

# Philippians Class Schedule

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|-----------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| 5/12/2024 | Phil 2:14-16 | No grumbling or disputing          |
| 5/19/2024 | Phil 2:17-18 | Poured out as an offering          |
| 5/26/2024 | Phil 2:19-24 | Timothy example                    |
| 6/2/2024  | Phil 2:25-30 | Epaphroditus example               |
| 6/9/2024  | Phil Chp 2   | Chp 2 Review                       |
| 6/16/2024 | Phil 3:1-3   | Beware of men of the flesh         |
| 6/23/2024 | Phil 3:4-7   | Paul's resume in the flesh         |
| 6/30/2024 | Phil 3:8-11  | Knowing Christ Jesus my Lord #1    |
| 7/7/2024  | Phil 3:8-11  | Knowing Christ Jesus my Lord #2    |
| 7/14/2024 | Phil 3:12-16 | The call of God in Christ Jesus #1 |

# PAUL'S FUTURE PLANS *or "Two Self-sacrificing Men"* \*

## A. Self-sacrificing Timothy 2:19-24

### 1. Timothy Was Selfless in Christ's Work 2:19-21

- a. Paul's Motive 2:19a
- b. Paul's Purpose 2:19b
- c. Paul's Companion 2:20
- d. Paul's Observation 2:21

### 2. Timothy Was Proven in the Work of Christ 2:22-24

- a. You Can Confirm This Fact
- b. I Can Confirm This Fact

## B. Self-sacrificing Epaphroditus 2:25-30

1. Epaphroditus Is a Good Companion 2:25a
2. Epaphroditus Is a Good Messenger 2:25b-30

# Today's Verses

<sup>19</sup> But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition.

<sup>20</sup> For I have no one *e/*se of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare.

<sup>21</sup> For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus.

<sup>22</sup> But you know of his proven worth, that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child *serv*ing his father.

<sup>23</sup> Therefore I hope to send him immediately, as soon as I see how things *go* with me;

<sup>24</sup> and I trust in the Lord that I myself also will be coming shortly.

<sup>19</sup> But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition.

**But - de** - continuing narrative from v:18

[now] **I hope in the Lord Jesus**

<sup>18</sup> You too, *I urge you,* rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.

• *elpizō* - "to hope," is frequently translated in the AV, by the verb "to trust," the RV adheres to some form of the verb "to hope,"

Vine

• when *elpizo* is followed by the prepositions **in** [*en*] - the preposition expresses that Christ is not simply the ground upon whom, but the sphere and element in whom, the "hope" is placed.

Vine

• Since this is a present tense you could say **I am hoping** or **I am trusting** in the Lord Jesus.

<sup>19</sup> But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition.

to send Timothy to you shortly

•Paul's desire in the Lord Jesus is to send Timothy to the Philippians

so that – *hina* – introduces the purpose which will follow

I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition

encouraged - *eupsuchéō* - to be animated, be in good spirits - lit: may be cheered up

when I learn of your condition

•having come to know of your circumstances      Wuest

•learn – *ginosko* - knowledge obtained from Timothy

<sup>20</sup> For I have no one else of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare.

For I [Paul] have no one else of kindred spirit

- This is a present tense; therefore it is a continuous action in Paul's ministry

- Therefore you could say "I am having"

no one – lit: not even one

kindred spirit - "of equal soul" (*isos*, "equal," *psychē*, "the soul"), is rendered "likeminded"

- to be activated by the same motives                      Zodiates

- Paul says that he does not have a person in Rome with a soul equal to Timothy's.      McCalley

<sup>20</sup> For I have no one *else* of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare.

**who** [i.e. Timothy]

• **who** [*hostis*] has a qualitative aspect in the Greek, namely, "who is of a character such that" Wuest

**genuinely will care for the things concerning you** Interlinear

**genuinely** - *gnēsiōs* - sincerely, honorably, is rendered truly in Phil. 2:20 in the KJV

• That is, Timothy was "all wool and a yard wide." He was the genuine article Wuest

**will care for** - *merimnaō* - to be anxious about, to have a distracting care [future tense]

• a word which has the ideas, "give one's thought to a matter, seek to promote another's interests" Wuest

<sup>21</sup> For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus.

for they [other than Timothy]

all seek after their own interests

- The word “all” [*pas*] is strong. It means “the whole of them, one and all, all without exception.” Wuest

- So their focus was self interest

not the things of Christ Jesus

Interlinear

- The idea is out of Christ Jesus as a source

- What are these things of Christ?

- How about the fruit of the Spirit



<sup>22</sup> But you know of his proven worth, that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child *serv*ing his father **but** - *de* – in contrast to the ones seeking their own interest **you know of his** [Timothy] **proven worth**

**proven worth** - *dokimé* - genuineness, proven character

•The word *dokime* refers to that which has met the test and has been approved. Wuest

•we see this word used twice in Rom 5:3-5:

•but we also exult [rejoice] in our tribulations

•knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance\*

•and perseverance\*, **proven character**

•and **proven character**, hope

•and hope does not disappoint

•But you know from experience his character which has been approved after having been tested Wuest

