

RESILIENT



THE PARADIGM SHIFT

Philippians 1:1 – 3
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MESSAGE NOTES

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Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, ... — Philippians 1:1

Having a secure identity, based on who you really are in Christ, is the starting point for resiliency.

... To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: — Philippians 1:1

Knowing that this world is broken and full of grief is central to avoiding disillusionment.

When Paul spoke of the Christian being in Christ, he meant that the Christian lives in Christ as a bird in the air, a fish in the water, the roots of a tree in the soil. What makes the Christian different is that he is always and everywhere conscious of the encircling presence of Jesus Christ. — William Barclay

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. — Philippians 1:2

When we live on His grace, we live in His peace.

*I grew up with the image of a mathematical God who weighed my good and bad deeds on a set of scales and always found me wanting. Somehow I missed the God of the Gospels, a God of mercy and generosity who keeps finding ways to shatter the relentless laws of ungrace. God tears up the mathematical tables and introduces the new math of grace, the most surprising, twisting, unexpected-ending word in the English language. — Philip Yancy, *What's So Amazing About Grace?**

But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved. — Ephesians 2:4

The Christian Church is the only society in the world in which membership is based upon the single qualification that the candidate shall be unworthy of membership. — Charles Clayton Morrison (1874 – 1966)

I thank my God every time I remember you. — Philippians 1:3

Gratitude fuels resiliency. Entitlement breeds discontent.

I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure. — Psalm 16:8 – 9

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is something that stuck in your memory from last weekend's message?
- Why do you think so many people feel so dissatisfied?
- What was one thing you learned about Paul's current condition while writing?
- The key words in vs 1 – 2 are "servants (literally "slaves") of Christ" & "ALL God's people in Christ Jesus." What are these words saying and what do they mean for us?
- Can you describe what had happened to Paul when he first came to Philippi?
- What's striking about Paul saying that every time he remembers the Philippian Christians, he is thankful to God for them?
- How does Paul's example help us understand how we should be relating to each other in the body of Christ?
- What was personally inspiring to you from today's discussion?
- What steps could you take this week to cultivate a genuine attitude of joy in your life and relationships?