

Mind, Heart, Life

Introduction

In this penultimate study, we look at Philippians 4vs2-8, a passage which begins with a rather striking appeal for peace between two women in the church at Philippi and ends with a promise to the whole congregation that the God of peace will be with them as they seek to live with faith and love. This structure of an appeal for peace and a promise of peace can hardly be co-incidental and shows that everything that Paul has to say in the passage – even the great section on prayer as the antidote to anxiety – relates to his concern for on-going unity and gospel partnership among the Philippian Christians. At the same time the passage contains a number of important exhortations and promises for us to take to heart.

Study Questions

(These questions should be answered from the text)

Read Philippians 4vs2-8

1. What are the key elements involved in resolving the difficulty between Euodia and Syntyche? (4vs2-3)

2. How are the Philippians to ensure that their relationships with each other remain intact and indeed positive for gospel partnership? (4vs4-5; 4vs8-9)

3. How were the Philippians to respond to anxiety?

