

# Paul is an example you can follow

*Living Examples who live a worthy walk, part 1, Philippians 2:17-18*

Introduction:

Review

3 EXAMPLES:

1 Corinthians 11:1 *Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ*

*17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all. 18 You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.*

## #1 UNDERSTANDING THE P \_\_\_\_\_

## #2 EMBRACING THE P \_\_\_\_\_

*Romans 9:3 I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh*

2 Corinthians 2:4 *For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears; not so that you would be made sorrowful, but that you might know the love which I have especially for you.*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Paul is a living \_\_\_\_\_

*Romans 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

*Philippians 1:24-25 To remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith 2:24, I trust in the Lord that I myself also will be coming shortly.*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul offers \_\_\_\_\_

*Leviticus 23:18 .... They shall be a burnt offering to the LORD, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the LORD. 37 These are the appointed feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim as times of holy convocation, for presenting to the LORD food offerings, burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and drink offerings, each on its proper day Jeremiah 7:18 ... And they pour out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke me to anger. Hosea 9:4 they shall not pour drink offerings of wine to the LORD, and their sacrifices shall not please him.*

3<sup>rd</sup> Paul demonstrates \_\_\_\_\_

4<sup>th</sup> Paul willingly gives his \_\_\_\_\_ for the Philippians who gave greatly

2 Corinthians 8:1ff *the churches of Macedonia, ...in ... their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity ... they gave ... beyond their means... they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.*

Philippians 1:29 *To you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.* Philippians 1:30 *experiencing the same conflict which [they] saw in [Paul]*

5<sup>th</sup> Paul rejoices over the \_\_\_\_\_ of sacrifice

2 Timothy 3:12 *all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.* Philippians 1:21 *For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.* Romans 14:7-8 *for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.* Acts 5:40 *went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name.*

Philippians 3:8 *I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ.*

Paul, James and Peter *I rejoice in my sufferings. Consider it all joy when you encounter various trials; To the degree ... you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing.*

6<sup>th</sup> Paul calls the Philippians to share their \_\_\_\_\_

### #3 BEGINNING THE P \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> What is \_\_\_\_\_ doing in you, friend?

1 Timothy 1:16 *I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost [sinner], Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.*

2<sup>nd</sup> What is \_\_\_\_\_ doing in you, Christian?

#### **QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS - BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD...**

- 1-Why does Paul refer to himself in verse 17 as a DRINK OFFERING?
- 2-Specifically, how is Paul an example to be followed in this passage?
- 3-In what ways do you see Paul modeling humility in verses 17-18, and how can we live out humility as a result?
- 4-What kind of Christian are you? Are you compartmentalized, or is your entire life lived to God's glory?
- 5-How do Christians truly experience JOY in sacrifice, and why should they share that joy with others?
- 6-What specific steps will you take this week in order to live out verses 17-18 as a way of life?

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