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# Philippians

# Joyful Partnership

## Introduction

It our final study we look at Philippians 4vs10-23. In this passage Paul thanks the Philippians for their generous and sacrificial giving and passes on greetings from his fellow believers to the believers in Philippi. By calling them saints, Paul is echoing the description from chapter 1vs1 – a description which reminded the Philippian believers that their greatest privilege was not their Roman citizenship, but their citizenship of the kingdom of heaven (see 3vs20). In keeping with this, Paul now reminds them of the privilege and joy that he shares in gospel partnership with them in the service of Christ. In the process he also reminds them and us of the importance of contentment and generosity – both of which flow out of confidence that God is able to supply all our needs.

## Study Questions

(These questions should be answered from the text)

Read Philippians 4vs10-23

1. Why was Paul so joyful about the gift that the Philippians sent to him?

2. What lesson had Paul learned through the various situations that he faced?

3. What was the secret of Paul's contentment? How does this relate to what Paul said in Philippians 4vs6-7?

4. How did God view the giving of the Philippian Christians?

5. What could the Philippians be sure of concerning their needs?

6. What purpose do you think Paul wanted to accomplish through the greetings in Philippians 4vs21-22.

## Think it Through

1. In what way have Paul's words:

   a. Challenged you?

   b. Encouraged you?