



PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

A UNIQUE WINDOW INTO PAUL'S HEART & MIND

- HE SAW HIS LIFE AS A REENACTMENT OF JESUS' STORY
- HIS AWARENESS OF JESUS' LOVE & PRESENCE GAVE HIM HOPE & HUMILITY
- KNOWING JESUS IS DEEPLY PERSONAL & TRANSFORMATIVE

1:1-11 OPENING PRAYER

I THANK GOD WHEN I REMEMBER YOU! (1:3)

I'M CONFIDENT THAT THE ONE WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL COMPLETE IT. (1:6)

RICH WITH OLD TESTAMENT ECHOES:

ADAM (GENESIS 1-3) SUFFERING SERVANT (ISAIAH 40-55)

2:6-11 THE MESSIAH POEM

ALTHOUGH HE EXISTED IN THE NATURE OF GOD, HE DID NOT REGARD HIS EQUALITY WITH GOD, RATHER, HE EMPTIED HIMSELF, TAKING UP THE NATURE OF A SERVANT; HE WAS BORN AS A HUMAN & RECOGNIZED AS A HUMAN; HE HUMILED HIMSELF BY BECOMING OBEIENT TO THE POINT OF DEATH, EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS.

THEREFORE, GOD HAS HIGHLY EXALTED HIM, AND GIVEN HIM THE NAME WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY NAME, SO THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, IN HEAVEN, ON EARTH, OR UNDER THE EARTH, AND EVERY TONGUE WILL CONFESS:

JESUS the MESSIAH is LORD! To the GLORY of GOD the FATHER!

QUOTING ISAIAH 45:23

PAUL'S POINT: the One True God consists of GOD the FATHER & the LORD JESUS

4:10-23 CLOSING THANKS

IN NEED & PROSPERITY, IN POVERTY & PLENTY, I'VE LEARNED THE SECRET OF CONTENTMENT: SIMPLE DEPENDENCE ON THE ONE WHO STRENGTHENS ME. (4:12-13)

4:2-9 CHALLENGE TO LIVE THE EXAMPLE

EUODIA & SYNTICHE

"MAKE YOUR NEEDS KNOWN TO THE GOD OF PEACE WHO WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS & MINDS." (4:6-7)

"I PLEAD WITH YOU TO BE UNIFIED IN THE LORD." (4:2)

1:12-26 PAUL'S IMPRISONMENT

PAUL SURE IS INTO THIS JESUS THING... (1:12)

JESUS REALLY LOVES YOU GUYS? (1:13)

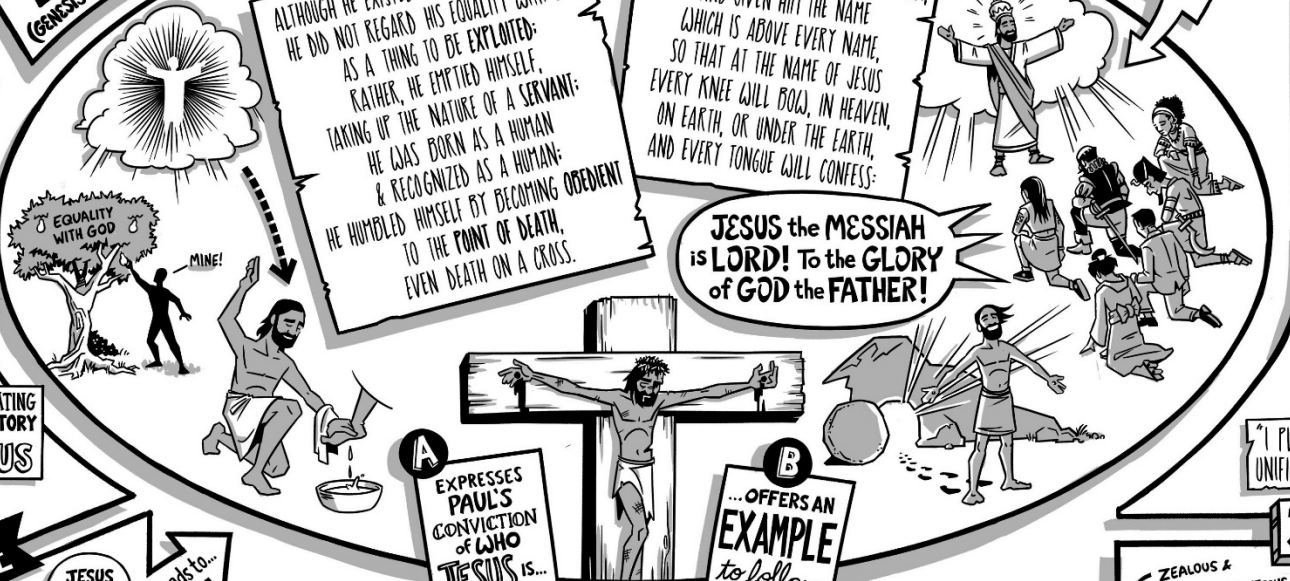
not so bad!

EXECUTION OR **RELEASE**

START MORE JESUS COMMUNITIES

BETTER FOR OTHERS FOLLOWING JESUS' EXAMPLE

PARTICIPATING IN THE STORY JESUS



1:27-2:18 FOLLOWING JESUS' EXAMPLE

"FOR ME, LIFE IS THE MESSIAH, AND SO DYING WOULD BE A GAIN." (1:21)

PRESENCE WITH JESUS GREAT FOR PAUL...

CAESAR IS SAVIOR & LORD!

JESUS IS SAVIOR & LORD!

IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS...

"YOUR LIFE AS CITIZENS SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE MESSIAH." (1:27)

2:19-30 TWO EXAMPLES

19-24 TIMOTHY

LORD, PLEASE KEEP THE PHILIPPIANS SAFE.

25-30 EPAPHRODITUS

"HE CAME CLOSE TO DEATH TO SERVE THE MESSIAH."

...HE'S OKAY!

3:1-4:1 PAUL'S EXAMPLE

ZEALOUS & SELF-RIGHTEOUS

PAUL'S PAST (SEE GALATIANS)

"I REGARD IT ALL AS LOSS IN COMPARISON TO KNOWING THE MESSIAH." (3:8-10)

"OUR TRUE CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN & WE'RE AWAITING OUR ROYAL SAVIOR TO COME FROM THERE." (3:20)

NOT THIS! JESUS AS KING OF THE WORLD

JUSTICE LOVE NEW CREATION