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The Things of Paul That You Have:

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- **SEEN**

DO!

The God of Peace shall be with you!
(Phil. 4:9)

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GREETINGS!

Here at GBCRM, our goal is to teach the whole Bible, rightly-divided in the light of Paul's distinct apostleship:

The whole Bible is FOR us, but Paul's Epistles are written especially TO and ABOUT US!

Here are some of the topics we have been covering in recent teaching:

THE FAITH/GIFT RIGHTEOUSNESS OF PAUL

Israel's Prophetic Program as revealed in the Old Testament, Gospel Accounts and the Ministry of Peter and the 12, especially displayed the Righteousness of God in saving His friends (Israel and those Gentiles associated with her) and destroying His enemies. Paul's, however, especially reveals the Righteousness of God in SAVING His enemies because He has no friends! [LISTEN HERE FOR PART 1](#)

THE FALLICIES OF THE LAW

There is much misunderstanding about the Mosaic Law. Most teach that it is God's desired way for dealing with the Nation of Israel. But it is not. Israel entered into the Law in rebellion against God, rejecting the Grace resident in His Jehovah Name. God wanted to do everything for them. But they wanted to do everything themselves. Because of that rebellious act, Israel spent most of the next 1500 years under the curses of that Law. [LISTEN HERE FOR PART 1](#)

In this issue of the Newsletter:

We will be continuing our series on the "HOW-TO" FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING with regard to PRAYER. To follow Paul in godly prayer, we must learn:

1. What did Paul Pray ABOUT?
2. What did Paul Pray FOR?

Following Paul In Prayer

Following Paul In Prayer (Phil. 1:1-11)

We have been doing a series called the “How To” of Christian living. In the last issue we focused our attention on one of the most important components of Christian Living, Prayer. Recently, the Bible App released its verse of the year, the verse that had been shared, bookmarked, and highlighted by over 400 million users, and that verse was Phil. 4:6:

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

With the promise that when this is done, it leads to Phil. 4:7:

And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

I have been in a lot of prayer meetings, and for the most part they have been anything but thankful, joyful or peaceful. Instead, they were characterized by ingratitude, disappointment, and despair. I heard people pleading with God, asking: “Why are You doing this to me?” “What did I do to deserve this?” “What are You trying to teach me?” “Why haven’t You removed my trial?” “Why haven’t You solved my problem yet?” And this leads to them wondering: “Perhaps God has withdrawn His blessings from me.” “Perhaps He is withholding His love from me.” “Perhaps He is punishing me.” And this can quickly advance to thinking: “I must not have enough faith.” “Or perhaps I have lost my salvation.”

“Or maybe I was never saved to begin with.” And then it is only a short step to thinking, even if only in their heart of hearts, if perhaps the problem isn’t with them but with God! “Maybe He is unfair.”

“Maybe He is unfaithful in keeping His promises.” Or, “Maybe He is just not powerful enough to carry them out.” And such reasoning, when it reaches its logical end, may conclude: “Who needs a God like that?” And I know many people who have come to just such a conclusion.

Of course, in a rich nation like the USA, it is easy for Christians to pretend to thank God for the alleviation of their problems when it is really the US economic system that they are thankful for, a system that has (so far at least) provided relative prosperity for most of its citizens. By any measure the people of the United States, even the poorest among us, are richer in material and physical things than most people have ever been in the history of the world. It is easy for relatively rich Christians to ignore the fact that over the past 2,000 years, most of the world’s Christians have gone to bed hungry and many of them have starved to death, most have had inadequate shelter, little health care, and poor-paying back-breaking jobs. In fact, believers get sick, get well and die at the same rate as unbelievers.

To ignore these facts and to persist in saying otherwise isn’t true “faith” and doesn’t enhance God’s Glory. It is superstition, and it detracts from God’s Glory. It calls into question His faithfulness and power. It calls into question His very Being. To explain this real world fact away

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by saying things like: “God works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform” (Poet William Cowper), as if God’s ways cannot be known, let alone understood, by mere mortals, only makes Christians look even more foolish. This may be true for those who follow the pagan “gods,” but it is certainly not true for those who follow the one true God! Contrary to this poem and such thinking in general, God says His ways for today are knowable because He has revealed them to and through the Apostle Paul: **This grace given, that I (Paul) should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see (know) what is the fellowship of the Mystery (Eph. 3:8-9)!** Today, for a believer to not know what God is doing is not *inevitable*, it is *INEXCUSABLE!* So, who are we going to believe? William Cowper and his poem? Or God and His writings of Paul?

