

Four Powerful Examples of Faithfulness

Sermon 12 in the Philippians Series

Philippians 2:16-30

Some Exegetical Observations

16 – The day of Christ = the day of Judgment – all judgment has been given to the son.

17 – I am glad and rejoice with you = I rejoice and co-rejoice with you

18 – You be glad and rejoice with me == You rejoice and I co-rejoice with you.
chai-ro = joy or rejoice. Also a common way to say “good-bye” “REJOICE!”

20 – Like-minded = of the same mind – one who thinks the same way

25 – fellow worker/fellow soldier = co-laborer (effort) co-soldier/co-warrior (courage)

28 – I sent him = Epaphroditus was the one who carried the book of Philippians back to them. He was sent to Paul on a mission and now he is sent back on a mission. .

I. The Example of the Apostle Paul 2:16-18

1. What would bring Paul the maximum amount of joy?
2. His Success would be determined “In the Day of Christ”

II. The Philippian Believers 17-18

Paul is showing here, by implication, the universal priesthood of the believer which has taken the place of the OT priesthood.

The drink offering was important – it was poured on the lamb before it was offered as a burnt offering to make the aroma more pleasing (Num. 28:7-8)

III. Timothy 19-24

1. Paul’s purpose in mentioning Timothy 19. 23-24

2. Paul's character reference for Timothy 20-23

- a) v. 20 -- His heart
- b) v. 21 – His goal
- c) v. 22 – His proven character

IV. Epaphroditus 2:25-30

1. His identity v. 25

My brother, my fellow-worker, my fellow-soldier.
Anselm – common sympathy – common work – common danger
He is called “their messenger”. – apostolon – “lit. sent one”

2. His Illness 26-27

3. His Service 28-30

Applications: