

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for April 27-28, 2002

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"A Priceless Pair"

Philippians 2:19-30

What do we learn about Epaphroditus from Philippians 2:25-30?

We learn about who Epaphroditus was to others (Philippians 2:25).

We first of all learn who Epaphroditus was to Paul (Philippians 2:25).

Paul calls him "my brother" (Matthew 12:46-50).

Paul calls him "my fellow worker" (Philippians 4:2-3).

Paul calls him "my fellow soldier."

The word translated "my fellow soldier" (SUSTRATIOTES) was originally a military term used to describe those who fought side by side.

We also learn who Epaphroditus was to the Philippians (Philippians 2:25).

Paul called Epaphroditus "your messenger" (Philippians 4:18).

Paul called Epaphroditus "your minister."

The term "minister" (LEITOURGOS) denoted among the Greeks one who discharged a public office at his own expense.

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We learn why Epaphroditus was sent back to Philippi by Paul in Philippians 2:26-27.

Paul sent Epaphroditus back because of Epaphroditus' concern for the Philippian church.

The attachment we enjoy with our church family should be similar if not greater than the attachment we enjoy with our human family (Matthew 12:46-50).

The love that the Philippian church, Epaphroditus and Paul had for one another was a powerful witness to the world that they were the disciples of Christ (John 13:34-35).