

be holy and without blemish. <sup>5:28</sup>Even so husbands also ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself. <sup>5:29</sup>For no man ever hated his own flesh; but nourishes and cherishes it, even as the Lord also does the assembly; <sup>5:30</sup>because we are members of his body, of his flesh and bones. <sup>5:31</sup>“For this cause a man will leave his father and mother, and will be joined to his wife. The two will become one flesh.”<sup>f</sup> <sup>5:32</sup>This mystery is great, but I speak concerning Christ and of the assembly. <sup>5:33</sup>Nevertheless each of you must also love his own wife even as himself; and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

<sup>6:1</sup>Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>6:2</sup>“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with a promise: <sup>6:3</sup>“that it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth.”<sup>g</sup>

<sup>6:4</sup>You fathers, don’t provoke your children to wrath, but nurture them in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

<sup>6:5</sup>Servants, be obedient to those who according to the flesh are your masters, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as to Christ; <sup>6:6</sup>not in the way of service only when eyes are on you, as men pleasers; but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; <sup>6:7</sup>with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men; <sup>6:8</sup>knowing that whatever good thing each one does, he will receive the same again from the Lord, whether he is bound or free.

<sup>6:9</sup>You masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with him.

<sup>6:10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his might. <sup>6:11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>6:12</sup>For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world’s rulers of the darkness of this age, and against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

<sup>f</sup>5:31 Genesis 2:24

<sup>g</sup>6:3 Deuteronomy 5:16

<sup>h</sup>6:17 from Greek *rhema*, which means spoken word

<sup>a</sup>1:1 or, superintendents, or bishops

<sup>b</sup>1:1 Or, deacons

<sup>6:13</sup>Therefore, put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. <sup>6:14</sup>Stand therefore, having the utility belt of truth buckled around your waist, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>6:15</sup>and having fitted your feet with the preparation of the Good News of peace; <sup>6:16</sup>above all, taking up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. <sup>6:17</sup>And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word<sup>h</sup> of God; <sup>6:18</sup>with all prayer and requests, praying at all times in the Spirit, and being watchful to this end in all perseverance and requests for all the saints: <sup>6:19</sup>on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in opening my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the Good News, <sup>6:20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

<sup>6:21</sup>But that you also may know my affairs, how I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will make known to you all things; <sup>6:22</sup>whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our state, and that he may comfort your hearts.

<sup>6:23</sup>Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>6:24</sup>Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with incorruptible love. Amen.

## Paul’s Letter to the Philippians

<sup>1:1</sup>Paul and Timothy, servants of Jesus Christ;

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers<sup>a</sup> and servants<sup>b</sup>: <sup>1:2</sup>Grace to you, and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>1:3</sup>I thank my God whenever I remember you, <sup>1:4</sup>always in every request of mine on behalf of you all making my requests with joy, <sup>1:5</sup>for your

partnership<sup>c</sup> in furtherance of the Good News from the first day until now; <sup>1:6</sup>being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>1:7</sup>It is even right for me to think this way on behalf of all of you, because I have you in my heart, because, both in my bonds and in the defense and confirmation of the Good News, you all are partakers with me of grace. <sup>1:8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long after all of you in the tender mercies of Christ Jesus.

<sup>1:9</sup>This I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all discernment; <sup>1:10</sup>so that you may approve the things that are excellent; that you may be sincere and without offense to the day of Christ; <sup>1:11</sup>being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

<sup>1:12</sup>Now I desire to have you know, brothers,<sup>d</sup> that the things which happened to me have turned out rather to the progress of the Good News; <sup>1:13</sup>so that it became evident to the whole palace<sup>e</sup> guard, and to all the rest, that my bonds are in Christ; <sup>1:14</sup>and that most of the brothers in the Lord, being confident through my bonds, are more abundantly bold to speak the word of God without fear. <sup>1:15</sup>Some indeed preach Christ even out of envy and strife, and some also out of good will. <sup>1:16</sup>The former insincerely preach Christ from selfish ambition, thinking that they add affliction to my chains; <sup>1:17</sup>but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the Good News.

