

Toward A Radical Unity

TRU-05 Unity: "One of ONE"

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

07/19/2026

PHIL 1:1-2 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

2) Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians is one of **PAUL'S PRISON LETTERS**. Each one works with, and leads to the others. When the LETTER is reviewed with these in mind a pattern can be found... beginning with a foundation of "**JOY**" and leading toward a goal of radical "**UNITY**."

JOY must be the foundation. Without the inward reality of **JOY** from the presence of the Holy Spirit, NONE of the others would be possible.

Because we have "**JOY**" we can "**Love**" unconditionally...

- We can practice "**HUMILITY**" toward others as we serve in the Body...
- We can "**SACRIFICE**" for the good of others in our service to the Lord...
- THIS will allow us to choose "**UNITY**" instead of self-interest / division / isolation / or strife.

UNITY: [**HENOTES**] – To be "**one of ONE**" - To join with others (another) to accomplish a goal - to adapt / adjust ones thinking or purpose to a common decision

1:3-7 "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel."

1:19 "for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance..."

1:25 "Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith..."

2:1-4 "So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

2:5-7 "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men."

2:17-18 Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.

¹⁸ Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me..."

2:19-20 "I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰ For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare..."

2:22 "But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel."

2:25 "I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need..."

2:30 "for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me."

3:15-16 “Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained.”

3:17 “Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.”

3:20-21 “But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.”

4:1 Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

4:2-3 I entreat Euodia, and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord.³ Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.”

4:8-9 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.”

4:10 “I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me.”

4:14-15 “Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble.¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.”

4:18 “I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent...”

4:21-22 “Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you.

²² All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar’s household.