



Bible Study

St Paul's Epistle to the Philippians

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1) Select the right answer

1. St Paul wrote the epistle to the Philippians while he was in:

- a. Jerusalem
- b. Damascus
- c. Rome
- d. Colosse

2. During writing the Epistle he was in:

- a. The Temple
- b. The Sanctuary
- c. The Sanhedrin
- d. Prison

3. The people in Philippi were :

- a. Jews
- b. Gentiles
- c. Idol worshippers
- d. All of the above

4. St Paul went to Philippi based on the request of:

- a. The Philippians
- b. The apostles
- c. A vision at night
- d. St Luke

5. St Paul established in Philippi the first:

- a. Church in Europe
- b. Church in Asia
- c. Council in Europe
- d. Temple in Asia

6. One of the features of the Epistle to the Philippians is:

- a. Sadness
- b. Prayer
- c. Joy
- d. Humility

7. How many times is the name of Jesus mentioned in the epistle:

- a. 21
- b. 40
- c. 50
- d. 23

8. St Paul considers all the believers to be:

- a. Saints
- b. Priests
- c. Prophets
- d. Elders

9. St Paul calls himself and his disciple Timothy:

- a. The two Apostles
- b. The Saints
- c. The bondservants of Jesus Christ
- d. The brethren

10. St Paul mentions:

- a. The people before he mentions the Bishops and deacons
- b. The bishops before the people
- c. The Priests before the deacons
- d. The deacons before the people

11. St Paul requested for the people:

- a. Grace
- b. Blessing
- c. Peace
- d. Grace and Peace

12. St Paul always thanked God for:

- a. St Paul's work with his children
- b. The work of God with his children
- c. The work of God with St. Paul
- d. b & c

13. The secret to St Paul's joy was

- a. The people accepting the faith from the first day
- b. The people's attentiveness to the word
- c. Their regular attendance of the meetings
- d. Partaking in spiritual, loving and social gathering

14. He means by "fellowship in the gospel" that they are partaking in:

- a. The New Testament
- b. The good news (Evangelism)
- c. The 4 Gospels
- d. The Bible, both Old and New Testament.

15. The reason for St Paul's joy in the service is:

- a. The One who begins the service is God
- b. The servant is the one who starts the service
- c. The more the service of the servant increases, the more that the service will flourish
- d. The blessing and the work of God come at the end of the service

16. The name of Timothy was mentioned in the Epistle(s) of:

- a. 2 Corinthians
- b. 1 and 2 Thessalonians
- c. Philippians
- d. All of the above

- 17. The phrase “Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ” shows:**
- St Paul’s proud of himself
 - St Paul’s humility so he’s equating his name with his disciple Timothy
 - St Paul is not equating the name of his disciple to himself
 - Timothy is proud of himself
- 18. St Paul has his children in:**
- His mind and in his chains and in the confirmation of the gospel
 - His heart and in his mind and in the confirmation of the gospel
 - His mind, heart and in his chains
 - in his heart, in his chains and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel
- 19. What does he mean by the word “defense” Phil 1:7?**
- St Paul is defending the gospels
 - Defense of the gospel
 - Explaining and clarifying the gospel to the believers, the opposers and the Judaizers for the confirmation of the gospel
 - Explaining and clarifying the gospel to the believers
- 20. The phrase “you are all partakers with me of grace” means:**
- The language of the Holy Spirit that encourages the weak
 - The people are nothing compared to St Paul
 - Mocking the believers
 - Belittling the faith of the people
- 21. St Paul asked for the witness of to prove their love to them:**
- The people
 - God
 - His disciple
 - The apostles
- 22. The purpose of St Paul’s prayer is for them:**
- To abound in love, knowledge and all discernment
 - To know the truth
 - To abound in love, knowledge and guidance
 - To attain perfection
- 23. St Paul told the people that his prison and sufferings were through :**
- A divine plan for the furtherance of the spread of the gospel
 - A plan from the Jews
 - A plan from the Gentiles who became Jews
 - A plan from the Gentiles
- 24. As a result of the St Paul’s imprisonment:**
- He made his brethren afraid
 - He gave them the determination to escape
 - He gave them courage
 - He made his brethren think greater of themselves

25. St Paul's prison resulted in:

- a. A group that is preaching Christ out of love
- b. A group that is preaching Christ from envy and strife
- c. The weakening of the spread of the word
- d. a and b

