

# Philippians Overview

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READ THROUGH THE LETTER

4 themes in the letter...

**PAUL LOVED THE PHILIPPIAN CHURCH**

**A PARTICULAR KIND OF SUFFERING**

16 Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. 17 She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." 18 She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

19 When her owners realised that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. 20 They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar 21 by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice."

The New International Version (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011), Ac 16:16-21.

## **A FAITHFUL CHURCH FACING A HIDDEN DANGER**

James 3:13-18

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. 14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15 Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

The New International Version (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011), Jas 3:13-16.

Alec Motyer

"Paul does not share all the details with us and therefore it is safer to raise questions than to make assertions. The single fact is that new life and new divisions appear side by side in the Roman church. Can we be wide of the mark in asking if Paul is not here giving

an illustration in order to teach a principle? We look back to Paul's Rome; we look around today's church: do we not see over and over again that, when renewal comes, disunity comes? ...We could think of many churches touched today by spiritual renewal only to be at once devitalized by splits, parties and secessions. Can there be doubt that disunity is a primary weapon against the effectiveness of the church?"

J. A. Motyer, *The Message of Philippians, The Bible Speaks Today* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1984), 20.

## **ONE CENTRAL INSTRUCTION**

"Self sacrificial service for the eternal well-being of others, to the glory of God"

## **O Praise the Name**

[Verse 1]

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet  
My Saviour on that cursed tree

[Verse 2]

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

[Chorus]

O praise the Name of the Lord, our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord, oh Lord, our God

[Verse 3]

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death, where is your sting?  
The angels roar for Christ the King

[Chorus]

O praise the Name of the Lord, our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord, oh Lord, our God

[Verse 4]

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing Son shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

[Chorus]

O praise the Name of the Lord, our God  
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