<sup>1:18</sup>What does it matter? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed. I rejoice in this, yes, and will rejoice. <sup>1:19</sup>For I know that this will turn out to my salvation, through your supplication and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, <sup>1:20</sup>according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will in no way be disappointed, but with all boldness, as always, now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life, or by death. <sup>1:21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>1:22</sup>But if I live on in the flesh, this will bring fruit from my work; yet I don't know what I will choose. <sup>1:23</sup>But I am in a dilemma

between the two, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. <sup>1:24</sup>Yet, to remain in the flesh is more needful for your sake. <sup>1:25</sup>Having this confidence, I know that I will remain, yes, and remain with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>1:26</sup>that your rejoicing may abound in Christ Jesus in me through my presence with you again.

<sup>1:27</sup>Only let your way of life be worthy of the Good News of Christ, that, whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your state, that you stand firm in one spirit, with one soul striving for the faith of the Good News; <sup>1:28</sup>and in nothing frightened by the adversaries, which is for them a proof of destruction, but to you of salvation, and that from God. <sup>1:29</sup>Because it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in him, but also to suffer on his behalf, <sup>1:30</sup>having the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear is in me.

<sup>2:1</sup>If there is therefore any exhortation in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any tender mercies and compassion, <sup>2:2</sup>make my joy full, by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind; <sup>2:3</sup>doing nothing through rivalry or through conceit, but in humility, each counting others better than himself; <sup>2:4</sup>each of you not just looking to his own things, but each of you also to the things of others.

<sup>2:5</sup>Have this in your mind, which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>2:6</sup>who, existing in the form of God, didn't consider equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>2:7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men. <sup>2:8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, yes, the death of the cross. <sup>2:9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him, and gave to him the name which is above every name; <sup>2:10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, those on earth, and those under the earth, <sup>2:11</sup>and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>2:12</sup>So then, my beloved, even as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence, work out

<sup>c</sup>1:5 The word translated "partnership" (koinonia) also means "fellowship" and "sharing."

<sup>d</sup>1:12 The word for "brothers" here and where context allows may also be correctly translated "brothers and sisters" or "siblings."

<sup>e</sup>1:13 or, praetorian

your own salvation with fear and trembling. <sup>2:13</sup>For it is God who works in you both to will and to work, for his good pleasure. <sup>2:14</sup>Do all things without murmurings and disputes, <sup>2:15</sup>that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you are seen as lights in the world, <sup>2:16</sup>holding up the word of life; that I may have something to boast in the day of Christ, that I didn't run in vain nor labor in vain. <sup>2:17</sup>Yes, and if I am poured out on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice, and rejoice with you all. <sup>2:18</sup>In the same way, you also rejoice, and rejoice with me.

<sup>2:19</sup>But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered up when I know how you are doing. <sup>2:20</sup>For I have no one else like-minded, who will truly care about you. <sup>2:21</sup>For they all seek their own, not the things of Jesus Christ. <sup>2:22</sup>But you know the proof of him, that, as a child serves a father, so he served with me in furtherance of the Good News. <sup>2:23</sup>Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it will go with me. <sup>2:24</sup>But I trust in the Lord that I myself also will come shortly. <sup>2:25</sup>But I counted it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, fellow soldier, and your apostle and servant of my need; <sup>2:26</sup>since he longed for you all, and was very troubled, because you had heard that he was sick. <sup>2:27</sup>For indeed he was sick, nearly to death, but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, that I might not have sorrow on sorrow. <sup>2:28</sup>I have sent him therefore the more diligently, that, when you see him again, you may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful. <sup>2:29</sup>Receive him therefore in the Lord with all joy, and hold such in honor, <sup>2:30</sup>because for the work of Christ he came near to death, risking his life to supply that which was lacking in your service toward me.

<sup>3:1</sup>Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not tiresome, but for you it is safe. <sup>3:2</sup>Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision. <sup>3:3</sup>For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh; <sup>3:4</sup>though I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If any other

man thinks that he has confidence in the flesh, I yet more: <sup>3:5</sup>circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; <sup>3:6</sup>concerning zeal, persecuting the assembly; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, found blameless.

