

Scripture: Ten Commandments (Ex. 20) and Philippians 4
Singing: 247:1-3 – 123:1 – 120:1-4 – 17:3-4 – 370:1-2

Let's Study Philippians (36)

PAUL'S FINAL DOXOLOGY

- I. Exalts the riches of God in Christ for His needy people
- II. Exalts the glory of God's grace through Christ in His redeemed people

I. DOXOLOGY EXALTS THE RICHES OF GOD IN CHRIST FOR HIS NEEDY PEOPLE

A. Paul's writings abound with doxologies to God

1. the doctrines of God were fuel to his faith & his feelings

2. reflect whether **God's truths** fuel your faith and your feelings like in Paul

- a. Phil. 3:18 – 1 Cor. 15:9 – Eph. 1:3

B. Paul's doxology in Phil. 4:20 is related to preceding truth (vs. 19)

1. Besides doxology, it is Paul's (personal) witness

2. Every detail of this promise is worthy to be pondered:

- a. he will supply (Hebrew 13:5-6;

- b. all your need (1 Tim. 6:6-10)

- c. according to His riches in glory (Is. 59:1)

- d. by Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:32)

C. Do we as children have equal confidence like Paul in God's ongoing care?

1. Consider His rich promises and let them be your solid confidence: Ps. 9:9-10

II. DOXOLOGY EXALTS THE GLORY OF GOD'S GRACE THROUGH CHRIST IN HIS REDEEMED PEOPLE

A. Paul never tired in exalting the *power of God's grace*: how evident?

1. in awaking sinners to their sin (vs. 21-22)

2. in turning sinners into saints (vs. 21-22)

3. in uniting saints with saints (21-23)

Reflection: What did we take away from God's Word in Philippians?