

## ~EPAPHRODITUS (61)

(E-paph-ro-di'tus) [from a root meaning foam up]

- A trustworthy member of the congregation at Philippi, Macedonia, who was sent with a gift to Paul, then a prisoner at Rome circa 59-61 C.E.
- However, I consider it necessary to send to you **Epaphroditus**, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, but your envoy and private servant for my need. (**Philippians 2:25**)
- However, I have all things in full and have an abundance. I am filled, now that I have received from **Epaphroditus** the things from you, a sweet-smelling odor, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. (**Philippians 4:18**)
- While in Rome, **Epaphroditus** fell sick nearly to the point of death, but God had mercy on him. News of his sickness reached the Philippians and they, perhaps, anxiously made inquiry.
- Since **Epaphroditus** was longing to see the Philippians and was distressed that they had learned about his illness, Paul considered it advisable to send **Epaphroditus** back quickly upon his recovery and entrusted him with his letter to the Philippian congregation.
- Paul encouraged the brothers to give **Epaphroditus** the customary welcome in the Lord and to keep holding men of that sort dear. For it had been on account of the Lords work that **Epaphroditus** had exposed himself to danger, coming quite near to death.
- However, I consider it necessary to send to you **Epaphroditus**, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, but your envoy and private servant for my need. (**Philippians 2:25**)
- Since he is longing to see all of you and is depressed because you heard he had fallen sick. (**Philippians 2:26**)
- Yes, indeed, he fell sick nearly to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, in fact, not only on him, but also on me, that I should not get grief upon grief. (**Philippians 2:27**)
- Therefore with the greater haste I am sending him, that on

seeing him you may rejoice again and I may be the more free from grief. (**Philippians 2:28**)

- Therefore give him the customary welcome in the Lord with all joy, and keep holding men of that sort dear. (**Philippians 2:29**)
- Because on account of the Lords work he came quite near to death, exposing his soul to danger, that he might fully make up for your not being here to render private service to me. (**Philippians 2:30**)
- **Epaphroditus** is not to be confused with the **Epaphras** from Colossae.