

Our God directs His people

Philippians 1:1-2, Part 1

1:1a Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Christ Jesus

Introduction:

Psalms 135:6 Whatever the Lord pleases, He does, In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps.

Philippians 1:1-2 Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#1 God has _____ your life 1a *1:1a Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus*

Acts 26:14 "And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew dialect, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' 15 "And I said, 'Who art Thou, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. 16 'But arise, and stand on your feet; for this purpose I have appeared to you, to appoint you a minister and a witness not only to the things which you have seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you; 17 delivering you from the Jewish people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you, 18 to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, in order that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.'

Acts 16:1-3 And he came also to Derbe and to Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek, 2 and he was well spoken of by the brethren who were in Lystra and Iconium. 3 Paul wanted this man to go with him; and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those parts, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

Philippians 2:19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition. 20 For I have no one else of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare. 21 For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus. 22 But you know of his proven worth that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Philippians 1:6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

#2 God _____ whoever He chooses Acts 16

Philippians 1:12 Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, 13 so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else,

Philippians 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

TURN TO ACTS 16

1st Lydia Acts 16:4-15

Acts 16:14-15 And a certain woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul. 15 And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

2nd A Demon Possessed Slave Girl Acts 16:16-21

Acts 16:16 And it happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a certain slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortunetelling 17 Following after Paul and us, she kept crying out, saying, "These men are bond-servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation."

3rd The City Jailer Acts 16:22-34

Acts 16:23 And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to guard them securely; 24 and he, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison, and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them; 26 and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's chains were unfastened. 30 brought them out, he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household." 32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house. 33 And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his household. 34 And he brought them into his house and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, having believed in God with his whole household.

Romans 9:16 So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.

Ephesians 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him

Philippians 2:12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your salvation with fear and trembling** 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Philippians 4:16 for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs. 17 Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for **the profit which increases to your account**.

#3 God uses the _____ 1b 1:1b Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus

Philippians 2:3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself;

Philippians 2:14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing;

Philippians 4:2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in **harmony** in the Lord. 3 Indeed, true comrade, I ask you also to help these women ...

#4 God intends for us to _____ on His Son 1c 1:1a Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus

Conclusion:

1st God can rescue _____ from their sins

2nd Thank God for His Sovereign _____

Acts 16:14 And a certain woman named Lydia, ... was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

3rd Seek to _____ God's plan for your life

4th Practice living daily _____

1 Corinthians 4:19 I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills

James 4:15 Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and also do this or that

Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

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