

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

**Sermon Notes for February 22-23, 2003**

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**"The Philippians' Gift to Paul"**

**Philippians 4:10-20**

What did Paul's thank you to the Philippians involve?

Thanking the Philippians involved telling them how their gift made him feel.

Paul's response to the financial gift of the Philippians was great joy.

The word "revive" (ANATHALLO) means "to bloom again."

This reference of a revived concern should in no way be interpreted as a rebuke but as a compliment.

The only reason why the Philippians had not sent other financial gifts to Paul was not because of a lack of concern but rather a lack of opportunity (2 Corinthians 8:1-5).

Thanking the Philippians also involved clarifying that their expression of care was a greater benefit for them rather than for him (Philippians 4:11-17).

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Paul's clarification begins by looking at how necessary he viewed their gift in fulfilling God's purpose for his life (Philippians 4:11-13).

Paul was not desperate for their gift, neither did he sense a need for their gift, because he had learned contentment.

The word "content" (ARKEO) means to be satisfied.

Satisfaction in every circumstance can only be learned by those who know Christ.