What Is God Doing Today?

So, if God isn’t doing what most of Christianity says He is doing today, well, what is He doing? To answer this question, we must notice a verse that didn’t make the Bible App’s verses of the year list, although it should have been at the very top, and would have been if historic Christianity had been doing its God-given job. While Phil. 4:6-7 tells the believers what to do, Phil. 4:8-9 tells them “How To” actually do it! It provides the key to every aspect of Christian living, including prayer! For in them, we find what we ought to pray about and ask for. In them we find the way to anxiety-free living with the peace of God, which does pass all understanding, guarding our hearts and

minds through Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever *things* are true, whatsoever *things* are honest, whatsoever *things* are just, whatsoever *things* are pure, whatsoever *things* are lovely, whatsoever *things* are of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these *things*. (Phil. 4:8)

In these verses, Paul begins to conclude his letter to the Philippians, in which he has dealt with every aspect of victorious Christian living. Remember, Paul

wrote this letter from a jail cell: imprisoned, chained, shackled, suffering unjustly and experiencing circumstances that could easily have led to ingratitude, disappointment and despair. But instead of complaining and questioning God, He wrote this beautiful letter of thankfulness and joy, peace and love.

Finally, brethren: from henceforth, from now on, beginning today, starting right now, brethren, think about the things that are true and honest, just and pure, lovely and of good report, virtuous and praiseworthy in God’s sight. “These things” are what God wants to talk to us about, and “these things” are what He wants us to talk to Him about--the things we should pray about and ask for. “These things” should occupy every facet of our Christian lives, including our prayer life. But what are “these things?” Just any old things that come to mind? The best things of humanity? The Arts? The Sciences? The best of human culture? We don’t need to wonder. God tells us **exactly** what “these things” are in the very next verse.

Those *things*, which ye have both

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learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me (Paul), do: and the God of peace shall be with you. (Phil. 4:9)

Yes, THOSE THINGS! The things we have learned and received, seen and heard from the Apostle Paul. Could God and Paul have been any clearer? This is how Paul put it in Rom. 16:25:

Now to Him that is of power to establish you according to my (Paul's) Gospel, and the Preaching of Jesus Christ according to the Revelation of the Mystery, which was kept secret since the world began BUT NOW (through Paul's Apostleship) is made manifest by the Prophetic Scriptures (of Paul), according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for obedience of faith.

To know what God is doing today, we must know the things found in the Mystery Revelation God gave to Paul. That is where we will find the true and lovely and honest things of God for today. And it is in those things that believers experience the peace of God that guards their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

When we think on the things we find in Paul's writings—when we read them and study them and meditate on them; when we embrace them and hold them dear—then we will talk with God about them and make our requests to God based on them, then, and only then, can we be **careful for nothing**, living anxiety-free lives. Then, and only then, can we experience His peace. For

in them Paul explains that going through trials and tribulations is not a sign that God is against us, or a sign that He has withdrawn His blessings and love from us. Nor does it mean that He is unfaithful or powerless.

It means that in accord with the Revelation of the Mystery God gave to Paul, today God is not yet implementing the “fix” to the world's problems that Christ procured at the Cross. One day He will return in His wrath and judgment to “fix” the world's problems by destroying His enemies, especially the Gentiles. **BUT NOW**, today, in accord with the distinct Apostleship of Paul, God is holding back His wrath and judgement a little while longer and is instead offering His grace and peace to His enemies, especially the Gentiles.

Once we understand Paul's distinct apostleship, we won't look for the love and peace of God in our circumstances. We will look for it in the true and lovely things God did for us on the Cross of Christ as revealed in Paul's

TODAY, GOD'S THINGS ARE FOUND IN THE PREACHING OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO THE REVELATION OF THE MYSTERY (Rom. 16:25; Eph. 3).

