

## PHILIPPIANS: LESSON 5

### I. PAUL AND HIS MESSENGERS (2:19-30)

- A. Paul hopes to send Timothy to the Philippians shortly (2:19-24)
  - 1. Purpose: To know the Philippians' condition – be comforted
  - 2. Timothy:
    - a. Like-minded with Paul – truly cares
    - b. Serves Paul in the furtherance of the Gospel
  - 3. Paul hopes to come to the Philippians soon.
  
- B. Paul has sent Epaphroditus to the Philippians (2:25-30).
  - 1. Epaphroditus:
    - a. Brother
    - b. Fellow-worker
    - c. Fellow – soldier
    - d. Philippians' messenger
    - e. Philippians' minister to Paul's needs
  - 2. Epaphroditus' experiences:
    - a. Longed after the Philippians
    - b. Sick – nigh unto death
    - c. Recovered due to God's mercy
  - 3. Philippians exhorted to receive Epaphroditus
  - 4. Philippians to honor Epaphroditus for his work and courage

### QUESTIONS:

- 1. Whom did Paul want to send shortly to the Philippians?  
Why?
  
- 2. How did this person differ from most?
  
- 3. How was this person like Paul?
  
- 4. Describe the relationship that Paul had with this person in furthering the Gospel?

5. In whom did Paul hope and trust his plans for the future?
6. Why was it necessary for Paul to send Epaphroditus to the Philippians?
7. Why was Epaphroditus in Rome with Paul?
8. Give evidence for the following statements concerning Epaphroditus:
  - a. He was a brave man:
  - b. He was a selfless and compassionate man:
  - c. He was a man deserving of honor:
9. In what two ways were the Philippians to receive Epaphroditus?
10. Is it true that if you are a Christian you will not become sick?