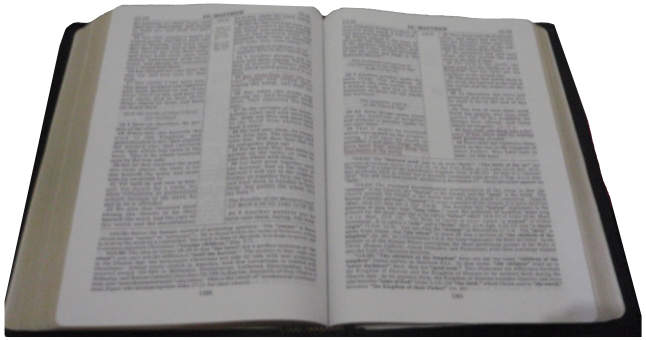
Bible Believers Commentary



King James 1611

Philippians
Chapter 4

The entrance of thy words giveth light
Ps. 119:130

4:1- **Therefore-**

- In retrospect of last two verses 3:20-21

- In the light that were going to heaven and the Lord is going to change our vile bodies.

Therefore

- The 2nd Coming of Christ is our Hope. We have something to look forward to.

- Tit. 2:13 - Blessed Hope

- Jesus Christ is coming back it's a ray of light. It’s going to be worth it all when we see Jesus.

4:1- **My joy and crown**

- 1Th. 2:19-20 - Paul led the Philippians to Christ and he will get a crown for it.

- You get 5 crowns at the Judgment seat of Christ. The crown of rejoicing is one of them.

- Maybe that’s why Christians aren't rejoicing their not getting a crown

- Your not soul winning.

- Your not burdened about people dying and going to Hell.

- Lk.15:7,10 - Joy in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth.

- Song - Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves we shall come rejoicing bringing in the sheaves.

- Are you rejoicing - bringing in the sheaves.

4:1- Paul's converts was his joy.

- Dan. 12:3- they that turn many to righteousness as the stars

- Pr. 11:30- He that winneth souls is wise

4:1- **So stand fast in the Lord**

- Not just standing- don't waste your life

- Eternal life - is waiting on the 2nd Coming - winning souls

- Ph. 1:27 - I may hear of your affairs

- It's a joy to a soul winner that his converts are:

living right
sold out
winning souls
waiting on 2nd coming

4:2- **I beseech**

- Strong, I beg

- 2 women — Euodias - Fragrance

Syntyche - Fortunate

- These two women are fighting about something.

- Why would Paul single out two women by name?

- Their bringing a bad spirit to church.

- Ecc. 9:18- But one sinner destroyeth much good.

4:2- Be of the same mind - Get it right

- If two people are having a conflict take care of it.

- Don't be proud

- Ph. 2:20-21

4:3- **Yoke fellow**

- 2 people in the same yoke - yoke of Oxen - 2 cows

- 1Sam. 14:14 - Yoke of oxen plough ½ acre

- Other people were yoked togther with Paul, helping pull the load.

- Two people have to work together- one stops, one turns

- A church needs to work together in uniseen.

4:3- Women were helping Paul

- Lk. 23:27 - women followed him

- Lk. 23:49- women

- Lk. 23:55- women

- Lk. 24:22-24

- Lk. 24:10-11- Women tell of the resurrection

- 2Tim. 1:5- Timothy's grandmother and mother

- Lk. 2:36-38- Anna

4:3- Who's names will be – No

Who's names are in the book of life

4:19- **Glory**

- Riches in Glory not earth

- streets of gold - asphalt

- Foundation- Rubies, diamonds, etc.- Brick, block, mortar.

- Gates - pearls

- God can supply all your need.

- 1Kg. 17:3-6- God feeds Elijah

- Mt. 14:19-21- 5 loaves & 2 fishes – 12 baskets full

- The Philippians gave through Epaphaoditus

- God gives through Jesus Christ

4:20- God deserves all the glory.

4:22- **Caesar household**

- Paul was leading people to Christ while he is in prison.

4:19- these Philippians have been sacrificing and giving to missions and Paul is saying “My God shall supply all your need”

- The same God that took care of Paul or any other missionary will take care of you.

4:19- **your need**

- not your greed or wants

- 2Kg. 4:1-7- The Philippians were empty vessels for God and he kept filling them up.

