

The letter to the PHILIPPIANS

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Do not be ^aproud

¹ You ^bbelong to *Christ and He makes your ^cfaith strong. You love the other ^dbelievers and you help each other. You all have the ^eHoly_Spirit in your hearts and that is why you belong to each other. You are worried about each other and you ^fcare for each other. ² That is why I ^grejoice. But you must make me ^heven happier. You must think the same things, you must have the same love in your hearts, you must ⁱdesire the same things and you must want to do the same things. ³ When you do something, don't do it because you are ^jselfish or because you want to

^a**proud:** to think that you are better than other people.

^b**belong:** to be the people of God or part of the people who *serve Him.

^c**faith:** to *believe in God and *know that He will help you.

^d**believers:** people who *know Jesus, the *Son of God who *saves them.

[*drawing # 16]

^e**Holy_Spirit:** God who talks to people and helps them to *know his *truth, you can not see Him.

^f**care:** to help and *protect someone or look after something.

^g**rejoice:** to be happy and *praise God and sing to Him.

^h**even:** also or more than the other.

ⁱ**desire:** to want something very much.

^j**selfish:** to think only of yourself and not worry about other people or help them.

be ^kimportant. Do not be ^lproud but be ^mhumble. Think of all the other ⁿbelievers as more important than yourselves. ⁴ Each person must not only think about himself but must ^ocare for other believers.

***Christ showed us what we must do**

⁵ You must think like *Christ Jesus and do what He has done:

⁶ He was the same as God,
and just as ^pimportant as God,
but He did not try to keep on being as important as God.

⁷ He ^qhumbled Himself
and became like a ^rslave.

He became a Man like us.

When He became a Man,

⁸ He ^shumbled Himself ^teven more.

He ^uobeyed God so ^vcompletely that He died.

^k**important:** a person who can tell other people what they must do.

^l**proud:** to think that you are better than other people.

^m**humble:** to think and show that you are not *important.

ⁿ**believers:** people who *know Jesus, the *Son of God who *saves them.

[*drawing # 16]

^o**care:** to help and *protect someone or look after something.

^p**important:** a person who can tell other people what they must do.

^q**humble:** to think and show that you are not *important.

^r**slave:** someone who *belonged to another person and had to work for him.

[*drawing # 29]

^s**humble:** to think and show that you are not *important.

^t**even:** also or more than the other.

^u**obey:** to listen to a *law or a person and do what he says.

^v**completely:** everything to the end, nothing is *left out. [*drawing # 176]

Yes, He died on the ^wcross.

⁹That is why God made Him very ^ximportant.

God gave Him a name,
the most important name of all names.

God named Him 'The ^{*}Lord'.

¹⁰That is why everyone will ^yworship Jesus,
everyone in ^zheaven, everyone on ^aearth
and everyone under the earth.

¹¹Yes, all people will say
that Jesus ^{*}Christ is the ^{*}Lord
and they will ^bglorify God the Father.

Children of God must listen to Him

¹²My dear friends, this is why you must do what I ask you. You have always done what I asked you when I was with you. But now I am not with you anymore. This is why you must listen to God ^ceven more. Don't be ^dproud before God but ^erespect and ^fserve Him. God wants to ^gsave you and you must keep on serving Him ¹³because it is God who

^w**cross:** 2 wooden poles like a + on ^{*}which ^{*}Christ died to ^{*}forgive all our ^{*}sins.

[^{*}drawing # 23]

^x**important:** a person who can tell other people what they must do.

^y**worship:** to ^{*}pray to God, to ^{*}praise and ^{*}serve Him. [^{*}drawing # 16]

^z**heaven:** where the ^{*}throne of God is, where his ^{*}angels ^{*}worship Him.

^a**earth:** the world, the ^{*}land and sea. [^{*}drawing # 172]

^b**glorify:** to give ^{*}glory to God and show that He is ^{*}King over all of us.
[^{*}drawing # 17]

^c**even:** also or more than the other.

^d**proud:** to think that you are better than other people.

^e**respect:** to show someone that he is ^{*}important to you and you listen to him.

^f**serve:** to ^{*}believe in God and do what He says.

^g**save:** when God takes all the ^{*}believers to ^{*}heaven to be with Him ^{*}forever.

works in your hearts. Yes, He makes you want to do what He wants, and He makes you do the things that are ^himportant to Him.

¹⁴ You must do everything that He wants. Do it and do not ⁱcomplain or ^jargue about it. ¹⁵ Then you will ^klive in the right way and you will do nothing wrong. You live ^lamong bad people who ^msin a lot, but you are God's children. You must live in a right and ⁿholy way so that your lives will be like lights that shine in the dark world. ¹⁶ You must ^obelieve in the ^pmessage that gives ^qreal_life to people. Then I will be ^rproud of you on the day when *Christ comes, because I will *know that I have ^ssucceeded in my hard work ^tamong you.

¹⁷ Your ^ufaith is a ^vsacrifice that you give to ^wserve God. If I *should die,

^h**important:** something that is better and *greater that you love more than all the others.

ⁱ**complain:** to say you are not happy because something is wrong.

^j**argue:** talk to a person and fight with him, using words.

