

# Philippians

## 1 – Philippians 1—The Important Thing: Christ

Who are the “overseers and deacons” in Philippi? At Holy Cross? What does Paul mean “I have you in my heart”? Who do you “have in your heart”? How could Paul be so confident? (v.6) How was Paul’s imprisonment a blessing? What important message does this share with us? How can we “conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel”? (v.27)

## 2 – Philippians 2—God’s Work In You

How would Paul’s “joy be complete”? What is the only way our attitude will be “the same as that of Christ Jesus”? How can we “work out our salvation with fear and trembling”? (v.12-13) What does it mean to “shine like stars”? (v.15) How was Timothy important to the ministry? Who was Epaphroditus? (see also 4:18) Why is Paul sending him “back to you”? How is he like many of our missionaries and church workers today?

## 3 – Philippians 3—Press On To Righteousness

“Rejoice” and “watch out” – how are these related? How are we tempted to “put confidence in the flesh”? (v.4f) What does it mean to “know Christ”? (v.10) How do we “press on toward the goal”? (v.14f) Where is your “citizenship”? (v.20) What difference does this make in your daily life?

## 4 – Philippians 4—Rejoice!

What responsibility do we have when brothers or sisters in Christ are in conflict with each other? What is the antidote to anxiety? Why do so many in our world miss out on this? Note: “think about these things”... “put them into practice”. (v.8-9) How can we also “learn to be content”? (v.11-13) How did they “share in Paul’s troubles”? (v.14) How do we “share in the troubles” of our brothers and sisters in Christ? Note the greetings from “all the brothers” as well as “Caesar’s household” – how far and wide is “the family of faith”? (just Holy Cross? Just LCMS? Just USA?) What difference does it make when we remember “all the saints in Christ Jesus”?