- You bring your vessel empty before God and he will fill you up.

- 2Kg. 4:6- When you quit talking to God he stops filling you up.

- When you have no more needs it stops.

- Rev.3:17- and have need of nothing

- The oil stops when you quit telling God your needs.

- Put all your vessel before God.

4:19- **All you need**

- Love, Patience, Wisdom, Holiness, Courage, Faith etc.

4:19- **Riches in glory**

- Eph. 1:7- Riches of his grace

- Eph. 2:4- Rich in mercy

- Eph. 3:8- Unsearchable riches

- Churches don’t believe in eternal life.

- Book of Life - full of eraser marks and white out

- The pages are white and fare in the book of life my name is written there.

- You can know

- 1Jh. 5:11-13

- Isa. 51:6

- Tit. 1:2

- Jh. 5:24, 6:47, 3:16

4:4- **Rejoice in the Lord alway and again I say rejoice**

- Ps. 15:13

- Ps 42:5

4:4- **Rejoice**

- Re= Repeat it, replenish, do it again

- Rejoice - it’s a command - Be happy have a good time.

- Ps. 119:162- I rejoice at thy word as one that findeth great spoil

- How would you act if you just found 100, 000,000 dollars.

- Lk. 2:10- I bring you good tidings of great joy

- Lk.10:20 - Rejoice.... name in heaven

- Isa. 61:3 - Glorify him

- Isa. 61:10 - Not physical but spiritual

- Neh. 8:10 - the joy of the Lord is your strength.

- Deu. 28:16-22, 27-28, 63, **47**

- Ps. 37:4 - Delight thyself also in the Lord rejoice - alway

- Alway - keep at it , alone, public

- Hab. 3:17-18- yet

- 1Th. 5:16- Rejoice evermore

- Jh. 16:22 - Your joy no man taketh form you.

Ph. 4:5- **Let your moderation**

- Don't over do anything, don't under do it.

- Over eat- under eat

- Over work, Sleep,TV, Computer, Family

Ph. 4:5- **be know unto all men**

- If your moderate men will know.

- Don't be stuck on yourself - I moderate and your not wanting people to notice you.

Ph. 4:5- **The Lord is at hand**

- The Lord is getting ready to come back.

- Tit. 2:13

4:18- **I have all and abound: I am full**

- Paul is in jail and has everything he needs and is content.

- These people were giving to help Paul reach the Lost.

- Spiritual Sacrifice of giving helping a preacher out financially and the Lord accepts it as a sacrifice.

- Sometimes it is a sacrifice to give.

- Missionary knew a woman who sold herself into slavery and gave the money so they could build a little church- 10 years of slavery.

- Korean father and son plowing in field. Son pull the plow then the father. They asked what happened to the Ox. They sold it to put up a church building.

- That's a sacrifice acceptable well pleasing to God.

4:19- Great promise - But can you claim it.

- This verse is conditional on you giving to missions.

- 4:10- care of me - giving

- 4:11- Not that I speak in respect of want - money

- 4:14- Ye did communicate

- 4:15- giving and receiving

- 4:16- ye sent

- 4:17- gift

- 4:18- the things

- You should be saying “I can” not “I can’t”

- If you think little you will die little, and never do anything for God.

- Nu. 13:33- we were in our own sight.

- Josh. 5:1- That their heart melted

- Sometimes your sins in your life are giants in your eyes and you have made yourself as grasshoppers.

- The people were afraid of the Jews, their hearts melted inside of them

- Its only in your mind you can’t defeat them.

4:13- **which strengtheth me**

- Christ will not help you do anything which weakens you.

- strengtheth me — present tense not past tense.

- He is strengthening you right now.

4:14- **communicate -** Sent him money

- Gal. 6:6

4:15-16- Cummunication is conected with giving and receiving money.

4:17- When they went money to Paul to help him win souls to Christ they will be rewarded for it.

- You will bear fruit in heaven.

4:6- **Be careful –** Full of care

- Don’t get worked up, worry to much, over burdened, fretful.

- Lk. 10:41 - Martha

- 2Kg. 4:13 - Prophet chamber

4:6- **Prayer & Supplication**

- Don’t be full of care but full of prayer

- 1Pet. 5:7 - Casting all your care upon him

- Especially the little things

- SoS. 2:15 - Little foxes that destroy the vine.

