

Act 16:12 and from there to Philippi,
which is a leading city of the district
of Macedonia, a *Roman* colony; and
we were staying in this city for some
days.

Phi 1:1 Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons:

Scripturally organized churches have overseers (KJV - bishops), deacons and saints.

Act 20:17 From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church.

Act 20:28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Eph 4:11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists and some as pastors and teachers,

What is the overseer's work?

Jer 3:14 'Return, O faithless sons,' declares the LORD; 'For I am a master to you, And I will take you one from a city and two from a family, And I will bring you to Zion.' (15) "Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding

What is the deacon's work?

Act 6:2 ...to serve tables. (3) "Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task. (4) "But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

διακονειν – diakoneia Greek translated “serve” at v. 2

διακονια – diakonia Greek translated “ministry” at v. 4

διακο´νοις – diakonois Greek translated deacon at Phi

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deacons – a servant, a minister (of physical or spiritual things Acts 6:2, 4 above)

1Co 3:5 What then is Apollos? And what is Paul?
Servants through whom you believed, even as the
Lord gave opportunity to each one.

2Co 3:5 Not that we are adequate in ourselves to
consider anything as coming from ourselves, but
our adequacy is from God, (6) who also made us
adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the
letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the
Spirit gives life.

A question arises about the distinction of an office held in the church for which qualifications are given for both deacons and their wives in 1 Tim 3:8-13 and whether others may serve in an official capacity.

Phoebe (Rom 16:1) is also referred to as a servant (female) of the church in Cenchrea but as no qualifications matching the ones given for men are presented, we recognize her as a servant as the term is generally used in Mt 22:13 (Gr. diakonos).

Mat 22:13 "Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Phi 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (3) I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, (4) always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, (5) in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.

Phi 4:15 You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; (16) for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs.

Phi 2:1 Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

2Co 8:4 begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints,

2Co 9:13 Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all,

1Co 10:16 Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

KJV translate “participation” as “fellowship”

***Phi 1:6 For I am confident of this very thing, that
He who began a good work in you will perfect it
until the day of Christ Jesus.***

The day of the Lord (*achri hemeras Christou
lesou*)

Phi 1:10 so that you may approve the things that are excellent in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ;

1Th 5:2 For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.

2Th 1:10 when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed--for our testimony to you was believed.

2Th 2:2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

1Co 3:13 each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.

2Co 1:14 just as you also partially did understand us, that we are your reason to be proud as you also are ours, in the day of our Lord Jesus.

Not “the Lord's day” (entei kuriakei hemerai). Literally “the day belonging to the Lord” with the Greek kuriakos from which we get the English word “church” derived from the German “kirke”.

Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet.

Phi 1:7 For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me.

Phi 1:8 For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

Phi 1:8 For God is my witness how I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.(KJV)

Bowels (KJV) were thought by the ancients to be the seat of affections - thus, affection, tender mercy (ASV). When you hear of someone being terribly hurt, what reaction do you have that would suggest this usage?

Phi 1:9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and [in] all judgment;

How is love shown in judgment?

Joh 7:24 "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

How is love shown in knowledge?

2Ti 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

Heb 5:12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. (13) For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. (14) But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

Phi 1:10 so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ;

How do we know what things are excellent?

1Th 5:21 prove all things; hold fast to that which is good;

Phi 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. (9) The things which ye both learned and received and heard and saw in me, these things do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

Phi 1:11 having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

What is the fruit of righteousness?

Does it differ from the fruit of the Spirit?

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (24) Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (25) If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Phi 1:12 Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, (13) so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else, (14) and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear.

How do good things result from bad events?

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

Rom 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Act 5:34 But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the Law, respected by all the people, stood up in the Council and gave orders to put the men outside for a short time. (35) And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you propose to do with these men. (36) "For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a group of about four hundred men joined up with him. But he was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. (37) "After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census and drew away some people after him; he too perished, and all those who followed him were scattered.

(38)"So in the present case, I say to you, stay away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or action is of men, it will be overthrown; (39) but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them; or else you may even be found fighting against God."

(40) They took his advice; and after calling the apostles in, they flogged them and ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and then released them

Is Gamaliel's advice ever true?

Would Gamaliel's advice have been good for Hitler and Germany?

Phi 1:14 and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear.

What is courage? – Moral fiber

What ways do we have to give us courage?

What examples do we have in the Scriptures which give us courage?

How many examples of courage does the Hebrew writer give in Hebrews 11?

in my imprisonment.

How many were preaching?

Act 8:4 Therefore, those who had been _____
went about preaching the word.

Why did Paul preach the gospel?

Gal 2:2 It was because of a _____ that I
went up; and I submitted to them the gospel which I
preach among the Gentiles, but I did so in private to
those who were of reputation, for fear that I might be

What is our attitude toward preachers to be?

Do some preach just for the money?

1Co 15:10 But by the _____ of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me. (11) Whether then it was I or they, so we _____ and so you believed.

1Co 3:5 What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? _____ through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one. (6) I planted,

deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

Luk 1:68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For He has _____ us and accomplished redemption for His people, (69) And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of David His servant-- (70) As He spoke by the mouth of His holy _____ from of old-- (71) Salvation FROM OUR ENEMIES, And FROM THE HAND OF ALL WHO HATE US;

Does Paul mean this physically or spiritually?

(consider the verses below as you answer)