PHILIPPIANS
(Answers)

CHAPTER 1

1. a. Yes. b. Because they were active in the faith and the gospel since the first day Paul brought the word to them.
2. a. Paul wanted them to grow in knowledge and discernment of the things that are approved by God. b. They would be able to discern the good and righteous and avoid sin. c. Sincere and without blame they could become filled with the fruits of righteousness.
3. a. Some were preaching the gospel with good intentions and some out of selfish ambition and to add strife to Paul's imprisonment. b. In any case, Christ was being preached.
4. Paul knew that to remain in the flesh he could help the people progress in their faith.
5. Our conduct must be worthy of the gospel of Christ. We must live by His teachings and remove ourselves from sinful things.
6. By having the same conduct and spirit and avoiding dissensions and contentions we show our unity and understanding of the gospel.
7. By not fearing our adversaries and being unified in mind and spirit we emphasize their destruction and our salvation.
8. We can expect persecutions for the gospel's sake.

CHAPTER 2

1. a. We should think how to serve others. b. Jesus chose to be a servant to others.
2. a. He did not exalt Himself or seek honor even though He was the son of God with the power of God. b. By humbling Himself and being obedient totally to God He chose to live as a man and to teach others about God and salvation.
3. We will be exalted by God as He determines.
4. a. In fear and trembling (this means “scared to death”) we should observe our walk for salvation. b. There is an important interest at risk – the salvation of our souls. God is in us for His purpose and will. If we do not heed Him we may jeopardize the salvation of our souls.
5. a. We should be a light to the world, filled with righteousness. b. By being a living example of righteousness non-believers can be influenced and possibly converted becoming "lights" themselves. c. By following steadfastly the word of life (the teachings of Christ and the will of God through the Spirit).
6. You will be ineffective as a servant of God. Also, holding fast is working out your salvation with fear and trembling. The word brought to you may have been in vain if you do not endure and persevere to the end.

CHAPTER 3

1. a. He was an educated religious authority - a Pharisee. b. It was worthless compared to knowing Christ and having salvation
2. Our justification before God. Our sins are covered by Jesus.
3. a. Our knowledge, hope, fellowship and conformity to Christ grows during our walk in Christ. b. No, Paul tossed aside his past and credentials and was reaching forward to the things in Christ. c. He needed to press on against sin, persecution, and suffering and keep maturing and growing in faith, hope, fellowship, service, and conformity to Christ.
4. a. The upward call of God - the rapture and resurrection. b. Paul felt he had not obtained the resurrection yet but needed to press on doing the things he was called to do while perfecting his own walk too.
5. a. They should understand the importance of pursuing and striving for the prize of salvation. b. God will reveal to them the error of their thinking and fully disclose the divine faith and the importance of making an effort for salvation. c. We should follow the example of those who are mature. Also, we should acquaint ourselves to Spirit's voice and the word of God and let both guide us. c. We will be blameless before God on Judgement Day and have eternal life.
6. We must walk by what we do know now as righteous and good.

CHAPTER 4

1. a. If we stand fast in the Lord we will be glorified with a new body. b. We must press on in our faith and service to the Lord. We must strive against sin and heed the voice of the Spirit.
2. We should be anxious for nothing. God will supply us with what we need and bless us with other things as He approves.
3. Think of pure, lovely, good, just, and praise-worthy things. This will help keep our hearts at peace.
4. We should be content in whatever state God has allowed us to be in.
5. In whatever state we find ourselves God will give us the strength to be content or enable us to endure all circumstances or situations.
6. The gifts helped him to do his work, to bring more people to Christ, and strengthened others in the faith.
7. He will supply all our needs. He will enable us to have what we need in order to help others.