God in our lives but to devote our lives to His work through our lives.

- A. Understanding of God's work (Gaining the overall perspective) (1-11)
 - a. He who began a good work will continue (1:6)
 - b. This I pray .. that you may ... (1:10-11)
- B. Devotion to the Gospel (12-20) “turned out for the greater progress of the Gospel” (1:12)
- C. Purpose of Living (21-26)

II. Attitude towards Service (1:27-2:30) Have Christ's Attitude 2:5

We were made to serve others and only as we understand, appreciate and adopt this Christ-like living will we truly live like Christ.

- A. Our Privilege (1:27-29)
 - “Granted not only to believe in Him but also to suffer for His sake” (1:29)
- B. Our Example (2:1-11)
 - “Have this attitude which was also in Christ Jesus” (2:5)
- C. Our Challenge (2:12-18)
 - “Work out your salvation ...for it is God who is at work in your both to will and work for His good pleasure” (2:12-13)

III. Devotion to Knowing Christ (3:13-21) Rejoice in the Lord 3:1

- A. In Relation to Salvation (1-9)
- B. In Relation to Sanctification (10-19)
- C. In Relation to Glorification (20-21)

IV. Trust in the Lord (4:1-23) Stand firm in the Lord 4:1

- A. His Peace (1-9)
- B. His Power (10-13)
- C. His Provision (14-23)

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I. Rejoicing in the Service of Christ (1:1-26)

- A. Petition for the Philippians (1-11)
- B. Progress of the Gospel (12-20)
- C. Problem of the Apostle (21-26)

II. Rejoicing in the Selflessness of Christ (1:27-2:30)

- A. Declaration of it (1:27-2:11)
- B. Exhortation from it (2:12-16)
- C. Exemplification from it (2:17-30)

III. Rejoicing in the Sufferings of Christ (3:13-21)

- A. In Relation to Salvation (1-9)
- B. In Relation to Sanctification (10-19)
- C. In Relation to Glorification (20-21)

IV. Rejoicing in the Sufficiency of Christ (4:1-23)

- A. His Peace (1-9)
- B. His Power (10-13)
- C. His Provision (14-23)

Dr. Haik's Outline at MBI

Philippi was located on a fertile plain about 9 miles from the Aegean Sea northwest of the island Neapolis which served as its seaport. In NT times Philippi was regarded as the chief city of Macedonia and as a colony. Being a colony meant they were Roman citizens who could vote and govern themselves. Today in ruins. – Gromacki

Summary:

This seems like a thank you letter to the Philippians. They seem to be following after the Lord with no major problems. This is seen through the way he speaks about furthering the Gospel through their lives, attaining the full joy of the Lord and providing brief exhortations.