

# Paul's Epistle to the Philippians

## Study Notes

### Introduction to Epistle

When and where written

- ❖ Paul writes while in prison, probably in Rome.
- ❖ Written about 10 years after Paul's visit

Special Notes

- ❖ There is not any condemnation of the Church in this letter by Paul.
- ❖ Extraordinary Faithfulness of the Church, Phil 1:5 fellowship in Gospel from 1st day till then.
- ❖ Great Lesson in Encouragement and Joy

Establishment of the Church at Philippi

Acts 16, Paul & Silas likely visit Philippi for the first time.

- ❖ His trip was in answer to the "Macedonian Call". The Holy Spirit instructed him through a vision to go to Macedonia.

### Theme:

Phil 2:5, Let this mind (Thought) be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

### Common "Thoughts" of Philippians

1:3-18, Paul's Thoughts for them (Greatly Appreciated)

1:19-26, Paul's Thoughts of his Circumstances (Ready to go or stay)

Exhortations of Paul

1:27-2:1-11, Same Thought as Jesus (Humility)

2:12-13, Independent Thought (Personal Accountability)

2:14-18, Encouraging Thought (not murmuring and disputing)

2:19-3:21, Christian Doctrine Thought (not Judaizer)

4:1-19, Joyful Thoughts and Thoughts of Virtues (not anxious)

## Words of “Thought” In Philippians

Mind – phroneō – G5426, v, 29x

fron-eh'-o

- ❖ Strong's, From G5424; **to exercise the mind**, that is, entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication to be (mentally) disposed (more or less earnestly in a certain direction); intensively to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): - set the affection on, (be) care (-ful), (be) like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this mind (-ed, regard, savor, think.3x not by Paul
- ❖ 11x in Philippians
- ❖ 10x romans
- ❖ 2 or less in others

Mind – noēma – G3540, nn, 6x

no'-ay-mah

- ❖ Strong's, From G3539; a perception, that is, purpose, or (by implication) **the intellect, disposition**, itself: - device, **mind, thought**.
- ❖ 1x in Philippians

Like minded – isopsuchos – G2473, adj, 1x

ee-sop'-soo-khos

- ❖ Strong's, From G2470 and G5590; of **similar spirit**: - likeminded.

Count – logizomai – G3049, v, 41x

log-id'-zom-ahee

- ❖ Strong's, Middle voice from G3056; **to take an inventory, that is, estimate** (literally or figuratively): - conclude, (ac-) count (of), + despise, esteem, impute, lay, number, reason, reckon, suppose, think (on).
- ❖ 2x in Philippians

Count – hēgeomai – G2233, v, 28x

hayg-eh'-om-ahee

- ❖ Strong's, Middle voice of a (presumed) strengthened form of G71; **to lead, that is, command** (with official authority); **figuratively to deem, that is, consider**: - account, (be) chief, count, esteem, governor, judge, have the rule over, suppose, think.
- ❖ 6x in Philippians

Careful – merimnaō – G3309, v, 19x

mer-im-nah'-o

- ❖ Strong's, From G3308; **to be anxious about**: - (be, have) care (-ful), **take thought**.
- ❖ 2x in Philippians

## Summary of Uses

- ❖ Phil 1:7, Even as it is meet for me to **think (G5426)** this of you all,...
- ❖ Phil 2:2, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be **likeminded (G5426)**, having the same love, being of one accord, of one **mind (G5426)**.
- ❖ Php 2:3, Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each **esteem (G2233)** other better than themselves. Phil 2:5, Let this **mind (G5426)** be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
- ❖ Phil 2:6, **thought (G2233)** it not robbery to be equal with God:
- ❖ Phil 2:20, For I have no man **likeminded (G2473)**, who will naturally **care (G3309)** for your state.
- ❖ Phil 2:25, Yet **I supposed (G2233)** it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labor, and fellow soldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.
- ❖ Php 3:7-8, But what things were gain to me, those **I counted (G2233)** loss for Christ.<sup>8</sup> Yea doubtless, and **I count (G2233)** all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and **do count (G2233)** them but dung, that I may win Christ,
- ❖ Phil 3:13, Brethren, **I count (G3049)** not myself to have apprehended:
- ❖ Phil 3:15-16 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus **minded (G5426)**: and if in anything ye be otherwise **minded (G5426)**, God shall reveal even this unto you.<sup>16</sup> Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us **mind (G5426)** the same thing.
- ❖ Phil 3:19, Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who **mind (G5426)** earthly things.
- ❖ Phil 4:2, I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same **mind (G5426)** in the Lord.
- ❖ Phil 4:6, **Be careful (G3309)** for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
- ❖ Phil 4:7, And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and **minds (G3540)** through Christ Jesus.
- ❖ Phil 4:8, **Think (G3049)** on these things (of Virtues)
- ❖ Phil 4:10, But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also **careful (G5426)**, but ye lacked opportunity.

## Outline

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