26. St Paul strongly believed that all the work of envy and affliction will:

- a. Turn out for the benefit of St Paul
- b. Cause problems for St. Paul
- c. Result in deterring the message of the gospel
- d. Result in the Romans being more honoured

27. The hope of St Paul during his imprisonment appears:

- a. In his life
- b. In his death
- c. In his life and death
- d. After the resurrection

28. "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain." St Paul means that life is:

- a. Preaching the gospel and death is a break from this life's suffering
- b. Preaching the gospel and death is meeting the Lord
- c. Enjoyment and death is victory
- d. The current life and death is a punishment

29. The wish of St Paul was:

- a. To meet the Lord in heaven
- b. Leave the world with all its evilness
- c. Leave all the envy and all his afflictions
- d. That the Lord would make this cup/tribulation pass

30. St Paul was happy to continue to live in the flesh on the earth:

- a. For the edification of the church
- b. So he can fight the non-believers
- c. So he can respond to the Jews
- d. So he can work on the circumcision of the males

31. St Paul encourage his children to:

- a. Be steadfast in the one Spirit
- b. Struggle and resist the non-believers
- c. To have patience in resisting the adversaries
- d. All of the above

32. God allows the believers to suffer:

- a. As a punishment
- b. As a sign of love
- c. As training for them
- d. To destroy their free will

33. St Paul cared that preaching would be about:

- a. Life
- b. Jesus Christ
- c. Personal relationships
- d. Family relationships

34. What does St Paul mean by “consolation” in Phil 2:1 :

- a. Condolences and comfort
- b. The worldly pleasures
- c. The sexual desires
- d. Fun and laughing

35. A life of fellowship exists between:

- a. The believers in the church
- b. The hermits in the offering of the liturgy
- c. The servants of the church
- d. All of the above

36. The one mind that St Paul wants for his children is:

- a. Holding to their ideas and not changing their mind
- b. Everyone thinking about themselves only
- c. Not to concern themselves with their brothers’ thoughts
- d. The extent to which they change their thoughts in order to agree with others

37. The meaning of “affection and mercy” is:

- a. Feelings
- b. The hard heart
- c. The sharp temper
- d. The anxious mind

38. The lack of being “like-minded” will result in:

- a. The prevalence of the ego
- b. Strength and fellowship in the group
- c. The spread of the right ideology
- d. Growth in the spiritual life

39. The Image of heaven is complete in us when we are:

- a. Being like-minded and being of one accord
- b. Being like-minded, have the same love
- c. Being of one accord and having the same love
- d. being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind

40. St Paul warned the people from:

- a. Selfish ambition
- b. Humility
- c. Love
- d. Fellowship

41. We should deal with others :

- a. By praising and honouring them more
- b. To encourage them to be righteous
- c. By being hypocritical
- d. By humiliating oneself and honouring others

42. St Paul encourage us to have our backbone in Christ through the ideology of:

- a. Honouring oneself
- b. False glory
- c. Humility
- d. Wisdom

43. The phrase “did not consider it robbery to be equal with God” means

- a. Jesus Christ needs to be proclaimed as equal to God
- b. Jesus Christ doesn't need to be proclaimed as equal to God
- c. The Father being equal to the Son is not a true fact
- d. The Son is not eternal

44. Jesus Christ was incarnated so He:

- a. Accepted the worst way of death
- b. Revealed His glory to people
- c. Humbled Himself and hid His eternal glory
- d. Can reveal His miracles and glory to people

45. After the incarnation God gave His Son Jesus Christ:

- a. The name which is above every name
- b. All the angels should bow to Him
- c. A seat on His left side
- d. All the saints should bow to him

46. Prior to St Paul asking his children to be obedient he:

- a. Praised them
- b. Showed them their mistake
- c. Rebuked them
- d. Made them feel guilty

47. The most important request that St. Paul requested from his children was to:

- a. Love yourself
- b. Love one another
- c. Have good relationships
- d. Work out their own salvation

48. “Fear and trembling” means:

- a. Accepting being humiliated
- b. The fear of the slaves from their masters
- c. The fear of Children from their fathers
- d. The fear and caution of the cunning ego

49. St Paul comforted his children by telling them that:

- a. It is God who works in them
- b. They are capable
- c. They are strong
- d. They are useful

50. A sign of complaining is :

- a. Being Argumentative
- b. Having Disputes
- c. Fighting with others
- d. All of the above

51. The simple children of God:

- a. Walk amongst the crooked
- b. Are known for having a holy life
- c. Are always blamed
- d. Have a lot of faults

