

Part 1 – Sermon: Peace With Others – Philippians 4:1-3

I. GET ENCOURAGEMENT IN THE LORD. Philippians 4:1a

“Therefore my **brethren** dearly **beloved**, **longed for**, **my joy**, and **crown**,”

- A. When you are discouraged find an **encourager** (Paul could encourage).
- B. Before you decide to correct, encourage first (Rev 2:1-3:22 – Jesus did it).
 - ❖ People can receive better if you see the good before you see the bad.
 - 1) “**My brother.**” Believers in Christ. Saints of God. Heirs with the Lord.
 - 2) “**Dearly beloved.**” Richest, deepest, and strong word for love.
 - 3) “**Longed for.**” I can’t wait to see you. Well thought of.
 - 4) “**My joy.**” It was exciting, happiness in their presence.
 - 5) “**My crown.**” They were his blessing and reward for their Christians walk.

1st Cor. 14:33 – God is not the author of confusion **but of peace**, as in all the **churches of the saints**.

II. STAND FAST (FIRM) IN THE LORD. Philippians 4:1b

“.....so **stand fast (firm) in the Lord**,”

- A. The local church must stand firm in the Word. (Even when there are problems).
 - ❖ But you can’t stand on the Word, if you don’t know the Word. Not opinions.
 - 1) Phil 1:28-30 – There was persecution of the church.
 - 2) Phil 2:2 – 5 – There was a lack of Unity in the church.
 - 3) Phil 2:14 – There was complaining, arguing and disputing in the church.
 - 4) Phil 3:18-19 – There was false teaching going on in the church.
 - 5) There’s nothing new under the sun. What happened then, is going on now.

III. LIVE IN HARMONY IN THE LORD. Philippians 4:2-3

“I beseech **Euodias and Syntyche.....be of the same mind in the Lord.**”

- A. **Get a Mediator** (arbitrator) to help (bring reconciliation). V 3a. True yokefellow
 - 1) Romans 12:18 – As much lieth in you, live peaceably with all man.
 - Paul was upset with John Mark (Acts 15:37-39) for abandoning him.
 - Paul Forgave John Mark (2nd Tim 4:11).
 - 2) 1st Cor. 1:10 – Paul told them there should not be any divisions among them.
 - 3) 1st Peter 3:8 – Live a harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble life
- B. **Ask the Seven (7) problem solving questions....**
 - 1) How can you AGREE with each other in the Lord? Amos 3:3 (How can 2 walk together)
 - 2) What would Jesus do? Matt 6:44 (Love them, pray for them)
 - 3) How can the church benefit? 1st Cor. 14:40 (Do things decent and in order).
 - 4) How can God get the glory? 1st Cor. 6:19-20 (Glorify God in your body).
 - 5) Do you have to win every argument? Phil 2:3-5 (Esteem other better).
 - 6) Is it really that serious? Who values from it? Luke 14:28 (Count the cost).
 - 7) Did you forget that you are both serving the same God for eternity? Phil 4:3.