

The Lord Is Near
Philippians 4:5-23
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Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 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. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. 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. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Main Idea: The Lord is Near...

Psalm 145:18

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Matthew 28:20

...And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Hebrews 13:5

...for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you.

James 5:8

You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Revelation 3:11 & Revelation 22:12

I am coming soon.

I. The Lord is Near...He is Close By and He is Coming Soon

II. The Lord is Near...changes our anxiety to peace in the one who is near.

III. The Lord is Near...changes our focus to think and to practice the things of the one who is near

IV. The Lord is Near...changes our contentment to be satisfied in the one who is near

V. The Lord is Near...changes our generosity to partner in the mission of the one who is near

Philippians 1:29-30

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

VI. The Lord is Near...changes our fellowship to a common hope and joy in the one who is near