

**BIBLE WORDS**

**Week 1: Philippians 1 v 1-11 (NIV)**

**v1 Christ.** This name means “the chosen king”. The same word in Hebrew is “Messiah”. There are many promises in the Old Testament about the Christ/Messiah. They show that he would be God’s chosen king.

**v1 saints.** Holy ones; those who God has set apart for himself. Every Christian is a saint.

**v1 overseers and deacons.** Church leaders.

**v2 grace.** God’s gift of forgiveness to people who do not deserve it.

**v2 peace.** Peace with God.

**v2 Lord.** Master.

**v5 gospel.** The good news about Jesus Christ.

**v6 day of Christ.** The day when Jesus Christ will return to judge the world. (See verse 10 also.)

**v7 confirming.** Showing something is true.

**v8 testify.** Be a witness. A witness tells others the truth about something that they have seen or heard.

**v8 I long for all of you.** I want to be with you.

**v8 with the affection of Christ Jesus.** With the love of Jesus.

**v9 abound.** Increase.

**v9 insight.** Being able to understand something clearly.

**v10 discern.** Understand or judge correctly.

**v10 pure and blameless.** Someone who does not think wrong things or do wrong things.

**v11 fruit.** Results.

**v11 righteousness.** Goodness that is good enough for God. You must be perfect and have no sin to be good enough for God. Jesus Christ is the only person who has ever been perfect.



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**Week 2: Philippians 1 v 12-26 (NIV)**

**v12 brothers.** Christians. All Christians are part of God’s family.

**v12 gospel.** The message (good news) about Jesus Christ.

**v12 advance the gospel.** Help more people understand the message about Jesus.

**v14 encouraged.** Become more confident.

**v14 courageously.** Bravely.

**v15 preach Christ.** Explain who Christ is and what he has done for us on the cross; tell the gospel.

**v15 envy.** Wanting what belongs to other people.

**v15 rivalry.** Competing against other people because you want to be the best.

**v16 the latter.** The people mentioned second (in verse 15).

**v17 the former.** The people mentioned first (in verse 15).

**v17 selfish ambition.** Wanting to make yourself more important than other people.

**v17 sincerely.** Honestly.

**v18 motives.** Reasons.

**v18 I rejoice.** I am joyful (very happy).

**v19 The Spirit of Jesus Christ.** The Holy Spirit. God sends his Holy Spirit to help people who become Christians.

**v19 deliverance.** Salvation (not rescue from prison, but being saved by God, from sin, death and judgment).

**v20 eagerly.** Very much.

**v20 sufficient.** Enough.

**v20 exalted.** Honoured.

**v21 gain.** Something better.

**v22 fruitful labour.** Hard work that gets good results.

**v23 torn between.** Can’t decide between two things.

**v23 depart.** Leave.

**v25 progress.** Growth.

**v25 the faith.** Your relationship with God.

**v26 on account of.** Because of.



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**Week 3: Philippians 1 v 27 – 2 v 4 (NIV)**

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| <b>v27 conduct.</b> Behave.   | <b>2v5 attitude.</b> Way of thinking or feeling (about something). |
| <b>v27 a manner.</b> A way of doing or being.   | <b>2v6 equality with.</b> Being the same as.                       |
| <b>v27 worthy.</b> Honouring.   | <b>2v6 grasped.</b> Held on to.                                    |
| <b>v27 in my absence.</b> When I am not with you.   | <b>2v7 the very nature of.</b> The form of.                        |
| <b>v27 contending.</b> Struggling.  | <b>2v9 exalted.</b> Raised up; lifted up and honoured.             |
| <b>v27 oppose.</b> Disagree with; try to stop.  | <b>2v11 every tongue.</b> Every person.                            |
| <b>v28 sign.</b> Signal or symbol.  | <b>2v11 confess.</b> Say publicly.                                 |
| <b>v29 granted.</b> Given.  |  |
| <b>2v1 encouragement.</b> Confidence, support, strength.  |  |
| <b>2v1 fellowship.</b> Partnership.   |  |
| <b>2v1 tenderness and compassion.</b> Kindness, love and concern.                                   |  |
| <b>2v3 selfish ambition.</b> Wanting to be better than other people.                                |  |
| <b>2v3 vain conceit.</b> Stupid pride (pride = thinking you are better or more clever than others). |  |
| <b>2v3 humility.</b> The opposite of pride (see above).   |  |

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**Week 4: Philippians 2 v 5-18 (NIV)**

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| <b>v5 attitude.</b> Way of thinking or feeling (about something).                          | <b>v16 boast.</b> Gladly tell everyone.  |
| <b>v6 equality with.</b> Being the same as.  | <b>v16 the day of Christ.</b> The day when Jesus Christ will return to judge the world.  |
| <b>v6 grasped.</b> Held on to.   | <b>v16 run or labour.</b> Work hard.   |
| <b>v7 the very nature of.</b> The form of.   | <b>v17 drink offering.</b> A drink offering = an Old Testament offering (a gift to God) of wine or water.  |
| <b>v9 exalted.</b> Raised up; lifted up and honoured.                                      | <b>v17 sacrifice.</b> An offering to God. Chosen animals were sacrificed (killed as a gift to God). Sometimes in the Old Testament, a drink offering was poured on top of the sacrifice. |
| <b>v11 every tongue.</b> Every person.   |  |
| <b>v11 confess.</b> Say publicly.  |  |
| <b>v12 in my presence.</b> When I am with you.   |  |
| <b>v12 trembling.</b> Shaking because you are afraid.                                      |  |
| <b>v15 blameless and pure.</b> Someone who does not think wrong things or do wrong things. |  |
| <b>v15 without fault.</b> Without anything wrong.  |  |
| <b>v15 crooked and depraved.</b> Sinful and evil.  |  |
| <b>v16 the word of life.</b> The message about Jesus (the gospel).                         |  |