- Ps. 55:22- Cast thy burden upon the Lord

- Lk. 12:7- Hairs of your head.

- God cares about the little things

- Pray about everything

- Pr. 3:5-6 - In all thy ways

- Josh. 9:14-17 - Gibeonites - They didn’t seek council.

- Ph. 4:5 - The Lord is at hand - He’s close, near

- Ps. 46:1- ... very present help in trouble

- Does God have to put you in a bad situation for you to start praying.

- When everything is going well people don’t pray, call out to God.

4:6- Prayer **and** supplication

- Prayer - Talking to God

- Supplication - when you really need something.

- 1Kg. 18:43 - Go again 7 times-

    - Sometimes you have to keep praying.

- Gen. 32:24-28 - Jacob wrestled all night until he prevailed.

- Mk. 32- 41- Jesus went and prayed 3 times.

4:6- **With thankgiving**

- Were not thankful when we pray

- Rom. 1:8-9- Paul mixes thankfulness with his prayers

- Col. 1:3 - Thanks - prayer

- 1Th. 1:2

- 2Tim. 1:3

- Acts 16:25

- Zec. 12:10- Spirit of Grace and Supplications

    - One of the attributes of the Holy Spirit.

    - Rom. 8:26

- Ph. 1:3-4 - Thankful and praying

- Lk. 17:12-19 - Ten lepers - One thanked God

4:13- True statement

- False bibles change which to who.

- Which one of you believe this.

- Who one of you believe this.

- 1Jh. 1:1- That which was

- Jh. 1:18

- 1Cor. 13:10

4:13- Paul is not speaking arrogantly or over bearing.

- Dan. 4:29-30 - King Nebuchadnezzr speaking arrogantly

- It's through Christ

- Jh. 15:5

- 2Cor. 11:23-27- I can do all things through Christ

- You can overcome all your short comings through Christ

- Shy, Lazy, Addicted- food
  drugs
  Sugar

- 1Cor. 10:13

- Zech. 4:6-7- Who art though O great mountain

    - Some of you have great mountains in front of you.

    - Mountains of Sin, doupt

- What ever that mountain is it can become a plain through Jesus Christ.

-You have to be careful when you abound you have a tendency to quit fighting and enjoy the ride and start backsliding.

- Rev. 3:17- I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing

- you have to learn how to be abased and abound.

4:12- **I am instructed** - He learned

- If the Lord blesses you make sure you keep calling on his name.

- Don't get puffed up or proud and get to the place where you don't think you need God.

- Most christians are full of the world, things and food

- Be Full Spiritually

- Deu. 6:10-12

- Deu. 8:7-18

- Pr. 30:7-9 - Feed me with the food convenient for me

- If you havan't abounded yet its because God doesn't think your ready.

- If you have abounded than keep giving God the glory, and keep reading your bible, praying and soul wining.

4:12- **Suffer need**

- Ph. 4:9

- You suffer the need of other christians

- Dan. 6:10-11- The Lord wants you to give him all your burdens and prayers

- Ps. 18:2

- 2Ch. 20:19-22 - Give God the glory and praise him and thank him for what he has done.

- You need to thank God for what he is going to do.

- Our prayers or selfish- I want this or I want that.

- 1Jh. 5:14-15- Ask it in the will of God.

- Jam. 1:5-7 - Ask in faith

- Heb. 11:6- without faith it is impossible to please him

4:6- **Request** - Intelligent praying

- Tell God exactly what you need. Don't generalize it.

- Heb. 7:25- Jesus is waiting for you

- He ever lives to make intercession for you.

- Isa. 45:19 - Seek ye me in vain

- God doesn't want you to seek him in vain.

- Come to him and he will draw close to you.

- He ever lives to commune with his children.

ILL- Steve Sturgeons girls writing letters to their friends.

- His girls right letters all the time to all their friends they go through tons of paper. But they never put stamps on them

- and mail them. It never gets mailed. That's how a lot of our prayer are to god. We write out this beautiful letter but we never mail it.

- Mean business with God and mail the letter.

- If you will quite playing with God and make you request known

- You know what will happen?

-Ph. 4:7 - you'll get the peace of God

Ph. 4:7- **The peace of God**

- How do you get it?

