

LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

“Paul’s Thanksgiving for the Philippians’ Gift and Final Greetings” Philippians 4:10-23

Intro: As we come to the final message in our series in Philippians, we now come to the central reason for Paul’s having written this letter. You will remember from our introductory message that one of the apostle Paul’s primary purposes for writing the letter or Epistle to the Philippians was to express his thanksgiving for the monetary gift they had sent to him by the hand of Epaphroditus (4:10, 18).

I. Paul’s Thanksgiving To The Philippians 4:10-13

- A. Paul’s preliminary thanksgiving (v. 10)
- B. Paul’s peace with circumstances: *His contentment* (vv. 11-13)
 - 1. Paul’s contentment in every circumstance (vv. 11-12)
 - 2. Paul’s secret to contentment (v. 13)

Application:

II. Paul’s Thanksgiving for the Philippians’ Partnership 4:14-18

- A. The Record of their Partnership (vv. 14-16)
 - 1. Their present gift (v. 14)
 - 2. Their previous gifts (vv. 15-16)
- B. The Results of their Partnership (vv. 17-20)
 - 1. The profit to their account (v. 17)
 - 2. The pleasing nature of their gift (v. 18; cf. Gen. 4:4; 8:20-21; Exod. 29:18, 25; Lev. 1:17; 3:16; Eph. 5:22; Cor. 2:14-16)
 - 3. The promise of needs met (v. 19)
 - 4. The praise to God (v. 20) *A beautiful doxology*

Application:

III. Paul’s Parting Greetings 4:21-23

Memory verse: “For me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” *Philippians 1:21*



Paul writes to say “Thanks.”