

EPAPHRODITUS: THE LOVING SERVANT OF GOD
Philippians 2:25-30

INTRODUCTION:

Today, we continue our study in **Philippians** with the sermon titled: **Epaphroditus: The Loving Servant of God.**

- The name Epaphroditus means Loving and Charming.
- The church at Philippi sent a financial gift and other supplies to Paul while he was in prison in Rome (Acts 28:30; Philippians 4:18).
- The church at Philippi appointed Epaphroditus to fulfil this task.
- Epaphroditus delivered this letter (Philippians) to the church at Philippi.

I. The Titles for Epaphroditus (v. 25)

- A. Epaphroditus was described as a Christian Brother (v. 25).**
- B. Epaphroditus was described as a companion in labour (v. 25)**
- C. Epaphroditus was described as a fellowsoldier (v. 25).**
- D. Epaphroditus is described as a messenger (v. 25)**

II. Paul's Reasons for Sending Epaphroditus Back to Philippi (vv. 26-30)

- A. He “Longed” for the Philippians Believers (v. 26)**
- B. He had been sick, near to death, but God had mercy on him (Sparing his life).**
- C. He ministered to Paul even while he was sick.**
- D. He recovered; Paul was eager to send him (“I sent Him”) back to Philippi.**
- E. In this letter, Paul encouraged them to accept Epaphroditus with joy and honor (v. 29)**
- F. Epaphroditus' illness was directly connected with his tireless service for Christ (v. 30).**
- G. Paul sent this Philippian letter to the church by Epaphroditus to encourage them and to thank them for their gift.**

CONCLUSION:

- A. “You are writing a Gospel, A chapter each day,
By deeds that you do, By words that you say.
Men read what you write, Whether faithless or true;
Say, what is the Gospel According to you?” - Paul Gilbert**
- B. Christians:** Pattern after Epaphroditus – He gave his life for God's service and did not care about himself.
Sinners: Be Saved! Repent and Believe the Gospel!
- C. “And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house” (Acts 16:31).**

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).