

Philippians

*What do you say to a
Faithful Church?*



How Did it Happen?



- 2nd Journey Church in Philippi established AD 52**
- 3rd Journey Macedonia & Philippi revisited AD 57**
- Paul now writes from prison in Rome AD 62**

Special Relationship of ***Paul & Timothy***

1 Tim 1:2 Paul... to Timothy ***my true son*** in the faith.

NIV

1 Cor 4:17 I have sent to you Timothy, who is my ***beloved & faithful child*** in the Lord. NASB

Also true of Titus (Titus 1:4)

To Titus, my true son in our common faith. NIV

Repeatedly Paul & Timothy to...

1 Thes 1:1; 2 Thes 1:1 + Silas.

2 Cor 1:1; Colossians 1:1;

Philemon 1:1; ***Philip 1:1***



If you love and appreciate someone, tell them!
(Rom 16:3-13)

Special church at Philippi

Letter: Philippians 1:1 NIV

Paul & Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi ...

How Loyal and Dedicated are you?
(Luke 8:14 Or, thorn-choked?)

Devoted to a task or purpose; having single-minded **loyalty** or **integrity**.

Saints—
Ones dedicated*
the service of
God. *Louw*

Seaport Neapolis / Kavala

Paul Writing from Rome

Phil 1:1 To all the saints... in Philippi including the *overseers and deacons*

1 Pet 5:2-3 *Elder's* Responsibility

Shepherd the flock of God ★

Voluntarily; eagerly, not forced.

Not a tyrant but an example. ★

Deacons: *Responsible Servants*; with loving hearts.

Saints: *Responsible to obey the elders* (Heb 13:17)

Are you moldable? (Isa 64:8)

Parents & Husbands do THAT too (Eph 6:4; 5:29)



2 Kings 2:11, 13 Picking up the Cloak of Elijah



2 Kings 2:11 As they were *going along and talking*, that... there appeared a *chariot of fire and horses of fire* which separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind to heaven.

2 Kings 2:13 He also took up the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and returned and stood by the bank of the Jordan.”

Everybody feels like “They never measure up!”
Just be the best song leader, teacher, preacher,
elder, Christian you can be.

Grace to You Phil 1:2

Grace ...

The highest expression of the blessing of God.

The Happiness which Christianity confers on its friends in this and the future life.

***The Thanksgiving, Joy, Pleasure...
in the Christian's heart and life. (Barnes)***

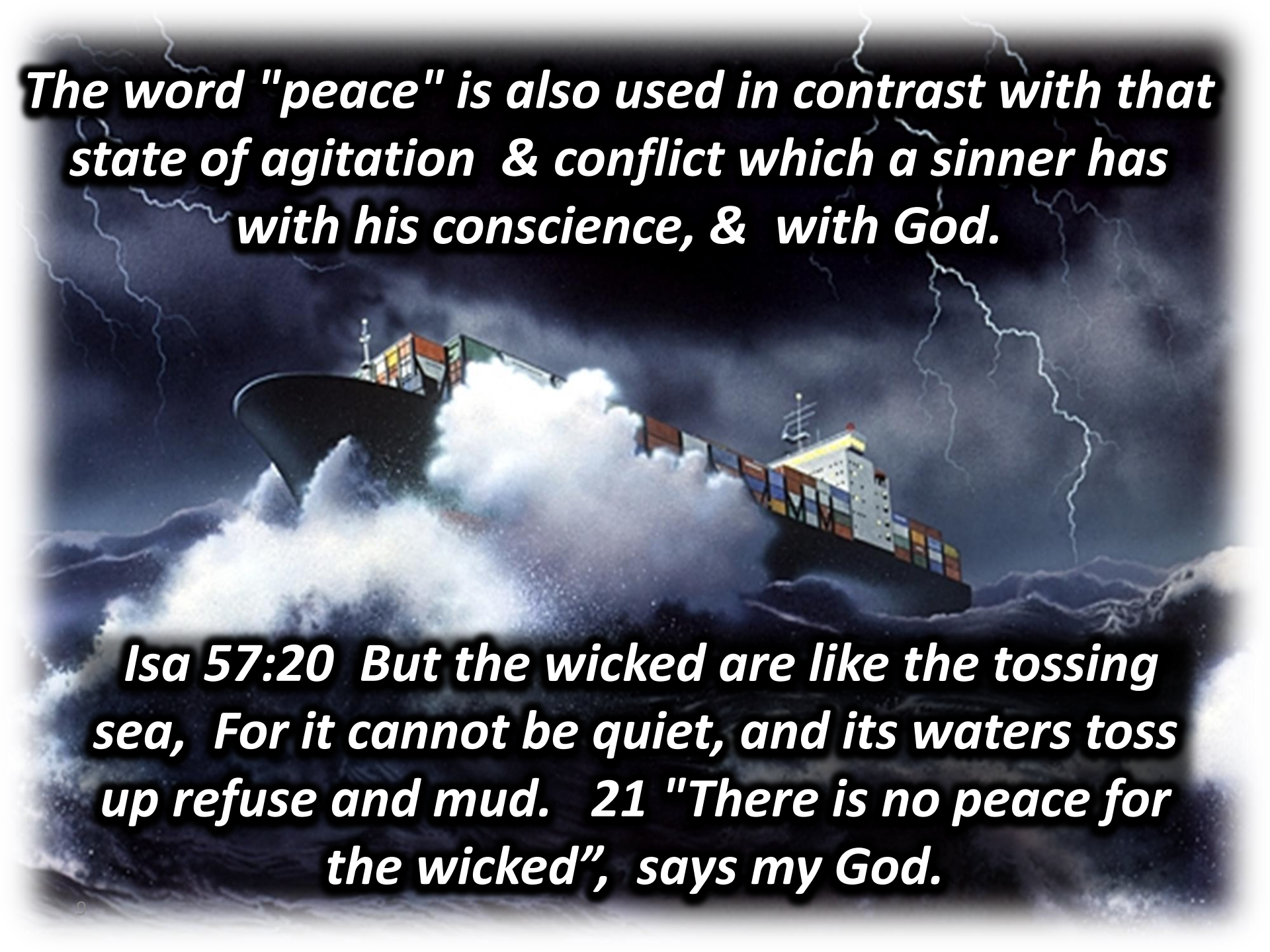
Think of the Blessings that have meant the most to you.