<sup>3:7</sup>However, what things were gain to me, these have I counted loss for Christ. <sup>3:8</sup>Yes most certainly, and I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord, for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and count them nothing but refuse, that I may gain Christ <sup>3:9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, that which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; <sup>3:10</sup>that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming conformed to his death; <sup>3:11</sup>if by any means I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3:12</sup>Not that I have already obtained, or am already made perfect; but I press on, if it is so that I may take hold of that for which also I was taken hold of by Christ Jesus.

<sup>3:13</sup>Brothers, I don't regard myself as yet having taken hold, but one thing I do. Forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, <sup>3:14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. <sup>3:15</sup>Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, think this way. If in anything you think otherwise, God will also reveal that to you. <sup>3:16</sup>Nevertheless, to the extent that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule. Let us be of the same mind. <sup>3:17</sup>Brothers, be imitators together of me, and note those who walk this way, even as you have us for an example. <sup>3:18</sup>For many walk, of whom I told you often, and now tell you even weeping, as the enemies of the cross of Christ, <sup>3:19</sup>whose end is destruction, whose god is the belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who think about earthly things. <sup>3:20</sup>For our citizenship is in heaven, from where we also wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; <sup>3:21</sup>who will change the body of our humiliation to be conformed to the body of his glory, according to the working by which he is able even to subject all things to himself.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, beloved and

longed for, my joy and crown, so stand firm in the Lord, my beloved. <sup>4:2</sup>I exhort Euodia, and I exhort Syntyche, to think the same way in the Lord. <sup>4:3</sup>Yes, I beg you also, true yokefellow, help these women, for they labored with me in the Good News, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. <sup>4:4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I will say, Rejoice! <sup>4:5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. <sup>4:6</sup>In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. <sup>4:7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.

<sup>4:8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think about these things. <sup>4:9</sup>The things which you learned, received, heard, and saw in me: do these things, and the God of peace will be with you. <sup>4:10</sup>But I rejoice in the Lord greatly, that now at length you have revived your thought for me; in which you did indeed take thought, but you lacked opportunity. <sup>4:11</sup>Not that I speak in respect to lack, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content in it. <sup>4:12</sup>I know how to be humbled, and I know also how to abound. In everything and in all things I have learned the secret both to be filled and to be hungry, both to abound and to be in need. <sup>4:13</sup>I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me. <sup>4:14</sup>However you did well that you shared in my affliction. <sup>4:15</sup>You yourselves also know, you Philippians, that in the beginning of the Good News, when I departed from Macedonia, no assembly shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you only. <sup>4:16</sup>For even in Thessalonica you sent once and again to my need. <sup>4:17</sup>Not that I seek for the gift, but I seek for the fruit that increases to your account. <sup>4:18</sup>But I have all things, and abound. I am filled, having received from Epaphroditus the things that came from you, a sweet-smelling fragrance, an acceptable and well-pleasing sac-

rifice to God. <sup>4:19</sup>My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>4:20</sup>Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever! Amen.

<sup>4:21</sup>Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. <sup>4:22</sup>All the saints greet you, especially those who are of Caesar's household. <sup>4:23</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

## Paul's Letter to the Colossians

<sup>1:1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>1:2</sup>to the saints and faithful brothers<sup>a</sup> in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>1:3</sup>We give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, <sup>1:4</sup>having heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which you have toward all the saints, <sup>1:5</sup>because of the hope which is laid up for you in the heavens, of which you heard before in the world of the truth of the Good News, <sup>1:6</sup>which has come to you; even as it is in all the world and is bearing fruit and growing, as it does in you also, since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; <sup>1:7</sup>even as you learned of Epaphras our beloved fellow servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf, <sup>1:8</sup>who also declared to us your love in the Spirit. <sup>1:9</sup>For this cause, we also, since the day we heard this, don't cease praying and making requests for you, that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>1:10</sup>that you may walk worthily of the Lord, to please him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; <sup>1:11</sup>strengthened with all power, according to the might of his glory, for all endurance and perseverance with joy; <sup>1:12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who made us fit to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; <sup>1:13</sup>who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the Kingdom of the Son of his love; <sup>1:14</sup>in whom we have our redemption,<sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup>1:2 The word for "brothers" here and where context allows may also be correctly translated "brothers and sisters" or "siblings."

<sup>b</sup>1:14 TR adds "through his blood,"