

Philippians Propositional Outline (ESV)

Greeting

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| 1 | a | Sender | Paul |
| | b | Sender | and Timothy, |
| | c | Characterization (1a-1b) | servants of Christ Jesus, |
| | d | Recipient | To all the saints in Christ Jesus |
| | e | Characterization | who are at Philippi, |
| | f | Accompaniment | with the overseers |
| | g | Accompaniment | and deacons: |
| 2 | | Wish (Pos.) | Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. |

Thanksgiving and Prayer

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| 3 | | Thanksgiving | I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, |
| 4 | a | Co-occurrence | always in every prayer of mine for you all |
| | b | Manner | making my prayer with joy, |
| 5 | | Basis | because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. |
| 6 | a | Expansion (3) | And I am sure of this, that |
| | b | Topic (c) | he who began a good work in you |
| | c | Ultimate | will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. |
| 7 | a | Comparison | It is right for me to feel this way about you all, |
| | b | Cause (a) | because I hold you in my heart, |
| | e | Expansion (b) | for you are all partakers with me of grace, |
| | c | Sphere (e) | both in my imprisonment |
| | d | Sphere (e) | and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. |
| 8 | a | Reason (7a-7e) | For God is my witness, |
| | b | Manner | how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. |

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- 9 a Prayer
b Purpose
- 10 a Purpose
b Purpose (9b-10a)
- 11 a Expansion
b Purpose
- And it is my prayer
that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment,
so that you may approve what is excellent,
and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,
filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ,
to the glory and praise of God.

The Advance of the Gospel

- 12 Wish (Pos.)
- 13 a Result
b Sphere
a Result
- 14 a Topic (c)
b Background-Experience (c)
c Continuation (13a)
- 15 a Topic (c)
c Action
- a Topic (c)
b Topic (c)
- 16 a Topic (17b)
b Expansion
- 17 a Topic (b)
b Action
a Topic (b)
- I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel,
so that it has become known
throughout the whole imperial guard⁶ and to all the rest
that my imprisonment is for Christ.
And most of the brothers,
having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment,
are much more bold to speak the word without fear.
- Some indeed
preach Christ
from envy and rivalry,
but others from good will.
- The latter do it out of love,
knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel.
- The former
proclaim Christ
out of selfish ambition,

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- 22 a **Condition** (b)
b **Implication**
- If I am to live in the flesh,
that means fruitful labor for me.
- c **Denial**
- Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.
- 23 a **Experience**
b **Expansion**
c **Reason**
- I am hard pressed between the two.
My desire is to depart and be with Christ,
for that is far better.
- 24 **Affirmation**
- But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.
- 25 a **Background-Experience** (b)
b **Affirmation**
c **Promise**
d **Promise**
e **Purpose**
- 26 a **Purpose** (25c-25e)
b **Instrument** (a)
- Convinced of this,
I know that
I will remain
and continue with you all,
for your progress and joy in the faith,
so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ
Jesus,
because of my coming to you again.
- 27 a **Command**
b **Purpose**
c **Background-Condition** (e)
d **Background-Condition** (e)
e **Implication**
f **Restatement**
g **Expansion**
- 28 a **Expansion**
- Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ,
so that
whether I come and see you
or am absent,
I may hear of you
that you are standing firm in one spirit,
with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the
gospel,
and not frightened in anything by your opponents.

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- b [Characterization](#)
- c [Characterization](#)
- d [Source](#)
- 29 a [Cause](#) (28b-28d)

This is a clear sign to them of their destruction,
but of your salvation,
and that from God.

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of
Christ

- b [Rejection](#)
- c [Suggestion](#)
- 30 a [Expansion](#)
- b [Characterization](#)
- c [Characterization](#)

you should not only believe in him
but also suffer for his sake,

engaged in the same conflict

that you saw I had

and now hear that I still have.

Christ's Example of Humility

- 1 a [Condition](#) (2a)
- b [Condition](#) (2a)
- c [Condition](#) (2a)
- d [Condition](#) (2a)
- 2 a [Command](#)
- b [Purpose](#)
- c [Expansion](#)
[Supplied](#)
- d [Characterization](#)
- e [Expansion](#) (b)
[Supplied](#)
- 3 a [Manner](#) (d)
- b [Manner](#) (d)
- c [Manner](#) (d)
- d [Expansion](#) (2b)
- 4 a [Expansion](#) (2b)
- b [Expansion](#) (2b)

So if there is any encouragement in Christ,
any comfort from love,
any participation in the Spirit,
any affection and sympathy,

complete my joy

by being of the same mind,

having the same love,

being

in full accord

and of one mind.

Do

nothing from selfish ambition

or conceit,

but in humility

count others more significant than yourselves.

Let each of you look not only to his own interests,

but also to the interests of others.

