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THREE PLUS PHILIPPI PLUS GOD

(Philippians 2:17 – 30)

INTRODUCTION - Now, all together, let's complete (complement) our salvation.

1. PAUL

(v17) **"if I am being poured out as a drink offering"** - Philippians, your faith is the main offering, and my life is just the drink-offering that is poured out at the end. (Ex. 29:38-40)

"I am glad and rejoice with you all / be glad and rejoice with me"
I appreciate your sacrificial faith, appreciate mine.

(v19) and (v24) **"But I trust in the Lord"** - (Proverbs 16:9; James 4:13-16)

2. (v19 – 24) TIMOTHY

(v20) **"I have no one like-minded"** - Timothy will match Paul's care for them.

"who will sincerely care for your state" - heartfelt; unfeigned; honest; good faith.
"but you know his proven character" - Timothy would certainly be welcomed.

(v22) **"as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel"** - "with"

3. (v25 – 28) EPAPHRODITUS - "necessary to send to you Epaphroditus"

"my brother" - emphasizes the relationship we enjoy in the family of God.

Term used in the letter: (1:12, v14; 2:25; 3:1, v13, v17; 4:1, v8, v21)

"fellow worker" - (1 Corinthians 3:9) "For we are God's fellow workers"

"and fellow soldier" - reference to Christian's warfare.

Noted elsewhere: (Ephesians 6:10-18; 1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Tim. 2:3 and 4:7)

"but your messenger" - sent from the church in Philippi to see Paul: (4:18)

"who ministered to my need" - second-mile Christianity, did more than expected.

(v26) **"he was longing to see you all"** - he was home-sick and deathly sick.

(v30) **"he came close to death, not regarding his life, ... in your service to me"**

4. (v27) GOD

"but God had mercy on him" - God had a hand in his recovery.

"but on me also" - without the recovery, Paul would have **"sorrow upon sorrow."**

5. (v28 – 29) BRETHREN IN PHILIPPI - "and when you see him"

"rejoice" - always good to get together, but especially after a long absence, back home from mission trip, and knowing that he has recently been rescued from danger.

"receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness" - remember God's work in this.

"hold such men in esteem" - appreciate; regard highly; cherish; think well of.

CLOSE: This section sets forth an example for us in Christian (congregational) living