

Review

1. I can do all things
2. Through the Lord Jesus Christ
3. He gives the strength for us to do all things

Paul’s commendation of the giving of the Philippian church

1. Commendation

“Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress.” (Phil 4:14)

a. Paul specially commended the brethren for doing well

b. θλιψει...thlipsis... tribulation, affliction

c. συγκαινωνησαντες...sugkoinoneo...sun...with + koinoneo...fellowship, share, partake...to share with, to partake with

i. The preposition “sun”

ii. Explains further (Phil 1:5)

d. They were fellowshiping with Paul

i. Through prayer

ii. Through sending of Epaphroditus to minister to Paul

iii. Through practical support

2. A description of the gift of the Philippians

a. The time of the giving of the gift

“Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel,” (Phil 4:15)

i. The beginning of the gospel

ii. Not a reference to the commencing of his preaching ministry

iii. It was a reference to Acts 16...the time when he left Macedonia

“when I departed from Macedonia,” (Phil 4:15)

b. Giving and receiving

“no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.” (Phil 4:15)

i. δοσεως...dosis...giving

ii. ληψεως...lepsi...receiving

c. Not every church shared in giving practical support to Paul

i. εκοινωνησεν...koinoneo...fellowship, sharing

ii. Not every church would fellowship in giving support

d. The church gave support to Paul when he was in Thessalonica

“For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities.” (Phil 4:16)

i. επεμψατε...pempo...send...

ii. After Paul left Philippi, he went to Thessalonica (Acts 17)

iii. When Paul was in Thessalonica, the Philippian church sent aid to Paul

iv. The church showed much love and care for Paul

e. Not soliciting for funds

“Not that I seek the gift,” (Phil 4:17)

i. Paul sought to ensure that he was not soliciting for more funds

ii. He did not ask for more funds

f. The fruit of the brethren

“but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.” (Phil 4:17; Rom 15)

i. επιζητω...epizeteo...seeking intensely

ii. πλεοναζοντα...pleonazo...increase, abound

Further support given to Paul in Corinth

1. Paul went to Corinth after Thessalonica (Acts 18)

2. He also received a gift from Macedonia, the Philippian church while at Corinth.

3. Paul wrote to the Corinthian brethren

“And when I was present with you, and in need, I was a burden to no one, for what I lacked the brethren who came from Macedonia supplied.” (2 Corinth 11:9)

a. When Paul was at Corinth, he did not get any help from the brethren in Corinth

b. It was the brethren from Macedonia...the Philippian church that gave practical support to Paul.