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**Week 5: Philippians 3 v 1-9 (NIV)**

**v1 safeguard for you.** A way to keep you safe.

**v2 mutilators of the flesh.** Those people who practise circumcision (see below) in order to get right with God.

**v3 circumcision.** Cutting off a small piece of skin from the penis. For Jewish people, circumcision is an outward sign showing that the man belongs to God's people. But God sent Jesus so that both Jews and non-Jews can become his people. Now the sign that someone is one of God's people is faith in Jesus and the Holy Spirit in their life, not physical circumcision.

**v3 put no confidence in the flesh.** Do not trust in things we do (like circumcision) to make us right with God.

**v5 on the eighth day.** At eight days old.

**v5 tribe of Benjamin.** All Jews came from one of 12 tribes (family groups). Benjamin was one of only two tribes that kept following God.

**v5 Hebrew.** Another word for Jew.

**v5 Pharisee.** A group of Jews who followed religious rules and customs very strictly.

**v6 zeal.** Enthusiasm or passion for a belief or idea.

**v6 persecuting.** Oppressing, treating badly.

**v6 legalistic righteousness.** Keeping the Law of Moses.

**v8 surpassing.** Exceptional, extraordinary.

**v8-9 gain Christ and be found in him.** Know Christ and belong to him.

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**Week 6: Philippians 3 v 10 – 4 v 1 (NIV)**

**v11 attain to the resurrection.** To rise to life after I die.

**v12 press on.** Keep going.

**v13 straining.** Working hard to keep going.

**v15 mature.** Grown up.

**v16 live up to.** Live in a way that shows.

**v16 attained.** Achieved, gained.

**v17 live according to the pattern we gave you.** Live in the way we showed or taught you.

**v19 their destiny.** Their future after death.

**v19 their glory is in their shame.** They are proud of the sinful things that they do.

**v20 citizenship.** Home.

**v20 eagerly await.** Keenly wait for.

**v21 transform.** Completely change.

**v21 lowly.** Nothing special.

**v21 glorious.** Wonderful.

**4v1 stand firm in the Lord.** Don't let anything take you away from the Lord.

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**Week 7: Philippians 4 v 2-9 (NIV)**

**v2 plead.** Ask for something that you want very much.

**v3 loyal yokefellow.** True friend.

**v3 contended.** Worked hard, struggled.

**v3 in the cause of the gospel.** For the gospel.

**v3 the book of life.** A picture used in the Bible to talk about the list of people who God has chosen and saved through Jesus Christ.

**v4 rejoice in.** Find joy in, take delight in.

**v5 evident to all.** Seen by everyone.

**v6 anxious.** Worried.

**v6 petition.** Humbly asking for something.

**v6 your requests.** What you are asking for.

**v7 transcends.** Is far beyond.

**v7 guard.** Keep safe.

**v8 noble.** Good.

**v8 admirable.** Something you should admire (respect).

**v9 put it into practice.** Do it.



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**Week 8: Philippians 4 v 10-23 (NIV)**

**v10 renewed.** Started again.

**v10 concern.** Take an interest in.

**v11 I am in need.** I don't have the things that I need.

**v11 content.** Satisfied.

**v11 circumstances.** Situation.

**v12 to have plenty.** To have even more than I need.

**v12 in want.** Poor.

**v15 moreover.** Also.

**v15 in the early days.** Near the beginning.

**v15 acquaintance with the gospel.** Personal knowledge of the gospel.

**v15 set out.** Left.

**v15 Macedonia.** Philippi was in Macedonia, part of ancient Greece.

**v15 shared with.** Involved with, helped.

**v15 Thessalonica.** Another city in Macedonia.

**v16 aid.** Help.

**v17 credited.** Added.

**v18 I am amply supplied.** I have everything I need.

**v18 fragrant.** Sweet smelling, pleasing.

**v18 acceptable sacrifice.** A gift to God that pleases him.

**v19 according to.** In proportion to.

**v19 glorious.** Wonderful.

**v22 Caesar's household.** The people who live and work in Caesar's house.

**v22 Amen.** A Hebrew word which means "certainly" or "so be it".



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**Extra: Philippians 2 v 19-30 (NIV)**

**v19 be cheered.** Be made happy.

**v20 takes a genuine interest in your welfare.** Truly cares about how well you are doing.

**v21 looks out for.** Is interested in.

**v22 proved himself.** Shown that he is good.

**v26 distressed.** Very sad and worried.

**v27 to spare me sorrow upon sorrow.** To keep me from lots of sadness.

**v28 I am ... eager.** I want very much.

**v30 risking his life.** He was in danger of dying.