

Philippians - Chapter 4:20-23 & Review

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Verse 18&19 Review

Verse 18 – Paul has received the gift sent to him by the Philippians. (provision for his physical needs)

Verse 19 – “And my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

What are needs?

1 Timothy 6:8

If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.

Verse 18&19 Review

Does verse 19 refer to our physical needs or our Spiritual needs?

- in context, Paul is talking about material supply for physical needs.

Is Philippians 4:19 a guarantee of physical supply for believers?

- No! Many Christians have starved to death or died of exposure.

God's "supply" is "according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Verse 18&19 Review

We can rest assured that God will provide our earthly needs as is necessary in order to accomplish His eternal purpose in us.

...conformed to the image of His Son...(Rom 8:29)

God will not fail to supply what you need for physical life as long as He intends for you to be on the earth.

Verse 20

Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Greek = “*the* glory”

The definite article is like a pointing finger.



It indicates something specific.

What glory? Which one? (The one Paul just mentioned.)

“... according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” (v19)

Verse 20

Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Isaiah 46:9

"Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; *I am* God, and there is no one like Me,

Verse 21-23

²¹ Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you. ²² All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household. ²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Verse 22

All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

Philippians 1:12-13

¹² Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, ¹³ so that my imprisonment in *the cause of Christ* has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else,

The word "palace" [KJV] refers in the Greek to the Praetorian Guard, composed of the soldiers of the imperial regiments whose barracks were at Rome.

- Wuest's Word Studies from the Greek New Testament

Verse 23

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Grace means that we are not dealt with according to what we deserve, but receive freely from God his unlimited love and blessing.

Philippians Review

Paul emphasizes *unity* throughout the letter.

- 7x “**you all**” (1:4; 1:7(2x); 1:8; 1:25; 2:17; 2:26)
 - So that...I will hear of you that you are standing firm in **one spirit**, with **one mind** (1:27)
 - make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, **united in spirit**, intent on one purpose. (2:2)
 - Do all things without grumbling or disputing (2:14)
 - I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in harmony in the Lord. (4:2)
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- Practical unity is very uncommon in local churches.
 - It can't be produced through programs and gimmicks.
 - It must be rooted in a growing realization of our union in Christ.

Philippians Review

- Paul emphasizes **joy** throughout this letter.
- Remember that Paul was in prison when he wrote this letter. His joy was not dependent on earthly circumstances. (4:11)
- Paul rejoiced in every earthly circumstance because he was focused on his heavenly citizenship. (3:20)
- Paul could rejoice:
 - Even when people thought to cause him harm (1:17-18)
 - Whether he lived or died (1:21; 2:17)
 - In the “loss of all things” (3:7-9)
 - In whatever circumstance (hungry or full, poor or rich) (4:11-12)
- Paul knew that nothing earthly could compare to the value of knowing Christ Jesus. (3:8)
- Therefore, he encourages us to “rejoice in the Lord” not earthly things. (3:1; 4:4; 3:19-20)