Gospel. We will look at what He has made us to be in Christ. We will appreciate how He has given us ALL spiritual blessings in heavenly places and has made us His inheritance in Christ. And we will ask for the pure and virtuous life “these things” produce. It is “these things” that God wants us to talk to Him about, and it is based on “these things” that our requests should be made to God. In other words, prayer isn't our way to get God involved in our things. Prayer is God's way to get us involved in His things, and **THOSE THINGS** are made known through the ministry of Paul.

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What Paul Prayed ABOUT: (Phil. 1:1-8)

Like Paul, the Philippians were undergoing severe persecution and suffering. If he prayed the way most Christians pray today, he would have prayed for his and the Philippians' material well-being and physical prosperity. He would have wondered why God was doing this to himself and them. But he doesn't do any of these things. Let's follow him in prayer and see what Paul actually prays about and asks for.

Philippians 1:1-2:

Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

First, Paul reminds his readers where they are in the plan and purpose of God. They are participants in his new and distinct apostleship, whereby God is now sending out His Grace and Peace to the world in accord with Paul's Grace Apostleship (thus called the Dispensation of Grace), giving His enemies a

WHAT PAUL PRAYED ABOUT:

#1: Believers must appreciate where they fit into God's Purpose. Today they belong to the distinct Mystery Program being accomplished through Paul's Apostleship in offering Grace and Peace to His enemies rather than Wrath and Judgment.

Day of Grace in which to be saved before He comes back to give them a Day of Wrath in which to be destroyed.

Philippians 1:3-4

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every

prayer of mine for you all making request with joy.

Even though both Paul and the Philippians were experiencing extensive physical and material suffering, his prayers never sank into ingratitude, disappointment or despair but always rose up into thankfulness, peace and joy because of the superabounding spiritual riches he and the Philippians had in Christ. Riches that no one could take away. No one and nothing in the physical realm! No one and nothing in the spiritual realm! Not even God Himself can separate believers from the love of Christ (Rom. 8:31-39)!

Even though Paul was being held in a jail cell, arms chained, legs shackled, wrongly suffering many physical, emotional and mental strains, his joy kept on growing. In other passages we learn that he had been whipped with 39 lashes five times, beaten with rods three times, and stoned to death once. He had gone through perils of the water and perils of robbers; perils at the hands of his own countrymen and at the hands of the heathen; perils of the city and perils of the wilderness; perils everywhere! He had been weary and pained, hungry and naked, and ill often.

Yet through all of this he gloried in his weaknesses, because in his weaknesses God displayed His power (2 Cor. 11:23-33).

WHAT PAUL PRAYED ABOUT:

#2: Rejoicing is not the result of believers being delivered from adversity. It is the result of being delivered through adversity. When Paul was weak in himself, then he was strong in the Lord.

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Philippians 1:5-7

For your fellowship in (furthering/advancing) **the gospel** (Paul's Gospel) **from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that He which has begun a good work in you will perform it until the Day of Jesus Christ. Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defense and confirmation** (establishment/unwavering steadfastness) **of the Gospel** (Paul's Gospel), **ye all are partakers** (active partners) **of my** (Paul's) **Grace.**

Of all the things Paul could have talked to God about regarding the Philippians, the most important was their Fellowship in the Gospel, Paul's Gospel. Of course, this is just another way of talking about the Fellowship of the Mystery and Paul's God-given ministry **to make all men see what is the Fellowship of the Mystery** (Eph. 3:9) ... **Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints ... that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the Mystery of the Gospel** (Eph. 6:18-20).

While Paul's confidence in fellow believers may waver, and while the circumstances of his life changed often, usually for the worse, his confidence that God would complete the work He began through his apostleship never wavered, not for an instant. He was 100% confident that God would complete His Mystery Program, keeping all the members of the Body of Christ until the Day of Christ, at which time He will call home His "ambassadors" through the Rapture to be

with Him forevermore in the heavenlies.

The most important thing that Paul prays about and asks for is that believers would not only believe the Gospel of Grace initially (as important as that is!) but to go on and live their lives in the light of the Fellowship of Paul's Mystery Truth: embracing it, appreciating it, partaking in it, and advancing it throughout the whole world. For in doing this, believers join God in His work for today, strengthened by the knowledge that the trials we face are not reasons to question ourselves or God. They are the very reason God has left believers here. Believers are to be extenders of His Grace and Peace to a lost and sin-cursed world, suffering under adverse conditions. Understanding this is the only basis for joyful prayer in thankfulness.