52. St Paul wanted the people to:

- a. Rejoice with him for their salvation
- b. Suffer with him for his imprisonment
- c. Not leave their work for his sake
- d. Be happy for Timothy

53. The purpose of St. Paul sending Timothy to them:

- a. To preach the gospel to the people
- b. To solve their problems
- c. So he can return to St. Paul with good news and make him happy
- d. So he can encourage them to fight

54. St Paul shows the extent of his love to his disciple St. Timothy because he made him:

- a. His peer and no one is as good as him
- b. His brother in service
- c. One of the apostles
- d. All of the above

55. St Paul sent Epaphroditus, his :

- a. Friend
- b. His fellow worker
- c. His biological brother
- d. All of the above

56. St Paul was sad because of:

- a. Timothy's sickness
- b. Epaphroditus sickness
- c. His children's news
- d. His imprisonment

57. St Paul had to send Epaphroditus quickly so they can:

- a. Be sorrowful about Epaphroditus' sickness
- b. Send medication for Epaphroditus
- c. help him
- d. Be happy because he's getting better

58. St Paul explained to the Philippians the dangers that Epaphroditus was exposed to when: he was:

- a. Visiting St Paul at prison
- b. Visiting Philippi
- c. On his way to Timothy
- d. On his way to Jerusalem

59. St Paul called the Philippians:

- a. His children
- b. His brethren
- c. His friends
- d. His beloved

The "evil workers" are:

- a. The gentiles
- b. The Romans
- c. The Judaizers
- d. His beloved

60. St Paul repeats the word "Beware":

- a. To emphasize the danger and the importance of the matter
- b. To get their attention
- c. As Music in the letter
- d. To illustrate his capability in writing

61. St Paul's stand on circumcision is that it is:

- a. Circumcision of the flesh
- b. A cut in the flesh
- c. Circumcision of the soul
- d. Dependence on the body

62. St Paul was from the tribe of:

- a. Ephraim
- b. Manasseh
- c. Judah
- d. Benjamin

63. St Paul's jealousy about the law was evident in:

- a. Not persecuting the church
- b. Not persecuting the Jews
- c. Persecuting Christianity
- d. Justifying the stand of the Christians

64. St Paul considered everything that he has done prior to knowing Christ:

- a. Gain
- b. Loss
- c. Profit
- d. Righteousness

65. "and be found in Him" means:

- a. I become part of Christ
- b. Lost and missing
- c. He earned it through his effort
- d. Settled in the bosom of the law

66. The main thing that kept St Paul busy was:

- a. The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ
- b. The sufferings of the Lord Jesus Christ
- c. Christ's stance from sinners
- d. The Judgement and doomsday

67. "I press on that I may lay hold of" means his feelings of:

- a. Strength
- b. Giving up
- c. Falling short
- d. The need to struggle

68. St Paul was in a race against himself so he used to:

- a. Forget the past and think of tomorrow
- b. Look at the past and think of the present
- c. Organise what has passed with what is new
- d. Look at the past and not think of the present

69. St Paul considered the past:

- a. Alive
- b. Continuous
- c. Worthless
- d. Has roots

70. St Paul's struggle was to attain:

- a. The pleasures of the world
- b. Sadness on the earth
- c. Suffering in the world
- d. The glory of heaven

71. "Therefore let us, as many as are mature" means:

- a. Those who are mature mentally
- b. Those who struggle in the road to perfection
- c. Those who look at the past
- d. All of the above

72. St Paul says the things which hinder the spiritual maturity and are not evil:

- a. Will be revealed to you by God
- b. God will question you about them
- c. are small mistakes that we will be punishable
- d. are not recommended in service

73. St Paul advises us that the spiritual maturity that we have struggled to achieve:

- a. Should be cherished
- b. We follow in rational law
- c. We walk in the same ego-centric thought
- d. All of the above

74. What does "Join in following my example" mean?

- a. Shows St. Paul's pride
- b. Directing people to the spiritual principles that he preaches
- c. It shows the humility of the Apostle
- d. Puts a boundary between him and the people

75. St. Paul was sad and weeping over:

- a. Teachers in the synagogues
- b. The simple people who are deceived by the false teachers
- c. The converts who became lovers of the Cross
- d. The faith of the Gentiles

76. The False Teachers:

- a. Made their god as their belly
- b. Live for eternity
- c. Their main preoccupation is prayer
- d. They don't like money

77. The believers are waiting for the coming of:

- a. Christ from heaven
- b. False teachers from heaven
- c. Christ from end of the earth
- d. Christ from the four directions

