

Philippians 4:6-4:20 – The Mind of Christ Regarding Contentment

In thinking about these verses of Philippians, remember that Paul has the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16), the same mind that we are to have (2:5). These verses reveal the attitude toward contentment which the mind of Christ produced in Paul. Think about how having the mind of Christ can improve our own attitudes.

Philippians 4:6-9

1) What kinds of things do we worry about? What did Paul have to worry about? What does Paul offer as an alternative to worry?

2) Why is it that the peace which a Christian enjoys is not understood by the world? What can cause us to not possess such peace?

3) What qualities should characterize our thoughts? Why is what we think about so important? What ways could the Philippians benefit from Paul's example?

Philippians 4:10-20

4) From Acts 16-17, where did Paul go from Philippi? According to Philippians 4, what did they do for him there? What had they done for Paul in Rome?

5) How did God view the gifts they sent to Paul? What reward did Paul say they could expect?

6) What opposite extremes had Paul experienced? What was his attitude in whatever state he was? How did Paul have the strength to do this?

7) What pleased Paul most about the gifts from the Philippians? What encouragement can we receive from this? To whom did Paul say glory should be given?