When believers discard Paul's distinctive apostleship, they discard the basis for divine thankfulness and joy. When believers replace God's Mystery Truth and its Gospel of Grace with human philosophy or worldly wisdom or fleshly desires or even the non-Pauline Scriptures that have to do with God's Prophetic Program for Israel with its Gospel of the Kingdom by *wrongly dividing the Bible*, the result will always be the same: Ingratitude, disappointment and despair, never thankfulness, peace and joy.

WHAT PAUL PRAYED ABOUT:

#3: *The only way to walk in a way that pleases God today and that leads to a thankful and joyful prayer life comes through a walk that participates in the Fellowship of the Mystery with its Gospel of Grace, Paul's Gospel.*

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What Paul Prayed FOR: (Phil. 1:8-11)

Philippians 1:8-11

For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ. And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the Day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ unto the glory and praise of God.

Up to this point, Paul has been primarily revealing what he prays *about*: The Fellowship of the Gospel in the Context of the Mystery. Now he goes on to reveal what he prays *for*. To those who have rejected Paul's distinct and unique apostleship, his prayer requests seem unimportant and of little significance. But to those, who like the Philippians, are thinking and operating in accord with Paul's Mystery Truth, believing it, embracing it, partaking in it, and advancing it, Paul's prayer requests mean everything in the world, no, the universe.

1. That their love (agape) would super-abound in the full-knowledge (epignosis) and all judgment.

It is common to hear Christians say foolish things like: "We don't need doctrine and knowledge. We just need love." But what they miss is that love flows out of knowledge. To throw away knowledge is to throw away love. Paul uses the Greek word "epignosis" here, which means advanced or full-knowledge. He uses this word 20 times, and of those the vast majority are in the context of Paul's Mystery Truth.

In Colossians Paul desires that they be filled with the full-knowledge of His will, and that they increase in the full-knowledge of God (Col. 1:9-10). But how were they to do that? By recognizing all that Christ is and all that He has done for believers (Col. 1:11-24). And where do we learn that? By understanding that Paul is the steward of God's Dispensation of Grace, which had been hid from the ages and generations, BUT NOW is made manifest to the saints through Paul's epistles. Through Paul's Mystery Truth, God is today dispensing the Riches of His Glory to the world, especially the Gentiles (Col. 1:25-27). In short, successful, victorious Christian living, knit together in love, will only come to the Colossians (and all believers since!) **by the full-knowledge** (epignosis—acknowledgement) **of the Mystery of God and of the Father and of Christ** (Col. 2:2).

To throw away Paul's distinct apostleship is to throw away God's Mystery Truth. And to throw away God's Mystery Truth is to throw away the basis of all Christian living, including prayer. Paul's concern isn't that they have more love in general, but that they have more love of a specific kind. The kind of Love that comes from the Full-Knowledge and ALL-perceiving understanding of God's Mystery Truth given to Paul for The Body of Christ. This is Paul's first prayer request. Is it yours?

WHAT PAUL PRAYED FOR:

#1 *That they would grow in the Agape Love that comes from the Full-Knowledge of the Mystery Truth for the Body of Christ, discerning it from the Prophetic Truth for the Nation of Israel.*

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2. Once believers are growing in the Love that comes from Paul's Mystery Truth, they will be able **to approve the things that are excellent.**

The Greek reads: **that you approve the things that differ.** This is Paul's second prayer request. Of course, the "things that differ" are the things "that are more excellent," the things that come from an understanding of Paul's Apostleship, which distinguishes between the Nation of Israel's Earthly Prophetic Program and the Body of Christ's Heavenly Mystery Program. For God to fulfill His plan for the Nation of Israel in displaying His Glory on earth, Israel not only needed spiritual blessings but physical and material blessings as well. For God to fulfill His plan for the Body of Christ in displaying His Glory in the spiritual realm in the heavenlies, however, only spiritual blessings are needed. To that end, God infinitely multiplies His provision of spiritual blessings for the Body of Christ, equipping believers with **ALL spiritual blessings in heavenly places** (Eph. 1:3).