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- 5 a [Command](#)
b [Characterization](#)
- 6 a [Characterization](#)
b [Background-Status](#) (c)
c [Rejection](#)
- 7 a [Suggestion](#)
b [Jesus-Action](#)
c [Expansion](#)
d [Expansion](#)
- e [Background-Status](#) (8a)
- 8 a [Jesus-Action](#)
b [Expansion](#)
c [Characterization](#)
- 9 a [Inference](#)
b [Inference](#)
- 10 a [Enumeration](#)
b [List-Item](#)
c [List-Item](#)
d [List-Item](#)
- 11 a [Purpose](#)
b [Purpose](#)
- Have this mind among yourselves,
which is yours in Christ Jesus,
who,
though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God ^ra thing to be grasped,
but
emptied himself,
by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.
- And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
- Therefore ^yGod has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven
and on earth
and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is ^eLord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Lights in the World

- 12 a [Inference](#)
b [Comparison](#) (e)
[Supplied](#)
d [Comparison](#) (b)
- Therefore, my beloved,
^ras you have always obeyed,
so
now,

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- c [Comparison](#) (b) not only as in my presence
d [Comparison](#) (b) but much more in my absence,
e [Continuation](#) (a) work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,
- 13 a [Reason](#) for it is God who works in you,
b [Divine-Action](#) both to will
c [Divine-Action](#) and to work for his good pleasure.
- 14 a [Command](#) Do all things
b [Manner](#) without grumbling or disputing,
15 a [Purpose](#) (14a-14b) that you may be blameless and innocent,
b [Characterization](#) children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation,
c [Comparison](#) among whom you shine as lights in the world,
16 a [Expansion](#) holding fast to the word of life,
b [Purpose](#) so that in the day of Christ ^sI may be proud
c [Elaboration](#) that I did not run in vain
d [Elaboration](#) or labor in vain.
b [Condition](#) (17c-17d) 17a [Elaboration](#) Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith,
c [Implication](#) I am glad
d [Implication](#) and rejoice with you all.
- 18 a [Command](#) Likewise you also should be glad
b [Command](#) and rejoice with me.

Timothy and Epaphroditus

- 19 a [Wish](#) (Pos.) I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon,
b [Purpose](#) so that I too may be cheered by news of you.

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- 20 a Reason (19a-19b)
b Characterization
- 21 Reason (20a-20b)
- 22 a Affirmation
b Cause
c Manner (d)
d Continuation (b)
- 23 a Wish (Pos.)
b Temporal
- 24 Affirmation
- 25 a Affirmation
g Continuation (a)
- a Affirmation
d Characterization
b Characterization
c Characterization
d Characterization
e Characterization
f Characterization
- 26 a Cause (25a-25g)
b Experience
c Validation (26a-26b)
- 27 a Reason
- For I have no one like him,
who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare.
For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.
- But you know Timothy's proven worth,
how
as a son with a father
he has served with me in the gospel.
- I hope therefore to send him
just as soon as I see how it will go with me,
and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.
- I have thought it necessary
to send to you
- Epaphroditus
my
brother
and fellow worker
and fellow soldier,
and your messenger
and minister to my need,
for he has been longing for you all
and has been distressed
because you heard that he was ill.
- Indeed he was ill, near to death.

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b Correction
c Rejection
d Suggestion
e Purpose

But God had mercy on him,
and not only on him
but on me also,
lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

28 a Inference
b Purpose
d Continuation (b)
c Background-Experience (d)
d Continuation (b)

I am the more eager to send him, therefore,
that
you may rejoice
at seeing him again,
and that I may be less anxious.

29 a Command
b Command

30 a Cause
b Expansion
c Purpose

So receive him in the Lord with all joy,
and honor such men,
for he nearly died for the work of Christ,
risking his life
to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

Righteousness Through Faith in Christ

1 a Command

b Affirmation

2 a Command
b Command
c Command

3 a Reason
b Characterization

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord.
To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.
Look out for the dogs,
look out for the evildoers,
look out for those who mutilate the flesh.
For we are the circumcision,
who worship by the Spirit of God

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- c Characterization
d Characterization
4 a Characterization
- and glory in Christ Jesus
and put no confidence in the flesh—
though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also.
- b Condition (c)
c Implication
- If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh,
I have more:
- 5 a Characterization
b Characterization
c Characterization
d Characterization
e Characterization
6 a Characterization
b Characterization
- circumcised on the eighth day,
of the people of Israel,
of the tribe of Benjamin,
a Hebrew of Hebrews;
as to the law, a Pharisee;
as to zeal, [⁠]a persecutor of the church;
as to righteousness under the law, blameless.
- 7 a Correction
b Topic (c)
c Continuation (a)
- But
whatever gain I had,
I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.
- 8 a Contradiction
b Cause
c Cause
d Cause
e Purpose
9 a Purpose
b Expansion
c Expansion
d Characterization
- Indeed, I count everything as loss
because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things
and count them as rubbish,
in order that I may gain Christ
and be found in him,
not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law,
but that which comes through faith in Christ,
the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

