

Break Through

Hope for Such a Time as This

Philippians 1:3-6 – Thanksgiving & Prayer

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Martin Luther on Philippians

In this epistle St. Paul praises and admonishes the Philippians that they abide and carry on in the true faith and increase in love. But since injury is always done to faith by false apostles and teachers of works, he warns them against these men and points out to them many different preachers—some good, some bad—including himself and his disciples, Timothy and Epaphroditus.

Blessings for Readers

Philippians reveals Paul's intense love for and joy in this congregation. The warmth he shows toward them is unique among his letters, since the congregation needs less discipline than others. He describes the Christian life in all its blessings and goodness, which come from the Lord's work in us.

As we read and study Philippians, the Lord will work in your life, transforming your mind to be like Christ's. Pray that you might receive the fullness of His joy in all circumstances and live worthy of His Gospel. For your righteousness is through faith in Christ alone. Knowing Him has "surpassing worth" (3:8).

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