

Philippians: The Gospel

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Philippians 1

Find the references to the gospel in this chapter

What is the gospel? 1 Cor. 15:1-4

Understanding the gospel centers life on Christ and makes dying a gain

How does the gospel make progress? (1:12, 26, 27-31; 2:1-4)

Philippians 2

The gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus

Subsequent appearances provide evidence of his humanity

This is summarized in Phil. 2:5-11

Jesus assumed human form, John 1:1, 14; Col 1:15-17

Jesus became a servant, humbling himself unto death

God highly exalted him

Jesus' life was as a human being

He perfectly balanced the dual nature of humanity

His death was a human death, Phil. 2

His resurrection was of a human being

1 Cor. 15, his resurrection is promise of our resurrection

Philippians 3

The self-emptying example of Jesus provides an anchor and motivation

Paul desires more than anything else to connect himself with and experience this gospel

Phil. 3:8-11, Paul's desire to identify with Christ

Phil 3:12-13, Paul's desire to go forward

Phil 3:14-18, barriers to the gospel

Phil 3:19-21, the gospel is our hope

Philippians 4

The mission of Jesus' gospel continues in the church

Mission of unity

Mission of peace, comfort, hope

Mission of changed lives, imitating Paul

Mission of mutual support