

## Introduction (Philippians 1:1-2)

### I. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 1:1)

#### A. He was \_\_\_\_\_ in Life to God (Php 1:1)

This Greek word here is “*doulos*.” It carries the idea of one who is \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of another.

**Matthew 26:39** And **He** went a little further, and fell on **His** face, and prayed, saying, “O **My Father**, if it be possible, let this cup pass from **Me**: nevertheless not as **I** will, but as **Thou wilt**.”

**Luke 6:46** And why call ye **Me**, **Lord**, **Lord**, and do not the things which **I** say?

**Matthew 12:18** Behold **My Servant**, whom **I** have chosen; **My** beloved, in whom **My** soul is well pleased:

#### B. He was \_\_\_\_\_ with His Life for God (Php 4:10-23)

Consider Paul's mindset of being content with the life that God had called him to live.

**1 Timothy 6:6** But Godliness with contentment is great gain.

The core of each of the fruit of the Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_, for without \_\_\_\_\_ you cannot love according to the fruit of the Spirit. This can be said about each of the fruit spoken of in Galatians 5:22-23.

Consider the aroma of contentment in Paul's life and it's great effect.

**Psalms 40:3** And **He** hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our **God**: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the **LORD**.

### II. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 1:1b-2)

#### A. \_\_\_\_\_ the Letter was \_\_\_\_\_ (Php 1:1b)

In Acts 16 we meet a few of the saints in the church at Philippi—Lydia; the demon possessed damsel; and the Jailer and his family

#### B. \_\_\_\_\_ the Letter \_\_\_\_\_—“Grace and Peace” (Php 1:2)

“*grace*” is \_\_\_\_\_ favor. It is that which causes joy, pleasure, and acceptance. This grace is the Divine \_\_\_\_\_ upon the heart and its \_\_\_\_\_ in the life.

“*Peace*” is the \_\_\_\_\_ grace being \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

**H. A. Ironside** – The epistle is a practical one. It has to do with our state rather than our standing; with responsibility rather than privilege; with communion rather than union. It is written to guide our feet while going through this world.

Cf. Romans 8:35-39

**Andrew Murray** – Rom 8:38-39 “*I am persuaded that neither death with its fears, nor life with its cares, nor things present with their pressing claims, nor things to come with their dark shadows, nor height of joy, nor depth of sorrow, nor any other element of creation, shall be able, for one single moment, to separate us from the love of God which is Christ Jesus our Lord, and in which He is teaching me to abide.*”

### Questions to help prepare for next Sunday's message:

1. What is Paul's attitude toward the Philippian church?
2. What was Paul's action toward the believers?
3. What does Paul mean when he says, “*ye all are partakers of my grace?*” (Php 1:7).
4. What was Paul's desire for the Philippian believers?