And Peace from God Phil 1:2

Peace is the state of freedom from war. As war conveys the idea of discord and numberless calamities and dangers, so peace is the opposite, and conveys the idea of harmony, safety, and prosperity. (Barnes)

The Christian is at peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. (John 16:33; Rom 5:1)

The word "peace" is also used in contrast with that state of agitation & conflict which a sinner has with his conscience, & with God.

A large cargo ship is shown being tossed in a stormy sea. The ship is tilted, and the water is dark and turbulent. The sky is dark with several bright lightning bolts striking down. The ship's deck is visible, covered with colorful shipping containers. The overall scene conveys a sense of chaos and conflict.

Isa 57:20 But the wicked are like the tossing sea, For it cannot be quiet, and its waters toss up refuse and mud. 21 "There is no peace for the wicked", says my God.

Grace to You... and Peace



We are **called** by grace (Gal 1:15)

We are **saved** by grace (Eph 2:8)

We are **perfected** by grace (1 Pet 5:10)

We **are what we are** by grace (1 Cor 15:10)

I thank God for You !

Phil 1:3 *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.

We are **NOT** just church goers!
We have forgotten our **Mission** !
Make a list of those you wish to invite to worship

I am Confident about You!



Phil 1:6 *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.*

You will have *allies & enemies.*

Jesus did.
(John 8:48)

Paul did.
(2 Cor 10:10)

Phil 1:7 *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.*

My Affection is Enormous!

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

**Paul regarded them with
affection similar to which the
Lord Jesus had for them.** “This
was the tenderest and strongest
expression which he could find
to denote the intensity of his
attachment.” *(cf Barnes)*



Abound in Love Even More !

Phil 1:9-10 I pray,
that *your love may
abound still more
& more* in real
knowledge and
all discernment.

Do I love others
MORE this year?

Do I love others
like Christ does?
John 13:34-35

Do I try things to see which are of genuine value
and growth in others?



“Our pulse beats with the pulse of Christ.”
“Our heart throbs with the heart of Christ.”

Loving God's People

Mat 5:44 **Love** enemies

Rom 12:10 Be devoted to one another in **brotherly love** (philostorgi)

Rom 13:9 **Love** your neighbor as **yourself**.

Eph 4:3 With all humility ... showing **forbearance to one another in love**.

Phil 1:9 I pray, that your **love may abound still more and more**.

1 Thess 3:12 May the Lord cause you to **increase and abound in love** for one another, and for all men..

1 Pet 1:22 Fervently **love one another** from the heart.

What Do You Tell a Faithful Church ?

Grace (v.2)

Peace (v.2)

Thankful (v.3)

Confidence (v.6)

Affection (1:8)

Love X2 (1:9-10)