

Text: Phil 4.1-23

Now we come to chapter 4 in our fast “quizzing study” of Philippians. I am not sure what to do next, we had started to talk about the Prison Epistles when we decided to do quizzing over Philippians.

Philippians is the last of the Prison Epistles. I am thinking about going back to Ephesians, then Colossians / Philemon, then coming back to Philippians. However, these plans are not set in stone, I’ll have to think about what we want to do for our Wednesday nights going forward.

Tonight it is Philippians 4 “lightning round” ... !!

I am setting up our study sheet with summary “bullet points” as we talk through our chapter.

I. Closing instructions (1-9)

- Basis of the closing instructions (“therefore”) = Phil 3.20-21
- Stand firm in the Lord – central command for these closing instructions
- Harmony – illustration of standing firm in the Lord – “Euodia and Syntyche” (2-3)

Key facts:

1. Co-workers
 2. Definitely believers “names in the book of life”
 3. Conflict
- Instructions for standing firm (in harmony) (4-9)
 1. Rejoice in the Lord (4)
 2. Deliberate gentleness (5)
 3. Purposeful peace (6-7): replace anxiety with prayer
 4. Spiritual focus (8)
 5. Apostolic imitation (9)

II. Closing thanksgiving testimony (10-19)

- Gratitude for gift (10)
- Personal contentment (11-12)
- Power for contentment (13)
- Commendation of generosity (14-16)
- Benefit of generosity: spiritual profit (17)
- Blessing of generosity (18)

- Fruit of generosity: divine provision (19)

III. Closing benediction (20-23)

- Praise to God (20)
- Personal greetings (21-22)
- Benediction (23)