^k**live right, in the right way:** doing things that God wants you to do.

^l**among:** *between others, with others. [*drawing # 138]

^m**sin:** bad things that people do *which God hates.

ⁿ**holy:** someone or something that *belongs only to God, He can use it in a *special way.

^o**believe:** to think that someone is telling the *truth and not *lying.

^p**message:** the *Good_News that God loves all people and that Jesus died to *forgive their *sins.

^q**real_life:** *really living *forever with God, it will never stop.

^r**proud:** to be thankful because you or someone has done something good.

^s**succeed:** to win or do what you wanted to do.

^t**among:** *between others, with others. [*drawing # 138]

^u**faith:** to *believe in God and *know that He will help you.

^v**sacrifice:** a *gift that people give to God to thank Him or to *pray to Him.

^w**serve:** to *believe in God and do what He says.

then my blood ^{*}would be like a ^xdrink-offering that someone ^ypours out with your sacrifice and I would be happy about it. Yes, I would ^zrejoice with all of you. ¹⁸ You must also ^arejoice. You must rejoice with me.

Paul wants to send Timothy to Philippi

¹⁹ I want to send Timothy to you ^bsoon and I ^chope the ^{*}Lord Jesus will be ^dpleased with this. I want to find out how you are so that I can be ^eencouraged. ²⁰ I don't have anyone ^felse who is like Timothy. He will be ^gpleased to take ^hcare of the things that you need. ²¹ All the other people just think about the things that are ⁱimportant to themselves. They do not think about what is important to Jesus ^{*}Christ. ²² But you ^{*}know that Timothy is a good man. You know that he has worked with me to ^jpreach the ^kGood_News. He worked with me like a ^{*}son works with his father. ²³ I will send Timothy to you ^limmediately when I ^{*}know what

^x**drink-offering:** an ^{*}offering of wine, ^{*}olive oil or water that people gave to God.
^y**pour:** to make water, wine or something flow out of a cup or a ^{*}bowl. [^{*}drawing # 72]

^z**rejoice:** to be happy and ^{*}praise God and sing to Him.

^a**rejoice:** to be happy and ^{*}praise God and sing to Him.

^b**soon:** not long from now, in a short time.

^c**hope:** to wish that something ^{*}would happen, something that you want to happen.

^d**pleased:** to be happy with someone or something.

^e**encourage:** to make someone feel strong, telling him not to stop but keep on going.

^f**else:** another person or other things.

^g**pleased:** to be happy with someone or something.

^h**care:** to help and ^{*}protect someone or look after something.

ⁱ**important:** something or someone that you think about all the time and don't forget.

^j**preach:** to tell people about God and ^{*}explain what his words ^{*}mean.

^k**Good_News:** the ^{*}message that God loves all people and that Jesus died to ^{*}forgive their ^{*}sins.

^l**immediately:** now, not later.

will happen to me here. ²⁴ I *know that the *Lord will also let me see you ^msoon.

Paul sends Epaphroditus back

²⁵ My friend, Epaphroditus, has worked hard and has also ⁿdefended the ^oGood_News with me. You sent him to help me with everything but I think it is ^pimportant that I send him back to you now, ²⁶ because he ^qlongs for you all and he is worried because he *knows that someone has told you that he was sick. ²⁷ Epaphroditus was very sick, and he ^ralmost died. But God was good to him and he became better. Yes, God was good to Epaphroditus and to me, because if he *should have died, it *would have been very ^sdifficult for me and I would have ^tsuffered a lot.

²⁸ I will send him back to you ^usoon so that you can see him and ^vrejoice and I will not have to worry any longer. ²⁹ When Epaphroditus comes back to you, you must ^wrejoice and ^xwelcome him because you

^m**soon:** not long from now, in a short time.

ⁿ**defend:** to stop people who come to *attack you or someone *else.

^o**Good_News:** the *message that God loves all people and that Jesus died to *forgive their *sins.

^p**important:** something or someone that you think about all the time and don't forget.

^q**long:** to think of someone or something and want to be with him or want to have it.

^r**almost:** to be near something, but you are not there *yet. [*drawing # 176]

^s**difficult:** something that is hard to do, it is not easy. [*drawing # 87]

^t**suffer:** having pain or worry because you have big problems. [*drawing # 50]

^u**soon:** not long from now, in a short time.

^v**rejoice:** to be happy and *praise God and sing to Him.

^w**rejoice:** to be happy and *praise God and sing to Him.

^x**welcome:** to show someone that you are happy to see him and that he can stay with you.

all ^ybelong to the *Lord. Yes, you must ^zrespect people like Epaphroditus. ³⁰ He ^aalmost died because he works for *Christ. Epaphroditus ^bknew that it was ^cdangerous to help me, but he helped me because you *could not.

^y**belong:** to be the people of God or part of the people who *serve Him.

^z**respect:** to show someone that he is *important to you and you listen to him.

^a**almost:** to be near something, but you are not there *yet. [*drawing # 176]

^b**knew:** today I *know, I have seen it or learned about it, yesterday I knew.

^c**dangerous:** something that can kill or *hurt you. [*drawing # 125]