

PHILIPPIANS



JOY IN
CHRIST

Paul's Thanks for Their Gifts Philippians 4:15-20

¹⁵As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then traveled on from Macedonia. No other church did this. ¹⁶Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once. ¹⁷I don't say this because I want a gift from you. Rather, I want you to receive a reward for your kindness. ¹⁸At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. ²⁰Now all glory to God our Father forever and ever! Amen.

Philippians 4:15-20 NLT

1. The Philippian Church was a church that thought outside of its four walls. To belong to the Body of Christ is to function this way. As a member of the body of Christ and a part of His Church, do you think outside of this building? Is that evident by how you serve and give?
Philippians 1:7; Philippians 4:15-18; Philippians 1:19; Philippians 2:25
2. Paul told the Philippian church that he had all he needed and more! He was generously supplied. In other words, telling them they had given him more than enough. Indicating that the church at Philippi were generous stewards for the sake of the gospel. Are you a generous steward for the Kingdom of God with the resources that God has given you?
3. Paul reminds the church at Philippi that an investment in God's Kingdom has rewards beyond this life. Jesus says something similar in the Sermon on the Mount, that we should store up treasure in heaven. What does how you spend your time and how you spend your money say about where your treasures are stored? Are you adding to your account?
Matthew 6:19-21; Matthew 12:36-37; Revelation 20:12; 1 Corinthians 4:5

4. Paul says that giving of our time and resources for the Kingdom is a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God. This type of giving is not a financial transaction but an act of spiritual worship. What does your giving of time and resources say about your worship? Where is God challenging you to sacrifice?
Romans 12:1

5. Paul tells the Philippian Church that God...will supply all your needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. Reminding us that God is more than enough to satisfy all of our needs. Are you satisfied in Christ? Does your life give evidence of this satisfaction? Where do you seek satisfaction outside of Christ?
Psalm 90; Colossians 3

All Glory Be To Christ

**Should nothing of our efforts stand, No legacy survive,
Unless the Lord does raise the house, In vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, Tell me, what is your life?
A mist, it vanishes at dawn, All glory be to Christ!**

**All glory be to Christ our King,
All glory be to Christ.
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!**

**His will be done, His kingdom come, On earth as is above.
Who is Himself our daily bread, Praise Him the Lord of love.
Let living waters satisfy The thirsty without price.
Come eat of Him, our Living Bread, All glory be to Christ!**

**All glory be to Christ our King,
All glory be to Christ.
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!**

**When on the day, the great I Am, The Faithful and the True,
The Lamb who was for sinner's slain, Is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us, And be our Steadfast Light,
And we shall e'er His people be, All glory be to Christ!**

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