

MON) November 18

Ch. 1 - From the first day until now

The Philippian church was the first church established in Europe around 51 AD during apostle Paul's second missionary journey. About ten years later, the apostle was imprisoned in Rome and wrote this letter to the beloved Philippian believers. Why did the apostle Paul give thanks whenever he thought of the Philippian believers and pray with joy when he prayed?

Ch. 2 - Have the mind of Christ Jesus in your heart

In this chapter, Paul urges Philippians to have the same mind in Jesus (v. 5) and to care for and serve others rather than seeking one's own benefit (vv. 3-4). This chapter introduces two people who live this kind of life.

1) Who is the person who sought the work of Christ Jesus and worked hard for the gospel?

2) Who is the person who served Christ without caring about his own life even to the point of death?

* If a church can be filled with such people, how blessed and full of grace it would be! I must become a person like Timothy and Epaphroditus.

Ch. 3 - Pressing toward the goal

In verse 15 of this chapter, Paul advises, "Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you." "Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I (.....) on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ... I (.....) on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Ch. 4 - Be of the same mind in the Lord

At the end of his letter, Paul brings up a difficult issue. It was a conflict between two women in the church. What does Paul ask of the two women, Euodia and Syntyche?

*Conflicts can occur in the church. However, if we that we should have the same mind as Christ Jesus, we can unite and become one.

TUE) November 19

Colossians 1 - To present everyone mature in Christ

The church in Colossae was not planted by Paul but by Epaphras, who heard the gospel while Paul was ministering in Ephesus and was converted there. Epaphras returned to Colossae to establish the church. Paul wrote this letter with joy and thanks after hearing the news of the church in Colossae. What was the ministry of Paul?

"Him we (.....), (.....) everyone and (.....) everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ."

Ch. 2 - Established in the faith, abounding in thanksgiving

In this chapter, Paul tells us how the saints should not fall into philosophy and empty deception (v. 8), legalism (v. 16), and mysticism (v. 18).

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the (.....), just as you were taught, abounding in (.....)."

Ch. 3 - Following Christ

Paul, who taught with doctrine in chapters 1-2, discusses practical matters in chapters 3-4. There are things to be put away and things to be put on for the saints who have been resurrected with Christ.

1) To put away (v. 8):

2) To put on (v. 12):

Ch. 4 Grace be with you

Since the church in Colossae was not planted by Paul, most of its saints were people he had never met. However, as the apostle concluded his letter, he called the names of the people there whom he had heard from Epaphras and greeted them intimately. Write the names of the co-workers whom the Paul greeted.

* Thank you for giving us the Life Church community where we can share love and grace.

WED) November 20

1 Thessalonians Ch. 1 - Remembering you in my prayers

The Thessalonian church was planted when Paul preached the gospel for about a month (three Sabbaths) during his second missionary journey (Acts 17:1-15). While praying for the church, Paul receives the news of the faith, love, and hope of the Thessalonian believers through Timothy (3:6). What were the three aspects of the faith of the believers that were revealed as fruit in their lives? (Vv. 2-3)

Ch. 2 - When receiving the Word of God

In this chapter, why does Paul thank God for the Thessalonian believers? (V. 13)

* Please grant me a humble heart that can hear the Word as the living Word of God, not as the words of men.

Ch. 3 - We are comforted by your faith

Paul, who suddenly left Thessalonica due to the opposition of Jews, felt as a parent who left young children without anyone to take care of them. Who did Paul send to the Thessalonian believers to strengthen their faith and to comfort them? (vv. 2, 6)

Ch. 4 - Therefore, comfort one another with these words.

The Thessalonian believers were worried that if they died before the Lord's Second Coming, they would be at a disadvantage compared to those who were alive at the Second Coming.

Paul comforts them by saying, "For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be (.....) the Lord."

Ch. 5 - God's will for you in Christ Jesus

Write three things about God's will for the saints in Christ Jesus. (This is not just advice, it is God's will.)

