

Phil.4:15 Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.

4:16 For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities.

4:17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.

4:18 Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.

4:19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

4:20 Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

4:21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you.

4:22 All the saints greet you, but especially those who are of Caesar's household.

4:23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

#### From Today's Sermon

In last week's sermon, Paul said, "I know the secret of dealing with all kinds of circumstances, both rich and poor. He went through all kinds of circumstances. His conclusion was, "I can do anything through Him who strengthens me.

Today we come to the conclusion of the book.

Paul repeatedly exhorts us to rejoice. After all, the church in Philippi must have been facing difficulties. They must have been infested with worries. But we have prayer, and there is One who hears us, and we can place our hope in that, that our hearts, our thoughts, and the course of our lives will be protected by the peace of God, which surpasses our meager human knowledge and is immeasurable. The Lord is near, so manifest generosity and love with faith, share in the tribulation with a passionate heart as He once did, and let the thought of Paul, the evangelist, always grow again.

He said, "I am not asking for a gift. What I am seeking is the fruit that will increase your account. If you think of God, are willing to suffer, and dedicate yourself to his work, he will meet your needs according to his overflowing abundance. Just as I am abundantly supplied, so are you. So Paul tells us to keep up the work of love, which is accompanied by a fragrant, sweet aroma.

Good morning, everyone.

We are now in the middle of November. The recent cold weather has been severe. For a long time we have had warm days contrary to the season, but suddenly the weather has become more appropriate for the season. The autumn leaves seem to have turned beautiful colors in a hurry.

Colds also seem to be spreading. Please take care of yourselves.

Today marks the end of the book of Philippians, which I have loved reading for a long time. I was impressed by Paul's strong encouragement and his words to rejoice, even though he was in prison.

4:4 Rejoice ye always in the Lord. I repeat, rejoice!

4:5 Show your forbearance to everyone. The Lord is near.

4:6 Do not be anxious about anything. But in everything, with thanksgiving, with prayer and supplication, present your requests to God, and he will give you rest.

4:7 And the peace of God, which no man can possibly know, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.

4:12 I know the way to poverty, and I know the way to riches. I know the secret of the way to hunger and to thirst, to riches and to poverty, in all manner of circumstances.

4:13 I can do anything through Him who strengthens me.

He went through all kinds of circumstances. He went through all kinds of circumstances, joys and pleasures, as well as many sufferings, sorrows, and troubles. But God rescued him and led him out of it all.

2 Corinthians 11:22 Are they Hebrews? Is he a Hebrew, and so am I? Are they Israelites? Am I also an Israelite? Are they Abraham's descendants? I also am.

11:23 Are they the servants of Christ? I say in my madness, I am more so than they. For I have suffered more hardships, and have been imprisoned more often, and have been whipped far more often, and have met with death more often.

11:24 Five times I received from the Jews a whipping that was less than forty; five times I received from the Romans a whipping that was less than forty,

11:25 Three times he was whipped by the Romans, once by a stone, three times he was shipwrecked, and once he drifted on the sea for a day and a night.

11:26 And he journeyed many times, and met with the tribulation of rivers, and with the tribulation of robbers, and with the tribulation of his own people, and with the tribulation of the Gentiles, and with the tribulation of the cities, and with the tribulation of the wilderness, and with the tribulation of the sea, and with the tribulation of false brothers,

11:27 And he labored and suffered, and often had sleepless nights, and was hungry and wretched, and often had no food, and was freezing cold, and was naked.

11:28 And besides all these things, there are the concerns of the churches which come to me

daily.

11:29 How can I not be weak when someone is weak? 11:29 Shall I not be weak when any man sinneth, and my heart be not burned?

11:30 If I must boast, I will boast in my weakness.

11:31 God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is praiseworthy forever, knows that I do not speak falsely.

11:32 For there was a time when the deputies of King Aleta kept watch over the city of the Damascenes in Damascus, that they might seize me,

11:33 And I was slung from a window by a basket over the walls of the city, and escaped from his hand; and he thanked God with a burning heart, and said, "I am the Lord's servant.

Then he thanks God with a burning heart and rises again. He rises again.

Paul was in a lot of troubles, pains, sorrows, calamities, hardships, happenings, uncertainties, and all kinds of situations, but they were not the result of his troubles. Through his many and varied circumstances, Paul arrived at the truth that "I know the secret of how to handle every circumstance," that is, "I can do anything through Him who strengthens me.

4:14 But how dare you share in my affliction!

The church in Philippi was Paul's support in such circumstances. They often shared Paul's affliction with him.

You have helped me well, appropriately, and skillfully in times of affliction, times of trouble, times of anguish, heartache, and grief, times of pain and fatigue, times of need and distress, times of poverty and destitution, times of difficulty and suffering, thank you, I am blessed that God sent you, and thank God that He looks after me through you. Paul speaks.

4:15 Philippians. For you know that when I went out from Macedonia, when I began to proclaim the gospel, there was no other church at all, except you, who participated in my work by exchanging goods.

4:16 And in Thessalonica also, more than once, you sent me things to supply my want.

