

## Philippians Bible Study - Lesson 10 - **Philippians 4:10-23**

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### **Philippians 4:10-13**

1. Philippians 4:13 is a great verse and statement of faith, but when it is taken out of context, it is sometimes used as a Christian superhero type of verse to mean that we can do anything. What is Paul really saying, given 4:11-13?
2. 4:11-13 is used in Luther's Small Catechism to describe how we can keep the ninth and tenth commandments. Rather than coveting, "we fear and love God by *being satisfied* with what God has provided us and others. This includes being thankful for all that God has given us."<sup>1</sup>
  - a. What are some things that you are particularly thankful for? Feel free to name the big and the small things.
  - b. In LSC, these verses are also used to remind us that "Life in this world remains a good gift even when we feel that life is more of a curse than a gift, more of a burden than a delight, more tearful than joyful."<sup>2</sup>

### **Philippians 4:14-20**

3. We have heard several times already that the church in Philippi had been a strong financial supporter, but we hear in 4:15 that in the beginning of his ministry, they were the only ones!
  - a. Their giving was not a one and done thing, but a continuing care and support for Paul.
  - b. This passage is used in LSC to point out one of the ways that Christians are called to stewardship - regular care and support of the church, church workers, and church property.<sup>3</sup>
4. Paul calls the gift of the Philippians a "fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God." He then writes in 4:19 that "God will supply every need of yours."
  - a. What does Paul mean by this?
  - b. What is every need of ours that God provides for?

### **Philippians 4:21-23**

5. Paul closes his letter with another blessing that points to the unity we have in Christ Jesus.
  - a. "Greet every saint in Christ Jesus" (4:21) - ἅγιον (hagion) = "holy one"
  - b. The saints are those who are made holy by Jesus Christ. Your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, even the ones who you may not be close with or know personally at all, are still a part of the same family of God.
  - c. Paul continues to remind us that we serve each other and indeed the whole world in unity God and His Church.

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<sup>1</sup> LSC, 2017, question 89.

<sup>2</sup> LSC, 2017, question 141.

<sup>3</sup> LSC, 2017, question 147.

God bless.

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