78. What happens to the bodies of the believers?

- a. They will turn to dust
- b. The Lord will change them into glorified bodies
- c. They will be burned in the fire
- d. They will fall, become weak and sick

79. St Paul mentions that his citizenship is in:

- a. Earth
- b. Jerusalem
- c. Rome
- d. Heaven

80. St Paul found in his beloved brothers:

- a. His glory
- b. His dignity
- c. His crown
- d. All of the above

81. St Paul asked Euodia and Syntyche to:

- a. Unite in the same mind
- b. Each one continue with her own way of thinking
- c. Each one continue with her own service
- d. Each one continue with her own behaviour

82. St Paul asked his faithful companion (Timothy) for the sake of the two ladies to:

- a. Sit with them
- b. Scold them
- c. Help them
- d. Argue with them

83. St Paul asked his faithful companion Timothy to take care of his friend:

- a. Epaphroditus
- b. Silas
- c. Luke
- d. Clement

84. St Paul ensured that all male and female servants would:

- a. Rejoice in the Lord always
- b. Only care about their service
- c. Suffer from constant anxiety
- d. Spiritual struggle with whom they serve

85. The meaning of the word "*gentleness*"

- a. Kindness
- b. Justice
- c. Wisdom
- d. Dreams

86. Every servant or believer should:

- a. Stay up at night
- b. Know the Lord is at hand
- c. Make plans for all their difficult affairs
- d. Know how to make excuses

87. St Paul offered a weapon for believers which is:

- a. Prayer
- b. Complaint
- c. Objection
- d. Praise

88. The Peace of God is:

- a. A free gift
- b. Given sparingly
- c. Given to non-believers
- d. Given only to servants

89. St Paul wanted to pass on to the believers:

- a. Only all that they have heard
- b. Only all that they have seen
- c. Only all that they have learned
- d. All that they have heard, learned and seen

90. St Paul thanked the people of Philippi:-

- a. For their love and care for him
- b. Because they fed him
- c. Because they sent him clothes
- d. Because they sent him recommendations

91. The church has a reading (Philippians 2:4-11) on Good Friday on:

- a. The third hour
- b. The sixth hour
- c. The ninth hour
- d. The eleventh hour

92. St Paul learned to:

- a. Be content in whatever state he was in
- b. Not humble himself in front of his disciple
- c. Neither be full nor hungry
- d. Be greater than all

93. St Paul can do everything:

- a. With wisdom
- b. Through Christ who strengthens him
- c. With sanity
- d. With love

94. The first church that helped St Paul in the beginning of his preaching was the church of:

- a. The Corinthians
- b. The Thessalonians
- c. Philippi
- d. Ephesus

95. St Paul seeks the offerings of:

- a. Gifts
- b. Incense
- c. Fruit of the Spirit
- d. Service

96. St Paul described the gifts of the Philippians as:

- a. A Sweet aroma
- b. An acceptable sacrifice
- c. Expensive and precious
- d. One of the most valuable sacrifices

97. At the end of the Epistle, St Paul requests for the people of Philippi to:

- a. Have the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
- b. love only those who love them
- c. Not help all people
- d. shun the converted

In the Epistle to the Philippians, how many times were each of the following words mentioned?

Word	No. of times
Gospel	
Christ Jesus	
Jesus Christ	

2) Find one verse in the Epistle to the Philippians for each of the following themes and write the Biblical reference

	Theme	Verse	Biblical reference
1	The oneness of love and thought:		
2	A life of giving and service to others:		
3	Avoiding rumbling and arguing:		
4	Pursuing a goal:		
5	A jealous preacher is not bound by restrictions:		
6	Enduring suffering for Christ's sake:		
7	Confirmation of the Gospel:		
8	Strength in Christ:		

	Theme	Verse	Biblical reference
9	Pure Thought:		
10	Be united in the Lord:		
11	Refusal to rely on the flesh:		
12	Rejoice in Christ:		
13	Holy Zeal:		
14	Life to him is Christ, and death is gain:		
15	There should be one spirit in the church:		
16	The Apostle Paul's love for the Philippians:		

3) In the Epistle to the Philippians, How many times had the word “rejoice” and its synonyms been mentioned? Write the Biblical references

Word	Biblical reference

Word	Biblical reference
Total Number:	

- 4) Our Church rituals' are based on the scripture (Such as the Liturgy, praises, Agpeya). Write the Biblical reference from the Epistle to the Philippians that explains the following:**

