

PAUL UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN ROME Pt. 2

(Philippians 2-4)

I. ILLUSTRATING PAUL'S IMPRISONMENT WITH THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

A. Paul's Difficulties and Witness While in Prison (1:12-14)

B. Paul's Imprisonment Was an Aid in Magnifying Christ (1:19-26)

C. Paul's Amazing Attitude in Ministry While under Arrest (2:17-24)

1. *Being poured out (as a drink offering) on the sacrifice and service* was a vivid illustration using the OT to teach these believers what _____ looked like. (v. 17, cf. 2 Tim. 4:6)
2. The apostle's sacrificial mindset was shocking enough, but to go one step further and state that his present _____ was, "*I am _____ and _____ with you all*" is rather remarkable. (v. 18)
3. Even though Paul really needed Timothy in Rome, he was willing to _____ so that he could _____ how the church was doing spiritually and as a result he could be _____ by the report. (v. 19)
4. Verse 20 is really a _____ account that Paul _____ able to find anyone else who genuinely _____ as much for the Philippian church as he and Timothy did. (v. 20)
5. The apostle made a general statement, "*For all seek their _____, _____ the things which are of Christ Jesus.*" (vv. 21-22)
6. Paul was waiting to learn the outcome of his _____ to Caesar before he _____ his trusted servant Timothy to them; but he hoped that once he was released, he would be able to _____ them in person. (vv. 23-24)

D. Paul Had Learned Some Valuable Things about Contentment (4:10-13)

1. The apostle was able to _____ in the Lord because He met his needs by motivating the Philippian believers to _____ a _____ gift to support him and his ministry. (v. 10)

2. The word “*learned*” has all of Paul’s learning experiences in view as a whole; it took both _____ and _____ to produce this inner _____ of true contentment in times of hunger and abundance. (vv. 11-12)

3. The apostle had discovered the profound truth that inner contentment was _____ found in deliverance from life’s adversities, but it was only found in true _____ and _____ in Christ. (v. 13)

E. Paul’s Needs Were being Met While under House Arrest (4:14-17)

1. The Philippians _____ with their apostle while he was in financial _____ (v. 14) just as they had originally done on his Second Missionary Journey (vv. 15-16, cf. Acts 16:11-40; 2 Cor. 11:9)

2. The apostle _____ in it for the money, he was excited about the “_____” that would accumulate to the Philippians’ spiritual _____. (v. 17, cf. Acts 20:35)

* What can you personally apply from Paul’s attitude while under house arrest for two years?