

Lecture 28 – Philippians: Outline & Flow of Thought

“In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” Philippians 1:4-5

Key Terms

Exhortation, examples, warning; steadfastness in suffering; humility; legalism & antinomianism; partnership

Objectives

- *Reproduce the chart with the chiastic outline of Philippians.
- *Reproduce the flow of thought of Philippians.
- *Explain what Paul means with ‘partnership.’

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I. Structure of Philippians

Exhortation		Examples		Warnings	
1:27-30	2:1-18	2:19-24	2:25-30	3:1-16	3:17-4:1
a	b	b _x	a _x	b'	a'

- a steadfastness in suffering
- a' man-centered antinomianism
- a_x Epaphroditus
- b humility
- b_x Timothy
- b' man-centered legalism
- a, b, b_x, a_x Christ-centered

Double chiasm

Hold fast in suffering; seek the purpose of God in that situation.

The way to godliness is humility of service.

Mirroring effect

II. Flow of Thought

A. Philippians 1:4-6 Partnership

Paul is willing to do whatever it takes to bridge the gap.

B. Philippians 1:3-26 Partnership in the Gospel

Phil. 1:3-6 Thanks for partnership in the Gospel

Phil. 1:7-8 Partnership in suffering

Phil. 1:9-11 Paul prays for the Philippians

Phil. 1:19-26 The Philippians encouraged to pray for Paul

Phil.1:12-18 The Gospel advances despite adversity.

III. Purpose of Philippians: Partnership in the Gospel

Need to be partners in the Gospel and partners against the common enemy