THU) November 21**2 Thessalonians Ch. 1 - God's righteous judgment**

Paul wrote 2 Thessalonians not long after writing 1 Thessalonians from the same place, Corinth. He tells the Thessalonian believers who endured much persecution and tribulation with patience and faith that God will repay them with justice. "This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— since indeed God considers it just to (.....) with affliction those who afflict you."

Ch. 2 - I pray that he will encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good work

The dangers that the first-century Thessalonian church faced are also serious challenges for us. They who opposed us would claim to be God (v. 4), and the lawless one is by the activity of Satan would deceive the saints (vv. 9-10). How can we overcome such deceptions? "So then, brothers, stand (.....) and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and (.....) them in every good work and word."

Ch. 3 - If you are not willing to work, neither should you eat

In the final exhortation, Paul addresses a problem that was already addressed in 1 Thessalonians but is still unresolved (1 Thessalonians 4:11; 5:14). This is a word directed at lazy people who say that the Lord's return is imminent but do nothing and live dependent on others.

- 1) 1 Thessalonians 4:11-
- 2) 1 Thessalonians 5:14-
- 3) 2 Thessalonians 3:10-

FRI) November 22**1 Timothy Ch. 1 - Fulfilling God's plan vs. making a defense**

This book is a personal letter from Paul to Timothy, his son in the faith. Timothy received this letter when he was ministering to the church in Ephesus, where Paul had worked hard for a long time. According to Paul, what does he say is "promoting speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith" in the church?

* One thing we must always be careful of in our religious life is the act of falling into discussions and wordplay (empty words) that are not based on the Bible, and teaching them.

Ch. 2 - Make supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving

The specific pastoral exhortation the apostle gives in this chapter is about prayer. Who does he tell us to pray for?

- 1) Verse 1:
- 2) Verse 2:

Ch. 3 - The Office of Bishops and Deacons

In this chapter, the apostle explains the principles and qualifications of the office of bishop and deacon in the church. A bishop can be understood as the same office as an elder and pastor. In this chapter, what does the apostle say it means for a person to obtain the office of bishop? (Verse 1)

Ch. 4. Devoting yourself to all these things

The Apostle Paul gives personal advice to his junior co-worker Timothy about the proper qualities of a pastor. "Let no one despise you for your youth, but (.....) the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public (.....) of Scripture, to (.....), to (.....)."

SAT) November 23**Ch. 5 - Elders who rule well are worthy of double honor**

This chapter teaches about the relationship between the saints and the pastor, the principle of caring for widows, and the issues regarding elders. It especially deals with cases where leaders are accused (vv. 17-25). When an leader is accused, it should not be accepted without two or three witnesses. However, if the accusation turns out to be true, it says to rebuke the elder in front of everyone. Why?

Ch. 6 - Contentment is great gain for godliness

What do the following statements mean in common?

- A root of all kinds of evil
- Departing from the faith by coveting these things
- Falling into temptations and snares and many foolish and harmful desires

2 Timothy Ch. 1 - Suffer for the gospel

2 Timothy shows the heart of the now old apostle, which is not seen in other epistles. During his long life for the gospel, the apostle had seen many people who once worked together for the gospel but later betrayed it. Now, the apostle explains to the young Timothy through his own experience how false people can be, and asks him to live a faithful life for the gospel. Write the names of the people who betrayed the gospel and the people who lived faithfully for the gospel in this chapter. (Vv. 15-18)

Ch. 2 - A worker who does not need to be ashamed, a man who is approved

The apostle continues to encourage Timothy, his son in the faith. In order for the gospel that was delivered through Paul to continue to be delivered, what are the three roles that Timothy must remember?(Vv. 3-6)

* Please grant me the grace to serve the Lord as a soldier who pleases only the Lord, as an athlete who competes with his eyes on the reward, and as a farmer who waits patiently for the fruit, while enduring suffering for the gospel and keeping the faith.