

# THE SCENT OF A BELIEVER

## Sermon Outline

An Exposition of Philippians 4:14-23  
By Pastor Brent Tremblay, Sunday, June 7, 2020

Theme: Paul's salutation and his appreciation for the Philippian's generosity and sacrifice for him while he was in prison.

### **1. Paul's Thanksgiving (v 14-17)**

#### i. He Was Filled With Thanksgiving And Appreciation

Not complaining, but filled with a heavenly joy!

#### ii. The Reason For His Thanksgiving

The Philippians love, concern and care for him. (v 14)

They supported him with prayers and finances. (v 15)

Their giving was not a "one-off" but repeated. (v 16)

Their gifts would result in their receiving eternal dividends. (v 17) (We too, by our gifts, will be rewarded with treasures in heaven. Matt 6:20, Luke 18:22)

### **2. The Philippian's Fragrant Offerings (v 18)**

In Old Testament incense was added to offerings.

Picture of Christ and the Church (Christ - Eph 5:2 and the Church 2 Cor 2:14)

### **3. God's Infinite Supply (v 19)**

#### i. One of Most Distorted Verses in Bible

Taken to mean God will supply all our "wants" vs. all our "need" – which is a perversion of the gospel.

#### ii. God Will Give Grace to Endure and Cope in Every Situation

## Bible Study Questions

1. Where did Paul's joy come from?
2. Why was Paul so joyful and filled with thanksgiving? (v 14)
3. In what ways did the Philippians show kindness to Paul? (v 15) Why did they do this and how can we as believers do the same? What does the word "partnership" imply?
4. What does it mean to give a "fragrant offering" to the Lord? (Eph 5:2; Rom 12:1; 2 Cor 2:14-16)
5. Read verse 19. How is this verse sometimes distorted and misappropriated? Does God promise to supply all your "wants" or "needs"? What is the proper interpretation of this verse?
6. Can we truly count on God to supply all our need? (Rom 8:32)