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
1:27-2:11, 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. 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. 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.
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