

Notes on The Book of Philippians

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Grace = God's unmerited favor

"God's riches at Christ's Expense"

Don't overlook the deeper meaning of this easy-to-remember cliché that we use.

What do we mean by "God's riches?"

It's ALL the riches of the Father that are made available to us through Christ our Savior. Consider some of them:

1. Salvation
2. Forgiveness of sin
3. Being made right with God
4. The fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
 - Love – deep, selfless care for others
 - Joy – gladness that comes from God, not circumstances
 - Peace – calmness of heart and mind
 - Patience (forbearance) – endurance under provocation or trial.
 - Kindness – compassionate and sweet treatment of others.
 - Goodness – moral excellence and active benevolence.
 - Faithfulness – loyalty and trustworthiness.
 - Gentleness (meekness) – humility and mildness in handling others.
 - Self-control – mastery over one's own desires and impulses.
5. Spiritual gifts

The New Testament lists these gifts mainly in three major passages:

- **Romans 12:6–8:** Focuses on operational and practical service gifts.
- **1 Corinthians 12:8–10, 28–30:** Highlights manifestational and supernatural graces.
- **Ephesians 4:11:** Details leadership roles given to equip the community.

Common Types of Spiritual Gifts

- **Leadership & Administration:** Organizing tasks or guiding a community with wisdom.
 - **Prophecy & Teaching:** Communicating God's truth or explaining scripture clearly.
 - **Encouragement (Exhortation):** Comforting, motivating, and strengthening others.
 - **Giving & Mercy:** Sharing resources extravagantly or showing deep compassion to those in need.
 - **Faith & Healing:** Displaying extraordinary trust in God or acting as a channel for miraculous physical and emotional restoration.
 - **Discernment:** The ability to distinguish between truth and deceptive spiritual influences.
 - **Evangelism:** Sharing the core message of faith effectively with outsiders.
6. The Holy Spirit.
 7. Comprehension of His Word.
 8. Material blessings (every good gift comes from Him)
 9. The promises of God
 10. Eternal life / heaven

Verse 2 – “grace & peace”

Peace speaks of “Shalom” –

- The absence of conflict
- Contentment
- Harmony
- Complete peace – as in “the beginning”
- All is right in the midst of this chaotic world

Lord Jesus Christ

- Lord – the ultimate Ruler & Sustainer of the universe.
- Jesus – God come to us on the earth.
- Christ – Messiah; The Savior, the long expected deliverer, as prophesied for centuries.
Hebrew word = “mashiah,” which means “the anointed one.”

Gospel = The Good News of the redemption of sin thru the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Salvation – no longer enslaved to sin; no longer must we pay the debt of our sins. We were dead in our trespasses and by faith, He brought us out of the pit.

The Gospel is the message of grace that leads others to faith in Christ.

Repentance & faith – Part of the Good News is that there is bad news. Sin must be dealt with and only through Jesus is there hope for salvation.

Hope – confident expectation; faith leaned into the future.

Justify – to declare that you are without sin.

Wisdom – the application of God’s Word to our daily living
Propitiation – substitute

Faith says, “Jesus, I lean on You. It’s all about YOU.”

Verse 6 – “For He Who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

- What work did He begin? Salvation!
- God will continue His good work of grace in us until the consummation at the day of Christ Jesus (the day when Christ returns).

Brokenness speaks of shattering / twisting / contorting.

- He makes all things new.
- He will perfect (bring it to full completion and usefulness) it.

God is going to keep finishing the work He has begun in us until the day of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 – “For this is the will of God, your sanctification.”

Ephesians 2:10 – “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”

The mission of the church:

- To make disciples
- To glorify Christ
- To build-up the saints

Thankful = to recognize and appreciate.

The idols of man:

- Money / riches
- Power
- Pleasure