It is only by distinguishing between these two divinely given programs that believers will be able to remain sincere and unmixed, pure and perfect, stable and unwavering, until the day Christ comes for His Body. To say it another way, believers must rightly divide the Bible in order to be workers approved by God. This is Paul's second prayer request. Is it yours?

WHAT PAUL PRAYED FOR:

#2 *That they would discern, rightly-divide, the things that are more excellent. The things that God is accomplishing today through the Apostle Paul.*

3. It is only by growing in the "Full-Knowledge Love" of "these things," which come from the spiritual blessings dispensed from Paul's Mystery Truth as discerned through the Word rightly-divided, that the fruits of righteousness will be produced by the Spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness faith, meekness, and temperance (Gal. 5:22-23). And when these appear, God is praised and His Glory is displayed. That is Paul's third prayer request. Is it yours?

WHAT PAUL PRAYED FOR:

#3 *That this growth in the Love that the Full-Knowledge of Paul's Apostleship brings, and that discerns the things that are important to God today, would display the Fruits of Righteousness, which are the only things that bring Glory and Praise to God.*

UNDERSTANDING THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING!

When we pray the way Paul prayed, it accomplishes the very opposite of what historic Christianity says prayer accomplishes. Historic Christianity appeals to the believer's flesh by teaching that prayer is the way believers get God to do what they want, removing their problems and giving them more physical and material blessings. When we follow Paul, however, we learn that prayer is really God's way of getting believers to do what He wants in the midst of their problems, freely giving them ALL spiritual blessings in heavenly places, which empowers

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them to extend His Mercy, Grace and Peace to a suffering world.

Historic Christianity only offers believers a human, worldly, fleshly viewpoint. But Paul gives believers the divine viewpoint, God's viewpoint. And this changes everything.

But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which have happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the Gospel ... (Phil. 1:12).

What an amazing statement. Do you hear the surprise and joy in Paul's voice? Paul explains something that the Philippians wouldn't understand naturally. It is supernaturally understood. God didn't maximize Paul's ministry by delivering him *from* his problems, trials and tribulations! God maximized Paul's ministry by powerfully delivering him *through* his problems, trials and tribulations!

Of course, a fleshly Christianity, using only natural thinking and worldly wisdom, can only think that God must remove the believer's problems before he or she can serve Him best. But Paul says quite the opposite. Paul's ministry was maximized by God working powerfully not by removing Paul's problems, but by empowering him to go through those problems, extending His grace and peace to everyone he encounters along the way!

But you have carefully followed my (Paul's) doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happen to me (Paul) at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered

me. Yes, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution (2 Tim. 3:10-12).

Notice, Paul *endured* the troubles. He never questioned his doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith or God. He never wavered in his longsuffering love or patience that God produced in and through him. Paul told the Philippians that as long as Christ was preached, and their prayers were in line with his Mystery Truth, the power of the Holy Spirit would be at work in his life, regardless of the circumstances or difficulties, causing him to rejoice because he knew this would "save" or deliver him. But what was Paul saved or delivered from? Certainly, he was not talking about salvation unto eternal life here. Nor was he talking about being delivered from prison and his physical sufferings.

According to Paul, when the Philippians prayed on behalf of Paul in accord with the things that were important to God (Mystery Truth with its infinite array of spiritual blessings) and not in accord with what was important to their flesh (physical and material blessings), and when the Holy Spirit worked in his life, he would be saved or delivered from doing anything in the body that might bring shame on him, his ministry or God.

Through the encouragement of the Philippian's Pauline prayer, together with the Holy Spirit working in Paul, God's power would be released, producing longsuffering endurance that would save him from doing anything that might diminish his boldness in preaching Christ according to the Revelation of the Mystery (Phil. 1:18-21).

That is the way God is working today. Your flesh won't like it. But the Spirit re-

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joices in it, even in trials and tribulations. This is the only thing that can alleviate anxiety and worry. This is the only way the peace of God can guard our hearts and minds in Christ (Phil. 4:6-7).

WHAT ABOUT PHYSICAL AND MATERIAL BLESS- INGS?