		Biblical reference
1	Everyone who says, my Lord Jesus is likened to a sword, casting down the enemy. for truly you were exalted, in heaven and on earth (from The Monday Psali).	
2	Your holy name, my Lord Jesus, saved them from all their afflictions.When they call upon it, their hearts rejoiced, and their bodies blossomed (from The Tuesday Psali).	
3	He took what is ours, and gave us what is his, we praise and glorify him And exalt him (from the Friday Theotokiya)	
4	Then our mouths are filled with joy, and our tongue with rejoicing, for our Lord Jesus Christ is born in Bethlehem (Doxology for the Nativity).	
5	Come, all you believers, let us bow down to the resurrection of Christ. For behold through his cross, joy has entered into the whole world (from the praise of the Resurrection).	
6	Receive them (the offerings of the believers) upon your holy rational alter of heaven as sweet savor of incense before your.....(Litany if the Oblations , St Cyril Liturgy)	
7	You, the Infinite, being God, did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped...but....(from the Gregorian Liturgy).	
8	Having sufficiency in in everything always, may abound in every good deed. (End of Litany of the waters in the Liturgy)	
9	I, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you.....bearing with one another in love, endeavouring to... (Introduction to the First Hour Prayer of Agpeya).	
10	Worship God with fear and trembling (prayers of descent of the Holy Spirit in the liturgy).	
11	For you are the life of us all, ...the hope of us all,and the resurrection of us all (Litany of the Gospel).	

5) All the Holy Bible is integrated. For each of the following verses, identify the comparable verse in the Epistle to the Philippians and write the Biblical reference

Verse	Biblical reference
1) John 15:2	
2) Rom 14:8	
3) 1 John 4:7	
4) 2 Tim 2:9	
5) Col 3:12	
6) 1 Tim 3:16	
7) Eph 1:20,22	

Verse	Biblical reference
1) Mat 23:12	
2) 1 Cor 9:24	
3) 1 Pet 1:17	
4) Mark 9:23	
5) Mat 5:16	
6) Rom 8:29	
7) 1 Cor 1:10	

6) Who / what/ where? Write the Biblical reference

		Who / what/ where	Biblical reference
1.	Partakers with St Paul in grace		
2.	Magnified in Paul's body, whether by life or by death		
3.	Be of the same mind in the Lord		
4.	God has exalted Him and has given Him the name which is above every name		
5.	In which City St Paul wrote the Epistle to the Philippians		
6.	A witness that St Paul is longing for the people of Philippi		
7.	Wantsto know that his affairs have turned out for the furtherance of the gospel		
8.	Made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant		
9.	Was distressed because the Philippians had heard that he was sick		
10.	They Became apparent in Christ		
11.	Philippians were granted to suffer for His sake		
12.	Appointed for the defence of the gospel		
13.	The Epistle to the Philippians was handwritten by him		
14.	St Paul prayed that the Philippians would approve that they may be without offence		

7) St Paul referred to some organs of the human body in the Epistle to the Philippians.
Write the verses and the Biblical reference that refers to the following

	Verse	Biblical reference
1. Mind		
2. Belly		
3. Tongue		
4. Knees		
5. flesh		

8) Numbers in the Philippian Epistles: please fill the following table

	Verse from the Epistle to the Philippians	Biblical reference
1. Four things that St Paul mentioned to : " <i>may attain to the resurrection of the dead</i> "		
2. Seven steps that : Christ in humility did until he came to death on the cross		
3. Seven worldly privileges , St Paul gained but he had counted them loss for Christ		
4. Four characteristics of the enemies of the cross of Christ		
5. Eight things which St Paul advised them to meditate on		

9) In Philippians 1: St Paul writes to the Philippians and describes them with certain characteristics. Mention these characteristics and write the Biblical references

	Verse	Biblical reference
1.	The Saints	1:1
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		
9.		

10) These are every day (colloquial) expressions, we use in our conversations. Write the corresponding verse and the Biblical reference from the Philippians Epistle.

	Verse	Biblical reference
1. Our Lord is the one who supports us and directs us to good deeds		
2. As long as our Lord begins the work, he will surely complete it		
3. We must live according to what the Bible tells us		
4. I have always learned to be content and satisfied		
5. This is the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ that keeps us. It is different from the peace of the world		
6. Disagreement in opinion does not damage amicability		
7. I want to meet the Lord Jesus and sit with Him. this is best thing for me		
8. Forget the past and think about the future		
9. I can do anything with God's help		