

Chapter 1

Hauing signified that he vſeth to thanke God for their vertue, 9. and alſo to pray for their increafe, 12. he certiſieth them (for their confirmation & comfort) what good was come through his trouble at Rome, 24. & that he doubteth not (though he rather deſire martyrdom) but to come againe vnto them, 27. exhorting them to liue as they ought to doe, 28. and namely not to ſhrinke for perfecution.

Paul and Timothee the ſeruants of IESVS Chriſt; to al the Saints in Chriſt IESVS that are at Philippi, with the ¹Biſhops and Deacons. ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and our Lord IESVS Chriſt.

³ I giue thanks to my God in al memorie of you (⁴ alwaies in al my praiers for al you, with ioy making petition) ⁵ for your communicating in the Ghospel of Chriſt from the firſt day vntil now. ⁶ Truſting this fame thing, that he which hath begun in you a good worke, wil perfit it vnto the day of Chriſt IESVS. ⁷ As it is reaſon for me, this to thinke for al you, for that I haue you in hart, & in my bands, and in the defence, and the confirmation of the Ghospel, al you to be partakers of my ioy. ⁸ For God is my witnes, how I couet you al in the bowels of IESVS Chriſt. ⁹ And this I pray, that your charitie may more and more abound in knowledge and in al vnderſtanding: ¹⁰ that you may approue the better things, that you may be ſincere and without offence vnto the day of Chriſt, ¹¹ replenished with the fruit of iuſtice by IESVS Chriſt, vnto the glorie and praife of God.

¹² And I wil haue you know, Brethren, that the things about me are come to the more furtherance of the Ghospel: ¹³ ſo that my bands were made manifeſt in Chriſt in al the court, and in al the reſt, ¹⁴ that many of our Brethren in our Lord, hauing confidence in my bands, were bold more abundantly without feare to ſpeake the word of God. ¹⁵ Some indeed euen for enuie and contention: but ſome alſo for good wil preach

Chrift. ¹⁶ Some of charitie: knowing that I am fet vnto the defence of the Ghospel. ¹⁷ And some of contention preach Chrif not sincerely: fuppofing that they raife affliction to my bands. ¹⁸ But what? So that by al meanes, whether by occafion, or by truth, Chrif be preached: in this alfo I reioyce, yea & wil reioyce. ¹⁹ For I know that this fhall fal our to me vnto faluation by your praier and the fubminiftration of the Spirit of IESVS Chrif, ²⁰ according to my expectation & hope; becaufe in nothing fhall I be confounded, but in al confidence as alwaies, not alfo fhall Chrif be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. ²¹ For vnto me, to liue is Chrif: and to die is gaine. ²² And if to liue in the flefh, this vnto me be the fruit of the worke, and what I fhall choofe I know not. ²³ And I am ftraitned of the two: hauing defire to be diffolued & to be with Chrif, a thing much more better. ²⁴ But to abide in the flefh, ‘neceffarie’ for you. ²⁵ And truſting this, I know that I fhall abide and continue with you al, vnto your furtherance and ioy of the faith: ²⁶ that your gratulation may abound in Chrif IESVS in me, by my comming againe to you.

Eph. 4, 1. ²⁷ Only conuerſe ye worthie of the Ghospel of Chrif: that whether when I come and ſee you, or els be abſent, I may heare of you that you ſtand in one Spirit, of one mind labouring together to the faith of the Ghospel. ²⁸ And in nothing be ye terrified of the Aduerſaries, which to them is ^a)cauſe of perdition: but to you of faluation, & this of God: ²⁹ for to you it is giuen for Chrif, not only that you beleue in him, but alfo that you ſuffer for him, ³⁰ hauing the ſame combat like as you haue ſeen in me, and now ‘haue heard’ of me.

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ANNOTATIONS

1 Bishops and Deacons.) Wicleffe and other Heretikes would proue by this that Priests are not here named; & for that there could not be many Bishops of this one towne, that there is no difference betwixt a Bishop and a Priest, which was the old

Bishops and Priests alwaies diſtinct functions.

^a ἐνδεξις, A manifeſt prooffe and euidence.

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heretie of Aerius, of which matter, in other places. For this present it is enough to know that in the Apostles time there were not obserued alwaies proper distinct names of either function, as they were quickly afterward, though they were alwaies diuers degrees & distinct functions. See *S. Chrysoftom, Occumenius, Theophylactus*, and the rest of the Græcians vpon this place.