

*Timothy: Paul's Kindred Spirit (Philippians 2:19–24)*

Grace Chapel

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**INTRODUCTION**

**REVIEW:**

- (1:3–8) Thanks to God for the good work begun at Philippi (financial partnership)
- (1:9–11) Prayer for the Philippians' love to abound still more in discernment so that they would approve the things that really matter (thru Christ enabling)—that they might be rewarded
- (1:12–18) Paul's imprisonment has furthered the gospel, because:
1. Roman officials know that he is innocent, but is imprisoned for the gospel,
  2. many brethren now boldly proclaim gospel w/ proper motivation w/o fear.  
Even tho some brethren preach it from envy & strife (hoping to afflict Paul).  
but Paul rejoices when the true gospel is proclaimed (something that matters)
- (1:19–26) Paul expects the Lord to answer prayer that Paul not be ashamed, but that he magnify Christ in his body (thru life or thru death), but, as attractive as it is to be with the Lord, Paul wants to minister to the Philippians, so he prefers to remain alive (to go to Philippi)
- (1:27–30) The Philippians' adversaries should not terrify them (by saying that the Philippians' are hell-bound because of their message) because the Philippians were heaven-bound because of their message, for God has given them the same opportunity to both believe the gospel and to suffer for Christ as Paul.
- (2:1–2a) Believers should fulfill Paul's joy because their position enables and encourages them
- (2:2b–3) Specifically, believers should: be like-minded, by regarding others above self
- (2:4) We should not only look out for ourselves, but also for the interests of others
- (2:5–8) Believers ought to have the same (gracious) mindset for others as Christ: i.e., tho Christ was in the form of God, He did not cling to equality with God, but emptied Himself by taking a servant's form & appeared as man, He humbled Himself & obediently died on a cross
- (2:9–11) [In light of Christ obediently dying on a cross] the Father gave Him the supreme name for all creation to bow before Him and to confess Him as Lord to the Father's glory
- (2:12–14) [In light of Christ obediently humbling Himself til God exalts Him] the Philippians, who obeyed Paul (despite his absence), ought to produce their own deliverance (w/o disputing) with an eye to the Bema, because God works in them to accomplish His purposes
- (2:15–16) The purpose for doing all things without complaining and disputing is to be God's blameless and harmless children who shine as lights in this perverse world by holding onto the life-giving word for the purpose that Paul (and the Philippians) may rejoice without shame at the Bema
- (2:17–18) Paul rejoices with the Philippians at their sacrificial service in faith, even though his life is being poured out as a libation offering in prison and they should join him in rejoicing

**(2:19) Paul plans to send Timothy soon for the purpose that Timothy would encourage Paul by updating him about the Philippians**

The times the Philippians and Timothy met:  
Observe Acts 16:1 and 17:14–15

Acts 20:4–6

**(2:20) The reason Paul plans to send Timothy is because he is the one available person who (because of knowing the Philippians) is like-minded with Paula about sincerely caring for them**

**Paul is not attacking his ministry team, although some have thought so**

**(2:21) Some (who might be available) are not willing to go, because they are self-centered, rather than seeking to please Christ**

**(2:22) The Philippians know Timothy's proven character that developed as he apprenticed with Paul like a son learns with his father**

**(2:23) Paul hopes to send him as soon as he knows the outcome of some things pertaining to himself**

**(2:24) In addition, Paul expects to come to Philippi soon**

## **CONCLUSION**