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- 10 a Purpose (9a-9d) that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings,
b Expansion becoming like him in his death,
11 a Condition (b) that by any means possible
b Implication I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Straining Toward the Goal

- 12 a Denial Not that I have already obtained
Supplied this
b Alternative or am already perfect,
c Action but I press on
d Condition to make it my own,
e Characterization because Christ Jesus has made me his own.
- 13 a Denial Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own.
- b Topic (14a) But one thing
Supplied I do:
c Background-Experience (14a) forgetting what lies behind
d Background-Action (14a) and straining forward to what lies ahead,
14 a Action I press on toward the goal
b Purpose for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
- 15 b Exhortation Let those of us who are mature think this way,
c Condition (d) and if in anything you think otherwise,
d Implication God will reveal that also to you.
- 16 Exhortation Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

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- 17 a [Command](#)
b [Command](#)
c [Comparison](#)
- Brothers, join in imitating me,
and keep your eyes on those who walk
according to the example you have in us.
- 18 a [Reason](#)
b [Characterization](#)
c [Manner](#)
- For many,
of whom I have often told you
and now tell you even with tears,
- a [Reason](#)
[Supplied](#)
d [Characterization](#)
- walk
as
enemies of the cross of Christ.
- 19 a [Characterization](#)
b [Characterization](#)
c [Characterization](#)
d [Expansion](#)
- Their end is destruction,
their god is their belly,
and they glory in their shame,
with minds set on earthly things.
- 20 a [Reason](#) (18b-19d)
b [Source](#)
- But our citizenship is in heaven,
and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,
- 21 a [Characterization](#)
b [Manner](#)
c [Characterization](#)
- who will transform ^{our} lowly body to be like his glorious body,
by the power that enables him
even to subject all things to himself.
- 1 a [Inference](#)
b [Characterization](#)
c [Characterization](#)
d [Continuation](#) (a)
- Therefore, my brothers,
whom I love and long for,
my joy and crown,
stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Exhortation, Encouragement, and Prayer

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- 2 a Request I entreat Euodia
b Request and I entreat Syntyche
c Exhortation to agree in the Lord.
- 3 a Request Yes, I ask you also,
b Characterization true companion,
c Command help these women,
d Characterization who have labored side by side with me in the gospel
e Accompaniment together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers,
f Characterization whose names are in the book of life.
- 4 a Command Rejoice in the Lord always;

b Restatement again I will say,
c Command rejoice.
- 5 a Mandate Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.

b Pronouncement The Lord is at hand;
- 6 a Command (Neg.) do not be anxious about anything,
b Mandate but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
- 7 Subsequent And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- 8 a Conclusion Finally, brothers,

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- b Topic (j) whatever is true,
- c Topic (j) whatever is honorable,
- d Topic (j) whatever is just,
- e Topic (j) whatever is pure,
- f Topic (j) whatever is lovely,
- g Topic (j) whatever is commendable,
- h Condition (j) if there is any excellence,
- i Condition (j) if there is anything worthy of praise,
- j Command think about these things.

- 9 a Topic (e) What you have learned
- b Topic (e) and received
- c Topic (e) and heard
- d Topic (e) and seen in me—
- e Command practice these things,

- f Subsequent and the God of peace will be with you.

God's Provision

- 10 a Thanksgiving I rejoiced in the Lord greatly
- b Co-occurrence that now at length you have revived your concern for me.
- c Characterization You were indeed concerned for me,
- d Contrast but you had no opportunity.
- 11 a Manner Not that I am speaking of being in need,
- b Reason for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.
- 12 a Experience I know how to be brought low,

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- b Experience and I know how to abound.
- c Experience
d Experience
e Experience
f Experience
g Experience
In any and every circumstance,
I have learned the secret of facing plenty
and hunger,
abundance
and need.
- 13 Profession I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
- 14 a Reorientation
b Expansion
Yet it was kind of you
to share my trouble.
- 15 a Reminder
b Precedent (d)
c Temporal (d)
d Continuation (a)
e Qualification
16 Precedent
And you Philippians yourselves know that
in the beginning of the gospel,
when I left Macedonia,
no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving,
except you only.
Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again.
- 17 a Rejection
b Suggestion
c Characterization
Not that I seek the gift,
but I seek the fruit
that increases to your credit.
- 18 a Experience
b Experience
I have received full payment,
and more.
- c Experience
I am well supplied,

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- d Expansion
 - e Characterization
 - f Characterization
 - Supplied
 - g Characterization
- having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent,
a fragrant offering,
a sacrifice acceptable
and
pleasing to God.
- 19 a Subsequent
b Manner
- And my God will supply every need of yours
according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
- 20 Doxology
- To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.
- Final Greetings**
- 21 a Greeting
- Greet every saint in Christ Jesus.
- b Greeting
- The brothers who are with me greet you.
- 22 a Greeting
b Escalation
- All the saints greet you,
especially those of Caesar's household.
- 23 Wish (Pos.)
- The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.