\* patience

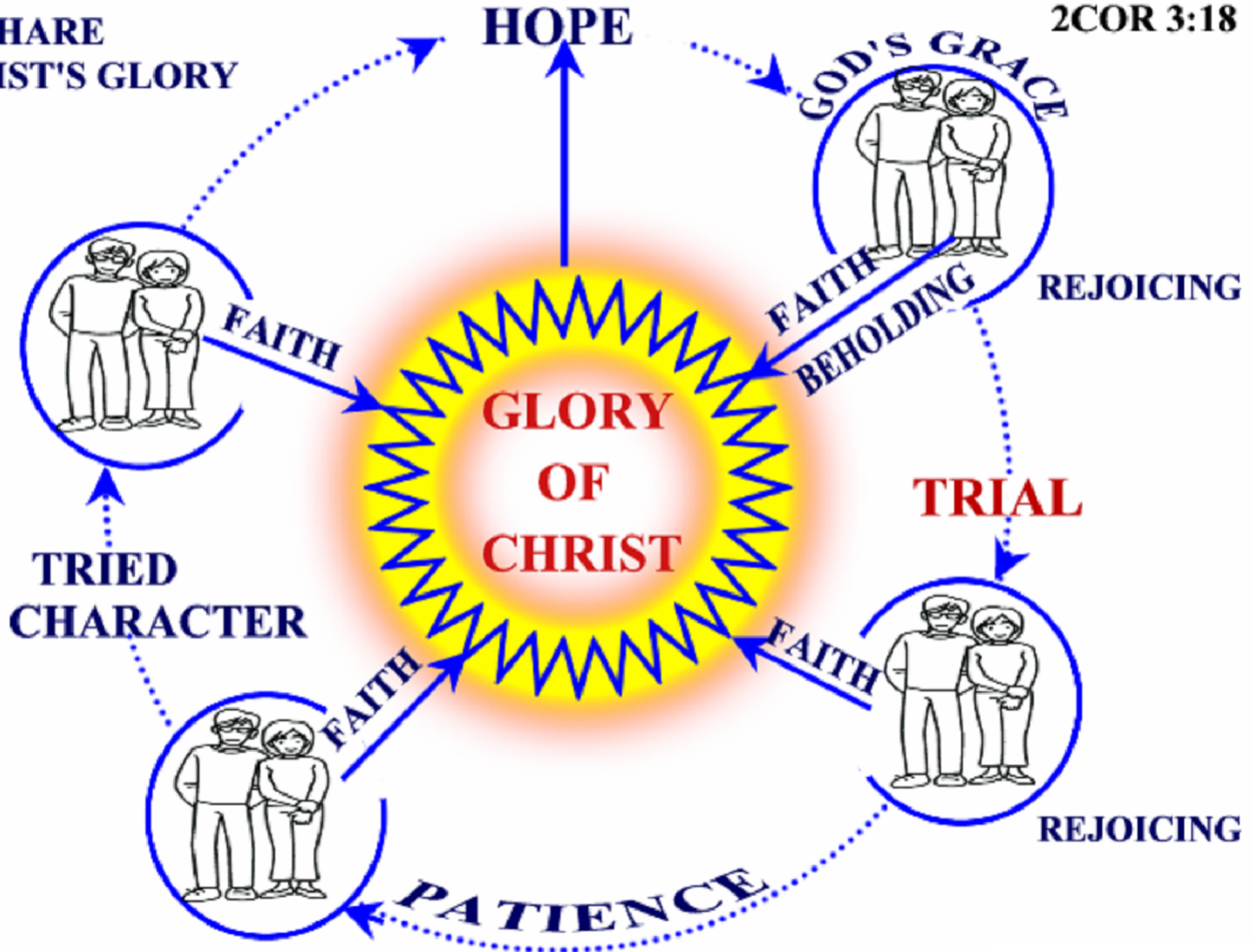


# ROM 5:3-5

## GOD'S PURPOSE IN TRIALS

ROM 5:1-5  
2COR 3:18

TO SHARE  
CHRIST'S GLORY



<sup>22</sup> But you know of his proven worth, that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father

that [because] he [Timothy] served with me

•Paul's use of the preposition "with," shows his humility.

Timothy was Paul's assistant. Wuest

served - *douleuō* - to serve as a *doulos* - spoken of  
voluntary service, to obey, to be devoted to

in *the furtherance of the gospel*

•Darby has it as - *in the work of the gospel*

•in - *eis* - with the primary idea of motion into any place or  
thing – see Phil 4:3 --- shared my struggle in *the*

*cause of the gospel*

like a child *serving his father*

•The Greek makes it plain that Paul said "as a son to a  
father," not "as a son with a father." Wuest

<sup>23</sup> Therefore I hope to send him immediately, as soon as I see how things *go* with me; <sup>24</sup> and I trust in the Lord that I myself also will be coming shortly.

- Looking at the Interlinear Greek of verses 23 and 24 we have the *men* [on the one hand] verses the *de* [on the other hand] construction.
  - <sup>23</sup> Therefore *men* [on the one hand] I hope to send this one immediately whenever I see how the things concerning me will go,
  - <sup>24</sup> but *de* [on the other hand] I have confidence in the Lord that I myself will come quickly indeed.
- edited Interlinear
- What would you say is the contrast presented in verses 23 and 24?

## Observation on the contrast in verses 23 and 24

- Paul's contrast is between what he hopes to do and what he has a settled confidence about
- I hope is *elpízō* – “to expect with desire” in the present tense – compare with v:19 “I hope in the Lord”
- In v: 23, Paul says he wants to “see how the things concerning me will go” then he will send Timothy
- Then Paul tells us in v: 24: I trust in the Lord that I myself will come quickly indeed - trust is perfect tense
- Paul believed that he would receive his freedom and would be able to return to Philippi fairly soon (cf. 1:25). However, he qualified his hope with the realization that justice does not always prevail in legal courts. Constable