- By doing verses 4-6

4- Rejoice
5- Be moderate
6- Prayer & supplication with thanks giving

- Peace of God you get it by

1- Praying right - 4:6
2- Thinking right - 4:8
3- Living right - 4:9

Ph. 4:7- He didn't say he would answer you prayer.

- It says: which passeth all understanding.

- The peace of God doesn't give you understanding, it passeth all understanding.

- It goes beyond understanding.

- IF you have the peace of god who cares what's going on around you. You have the peace of God.

- Mt. 8:20- Foxes have holes

- Jesus was content wherever he was.

- 1Tim. 6:8- food and clothing

- Heb. 13:5

- Lam. 3:39- Wherefore doth a living man complain.

- What have you got to complain about - your saved going to heaven not hell.

- Paul never complained

4:12- **Abased-** basement - made low

Abound- Prosper

- Abased is adversity - your fired
- cancer in family
- you get knocked down

- Jh. 3:30- John said - I must decrease

- Rom. 8:35-37

4:12- **I know how to abound**- Prosperity

- A lot of us know how to live abased, never having anything. but do you know how to abound.

- Ps. 62:10- If riches increase set not your heart upon them.

- ILL- You've been setting down and get up real fast and start to get dizzy. You have to be careful when your lifted up it don't go to your head.

4:11- **Whatsoever state I am**

- What ever condition he is in he is content.

- If you can be content then what else do you need.

4:11- **I have learned**

- You have to learn to be content.

- You can't learn contentment without discipline

- It will cost you something.

- Gen. 50:19-20 - Joseph was content

- Rom. 8:28

- Contentment is in your mind, not in the extent of you possessions.

- Lk. 12:15

- ILL- Alexander the Great after he had conquered the world wished there was one more world to conquer

- He was not content.

- 1Kg. 21:5-6 - Ahab and Naboths vineyard.

- Ex. 15:9- Pharaoh and Egypt not content

- 2Kg. 5:20, 27 - Gehazi not content

- Esther 5:13- Haman not content

- Jesus was content - He never complained

- the peace that God has, has been given to you.

- Do you think anything bothers God.

- Do you think the news headline bother God.

- The peace of God passeth all understanding, That means it's unphathonable it's deeper than you can reach.

- Unphathonable

- Unmeasurable

- Unspeakable - You can't explain it.

4:7- **Keep** your **hearts** and **mind**

- In your heart you have wrong feelings.

- In your mind you have wrong thinking.

- Keep your hearts and mind.

- Through meditation or yoga etc. - No

- **Through Jesus Christ.**

4:7- You can trust this verse when your going through trouble.

- Your having surgery - memorize this verse.

- Isa. 26:3- memorize

4:7- Peace **of** God

- Not every christian here has the Peace of God but you have

- Peace with God.

- Rom. 5:1- we have peace with God.

- Saved - you have peace with God.

- Living right - you have the peace of God.

  - Right praying
  - Right thinking
  - Right living

- Col. 3:15- Peace of God- Rule in your hearts

4:8- **Think on these things.**

- Say good by to your TV.

- Pr. 23:7a- For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.

4:8- **What is true?**

- Ps. 19:7-9- The Bible

- Think on these things.

- 2Cor. 10:5-

4:9- **Learned, Received, Heard, Seen**

- What you have learned, received, heard and seen – Do.

4:9- **Seen in me**

- Can you stand up and say follow me, live the exact way I do.

- Follow my example

- Jam. 1:22- doers of the word

- Lk. 11:28

- Lk. 12:47-48

- Jh. 13:17 - happy are ye

4:7- Peace of God

4:9- God of Peace

- At salvation you met the God of Peace

- Ps. 119:165- Great peace

- We have the - Peace of God - to Gaurd us

  " - God of Peace - Guide us

ILL- Foxes book of Martyrs

- Man getting ready to be burnt to death, talking to his executioner said put your hand on my heart, it's beating less then yours.

- Man being burnt to death told his executioner you can turn me over now, that side is done.

- That's Peace

4:10- Paul's in prison

- The Philippians were supporting Paul and for some reason dropped his support, but then later picked it back up.

- It is devastating for a missionary on the field to have his support dropped.

4:11- **Not that I speak in respect of want**

- Not that I want anything