

Philippians 1:25-26

CONVINCED OF GOD'S PLAN

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25 - Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith,

26 - so that your proud confidence in me may abound in Christ Jesus through my coming to you again.

27 - Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

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Convinced

- convinced - in Greek means "to persuade," and is in the perfect tense. It speaks of a settled conviction which is the result of a past completed process of turning a matter over in one's mind until one is persuaded of it.
- Paul had turned over in his mind the need which the Philippian saints had of his ministry, and had come to the settled conviction that they needed him more than he needed to go to heaven just then.

Convinced of this

- convinced of this - Paul is looking back to what he has just told them in Philippians 1:24:

"...yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake."

- Paul anticipates continuing his ministry for the Philippians good.

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Not all "know's" are created equal

oida

ginosko

- Philippians 1:12, "Now I want you to know..."
- Philippians 1:19, "...for I know that..."
- Philippians 1:22, "...I do not know which..."
- Philippians 1:25, "...I know that I will remain..."
- Philippians 2:22, "But you know of his..."
- Philippians 3:10, "...that I may know Him..."
- Philippians 4:12, "I know how...I also know how..."
- Philippians 4:15, "You yourselves also know..."

Know

- know (oida) - in Greek means "to know by perception". The verb here is perfect active indicative, which tells us that Paul perceived this truth in the past, & that his perception continues to have impact into the future
- know (ginosko) - "to know throughly"

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Remain

- remain - "abide, remain, stay"
- This word is a future active indicative, so that Paul sees himself staying on in the future, not just tentatively staying for now
- In context, this has the meaning that Paul sees his need to remain on earth in order to continue ministry – most particularly with the saints at Philippi

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Progress

- progress - "furtherance"
- referring to the pioneer advance of the gospel there, to the Christian progress which the Philippians would make under the ministry of the apostle, a progress in new paths of Christian conduct and service which would otherwise not be possible.

Phil 1:25 - Expanded

And having come to this settled conviction (namely, that to remain in the flesh is more needful for you), I know that I shall remain and continue alive with you all for your progress and joy in your faith.

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Philippians 1:26

26 - so that your **proud confidence** in me may abound in Christ Jesus through my coming to you again.

Proud Confidence

- **proud confidence** - "rejoicing, delighted expressions of support, glorying in Christ"
- This is not to be understood as fleshly bragging and hollow boasting, but rather joyful expressions of support consistent with the active participation Paul had seen in the saints in Philippi since the beginning of his days with them

More about Paul's "boasting"

- Philippians 2:16; I Thessalonians 2:19; 2 Corinthians 7:4; 9:2, 3 all make reference to Paul's "boasting" about those being saved & growing through his ministry
- Paul even seemed to have no problem with the churches "boasting" in him (2 Corinthians 1:14, Philippians 1:26)

Direct attention to the Lord Jesus Christ

- Galatians 6:14, "But may it never be that I would **boast***, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."
- Philippians 3:3, "...for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and **glory*** in Christ Jesus and put no confidence [Gk: peitho] in the flesh,"

*Greek *kauchema*, as in Philippians 1:26

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Abound

- abound - "superabundance; more than enough"
- This is way, way beyond minimal, adequate, or even full to the brim

It's overflowing!

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In Christ Jesus

- The believer's eternal position & identity are entirely within Christ Jesus
- It is Paul's [& the Lord's] intent that the believer's glorying & rejoicing are entirely within Christ Jesus

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Coming

- coming - often used in the sense of a special coming, not just a casual arrival; to be beside or alongside
- In some contexts, this word is used to refer to the Lord's coming (such as Matthew 24:3), but that is obviously not Paul's meaning here

Phil 1:26 - Expanded

In order that your rejoicing may abound in Christ Jesus through me by reason of my personal presence with you again.

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