So, where does that leave physical and material blessings? As mentioned earlier, Paul is not a glutton for punishment. He is not one of fleshly Christianity's willful martyrs. He doesn't enjoy suffering. He never sought it out or encouraged it. But when suffering came along, and it often did for Paul, his love, joy, peace and faith never wavered because he recognized that God worked most powerfully in weakness. His sufferings brought him into contact with fallen humanity's suffering. He didn't hide himself away under colored vestments or in stained-glass cathedrals. No, he suffered, and in that suffering he touched the suffering of others in love and in that touch of love the Holy Spirit ignited the power of God, which dispensed His Grace and Peace to His enemies. That is what God is doing today. That is what pleases God today. That is what God wants us to do today

While God is not supplying physical and material blessings today, fellow believers oftentimes do. Occasionally, Paul's followers provided him with financial resources and material gifts. Sometimes he accepted them (as with the Philippians) and sometimes he didn't (as with the Corinthians), but when given out of the right motive, he always appreciated them. This was one of the ways his co-workers helped

in what God was accomplishing through his apostleship. They had embraced Paul's Gospel of Grace and the Mystery Truth he proclaimed, and desired to support it by sending him a gift to assist him with material and physical things. While Paul was thankful for this, he also wanted to make sure they understood something very important:

But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever *state* I am, *therewith* to be content. I know both *how* to be abased, and I know *how* to abound: everywhere and in all *things* I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all *things* through Christ which strengthens me. Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction ... (Phil. 4:10-18).

The Philippians needed to understand that while Paul appreciated their material gift, it was not essential for the advancement of his ministry and service to God. All that was required for that was the spiritual blessings that came to him as a result of his relationship with Christ. The spiritual blessings that belonged to Paul in Christ is what strengthened—enabled, empowered--him to carry out his ministry (Phil 4:13), not physical and material blessings.

The success of his ministry didn't depend on having or not having money. It didn't depend on having or not having adequate clothing. Or having or not having food or drink. He could serve God when he was free or in prison. He could serve God when he

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was healthy or sick. None of that mattered. All that mattered was the riches of God's Glory available to Paul in Christ. In fact, and ironically, what Paul discovered was that contrary to all human wisdom, his ministry actually advanced more powerfully during the bad times than it did during the good. And since God's things were more important to him than man's things, he could Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I SAY, REJOICE (Phil. 4:4)!

Notice, Paul didn't rejoice because of the physical gift he received from the Philippians, although he was thankful for it. He rejoiced *in the Lord* because their physical gift indicated that they had embraced his teachings--God's Truth for the Body of Christ--thereby allowing the Holy Spirit to work in and through them to produce the fruits of righteousness, epitomized in the Fruit of the Spirit (Phil. 1:11, 4:17): Love, faith and peace; longsuffering, gentleness, goodness; faith, meekness, temperance (Gal. 5:22-23). They had ceased to consider their own things and considered the things of others unto the advancement of Paul's mystery Truth and its Gospel: God's things for today. And when that happened it was the result of **faith which worketh by love** (Gal. 5:6)! Such service always pleases God, and is the characteristic of a ministry that is maxed out to the full.

Paul had learned that God's Grace was sufficient for anything that came up in his life. He learned that his strength was made perfect in weakness. He learned to boast in his infirmities, so that the power of Christ might rest upon him (2 Cor. 12:9). This is what we have learned and received, heard and seen, in Paul. Now we must let God replace out human, worldly, fleshly things with His divine things, mak-

ing them our own, , DOING them (Phil. 4:9)!!

What Paul appreciated, and what the Philippians and all believers since should appreciate, is that today God is not supplying physical deliverance *from* earthly trials and tribulations. Rather, out of the Riches of His Glory in Christ Jesus, the Riches of His Long-suffering Goodness, the Riches of His Grace, He is supplying spiritual deliverance *through* earthly trials and tribulations. This is a perfect and complete provision for the Body of Christ, whose purpose is to display God's Glory especially in the spiritual, heavenly realm (Eph. 2:1-10) in accord with God's Mystery Program revealed to and through the Grace Apostleship of Paul (Eph. 3).

But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Now unto God and our Father *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen

(Phil. 4:19-20).

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1. 1 Cor. 1:23

2. Rom. 16:25

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