

02 Philippians 1:1-2

Greetings to Philippi

1. Outline Review

- a. Philippians a tremendous book for learning the believer's life in Christ
- b. G. Williams - The believer's 1) purpose, 2) pattern, 3) prize, 4) provision
- c. Gaebelien - Christ, 1) principle, 2) pattern, 3) object/goal, 4) strength & sufficiency
- d. Wiersbe - 1) Single mind, 2) submissive mind, 3) spiritual mind, 4) secure mind
- e. McLean - We need to learn 1) Phil 1:21, 2) Phil 2:5, 3) Phil 3:10, 4) Phil 4:13
- f. 1) life as Christ, 2) mind of Christ, 3) excellence of Christ, 4) content in Christ

2. Phil 1:1

- a. *"the servants"* - he greets them not with authority as apostle, but with his life
- b. *"to all the saints"* - the epistle is for all to apply, to all as saints (separated)
 - i. Becoming a saint does not require a second blessing - 1 Cor 1:2, 6:11
 - ii. Paul and the saints are fellow member of Christ's body
- c. *"bishops and deacons"* - the first mention, and only mention together
 - i. They are elders (not always aged)- Acts 14:23; 20:17, 28; Titus 1:5-7
 - ii. These are the strong, proved, bold, faithful stewards - 1 Tim 3:9-13, 15
 - iii. Some people you esteem for the work's sake - 1Co 16:15, 1Th 5:12, 1Ti 5:17

3. Phil 1:2

- a. *"grace... peace"* - the same as in all his epistles (it is not in Hebrews)
- b. *"Lord Jesus Christ"* - used 82x, mostly by Paul, only after his resurrection
 - i. Christ the resurrected Lord - Ps 2:7, Acts 13:33, 2:36; Rom 1:4, Eph 1:20-23
- c. *"Father and from the Lord"* - They are not two gods - see Titus 2:13
 - i. The Spirit is missing in these greetings, b/c he is writing - Eph 3:5, 1 Co 2:10, 3:16, 2 Pet 1:21 - also John 16:13 (the Spirit speaks not of himself)
 - ii. There are three persons, and the three are one God - 1 John 5:7, Mt 3:16-17
 - iii. Jesus is God, so is the Spirit - John 1:1-3, Acts 5:3-4, Luke 12:10, Col 2:9
 - iv. This will be important in Philippians 2