4:10 Now I rejoice in the Lord, because now at last there has sprung up in you a heart for me. For you have been mindful of me, but have not had a good opportunity.

The church in Philippi was the only one, ahead of all the other churches, that continued to

support Paul from the very beginning of his gospel ministry. The Bible suggests that there were times when various winds blew and he lost the luxury of doing so, but he said he was glad to see that his feelings for Paul were revived and sprouted again. More than once, the church in Philippi supported Paul. The church at Philippi was a loving church, a church that manifested love.

4:18 I have received all things and have more than enough. I have received your gifts from Epaphrodite, and I have had enough. 4:19 I have received from Epaphroditet your gifts, and I have had enough of them; they are a fragrant aroma, an offering God is pleased to accept.

Here he reminds us that he is not saying that he welcomes the fact that the church in Philippi has begun to support him again because of his scarcity. Of course he was happy about that, but he had a special route to receive from God.

He tells us that he received everything and had more than enough. That is how grateful Paul is to God for sending him Epaphrodite. He describes the care as a good and acceptable offering, a fragrant, sweet-smelling, pleasant-smelling, God-pleasing, welcoming, and desirable offering. For those who make such offerings that are acceptable and pleasing to God, Paul asks God to help them grow “fruit that will multiply their account. Paul is not looking for a gift, but for those who have already given full and fragrant offerings, he asks God to make the fruit, the harvest, the results of their lives grow abundantly and multiply.

4:19 For out of the riches of his glory my God will supply all your needs in Christ Jesus.

My God, who is full of the riches of his glory. Who has infinite glory and riches. And according to the riches of His glory, He will look after us according to the measure of His riches. He will surely meet your needs. Paul tells us that He will make it happen. That is God acting in a way that is worthy of the glory of Jesus Christ. How gracious God is to us, who crucified Jesus and gave us forgiveness of sins and eternal life through the life of His Son!

Romans 8:31 What then shall we say concerning these things? If God is on our side, who can be against us?

8:32 He that spared not even His own Son, but delivered Him up to death for us all, how

shall He not also the Son, and all things?

The Lord's measure is great, and since He “will supply all your needs in Christ Jesus out of the riches of His glory,” we too desire to offer the best we can to God and His Kingdom. We also wish to offer our most delicious offerings to God and His Kingdom as much as we can. Then God will increase our fruit, our fruition, and the fruit of our lives in abundance and abundance and abundance. He will meet all our needs. Knowing that we are in such a protected and watched over life, knowing that “He who strengthens me” is with us, knowing that He is the One who will help us out of all circumstances, why should we be afraid of the future? God will continue to provide for our needs according to the scales of His glorious abundance and riches for eternity to come. What assurance! What protection!

4:20 To God our Father be glory for ever and ever, Amen.

4:20 Let us also give thanks to him who is gracious and merciful.

4:21 Greetings to all the saints in Christ Jesus. Greetings to you from my brethren who are with me.

4:22 Greetings to you from all the saints, especially from the house of Caesar.

4:23 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

The word “saints” appears repeatedly. The word “holy” means not only clean or sanctified, but also separated by God or for God.

Cutters and scissors are plentiful around here, but the knives, scissors, and tweezers used in the operating room are fundamentally different from those found randomly around here. They are sterilized and stored for their special critical use. If the instruments that touch the deepest parts of the body are contaminated with germs, they can send the source of infection deep into the body. To prevent this from happening, these instruments are thoroughly sterilized and then carefully handled to prevent them from becoming unclean. These instruments are specially selected for their specific purpose.

Our being clean is not something that is given to us as a title, something to make us proud of ourselves. Nor is it a state we have arrived at through our own efforts and abilities.

We are set apart and made clean by God for His special purpose. We are sorted and made clean for a purpose. A scalpel, a pair of scissors, or a pair of tweezers cannot fulfill their sterilized purpose if they are only kept in the vault carefully and carefully sterilized. They are

made well in order to be used. Saints. They are God's elite team that has been divided by God, and has been selected for God's service as those who are involved in God's work. Now, let us not be discouraged in the face of difficulties, but let us fulfill God's purpose for which we have been called and set apart, you saints. This is the end of Paul's encouraging words. When you are at a loss, Paul's example is there. We have the example of Jesus. And so we, too, desire to be used in practical work worthy of God's purpose in our lives, which He has set apart for us.

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a kingdom of priests, a holy nation, a people for God.  
2:9 But you are a chosen race, a nation of priests, a holy nation, a people attached to God, so that you may recount the works of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

2:10 Formerly ye were not God's people, but now ye are God's people; formerly ye were without mercy, but now ye are those who have received mercy.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship. Thank you, God who protects us with “the peace of God that surpasses all human understanding. You meet our needs according to “the riches of Your glory. Everything is possible for me because of Him who strengthens me. When we suffer with the Lord Jesus, when we are with the Lord, you produce abundant fruit for us and provide more than enough for our needs. Please lead all sufferers into God's salvation and peace. Bless our families and our communities. Use us. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.