

Philippians, Colossians & Philemon – AK 11

COMMENTER'S GUIDE

WRITE IT OUT!

(ON SCANNABLE SINGLE PAGE ANSWER SHEETS ONLY)

These 2 additional questions, not found in the exam booklet are designed to make the student dig into the Biblical text and show they understand the Biblical principles studied throughout the course.

Questions 1 – After reading chapter 2 of the course, what is the *safest method* of explaining how Christ emptied Himself (Philippians 2.7)?

1 - POSSIBLE ANSWERS

When discussing how Jesus, the Son of God became a human (the Incarnation), we must be careful in our explanation. The safest explanation of His *emptying* is to let the rest of the verse explain the process. Jesus emptied Himself by taking on humanity and, even more specifically, the role of a servant. The next verses lay out the humbling involved in the emptying, which included dying. And not just dying any death but dying on a cross

1 - HELPFUL COMMENTS

1 - VERSES

Questions 2 – What is the story behind the letter to Philemon?

2 - POSSIBLE ANSWERS

This very short letter is written to Philemon, who was the previous master/owner of the slave named Onesimus. Philemon had been saved through the ministry of Paul and, later, after Onesimus had run away from his master, Onesimus also believed in Jesus through Paul's ministry and had faithfully served and ministered to Paul. It appears that Paul and Onesimus determined that it was best for Onesimus to return to Philemon and makes things right with his master. Paul writes the letter to Philemon exhorting him and encouraging him to receive Onesimus warmly as if Onesimus was Paul himself and to extend grace to Onesimus.

2 - HELPFUL COMMENTS

2 - VERSES

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

These questions are designed to help the student express their thoughts, feelings, and opinions about something they have learned from the chapter.

EXAM 1 – How do you rate your courage to witness for Christ? How has this lesson helped you in this area?

1 - COMMENTS

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1 - VERSES

- [Phil. 1:21](#) For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
- [1 Cor. 16:13](#) Stay alert, stand firm in the faith, show courage, be strong.
- [2 Tim. 1:7](#) For God did not give us a Spirit of fear but of power and love and self-control.
- [Rom. 1:16](#) For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is God's power for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

EXAM 2 – How has this lesson helped you put right any difference you might have had with a fellow Christian?

2 - COMMENTS

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2 - VERSES

- [Phil. 2:1-4](#) If there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit...Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.
- [Rom. 12:18](#) Live peaceably with all men.
- [Rom. 14:19](#) Pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.
- [Eph. 4:29](#) Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.
- [Eph. 4:31-32](#) Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.
- [Rom. 12:16; 14:19](#) Live in harmony and peace.
- [Heb. 5:2](#) Stay humble in Christian service.
- [Ps. 34:2-4](#) Magnify and exalt the Lord together.

EXAM 3 – What things do you really want in life? Why?

3 - COMMENTS

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3 - VERSES

- [Col. 3:1-4](#) Keep your thoughts on the things above.
- [Mark 8:35](#) For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and for the gospel will save it.
- [Mark 14:38; Luke 22:46](#) Keep alert and pray.
- [Gen. 24:63](#) Meditate on the things of God.
- [Jude 24](#) God can keep us from falling.

EXAM 4 – State one principle about giving which has impressed you. Explain your answer.

4 - COMMENTS

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4 - VERSES

- [2 Cor. 9:6-7](#) He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.
- [Acts 20:35](#) It is more blessed to give than to receive.
- [Phil. 4:19](#) God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
- [Heb. 13:16](#) Do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

EXAM 5 – Share briefly how you first heard the gospel.

5 - COMMENTS

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5 - VERSES

- [Gal. 3:13](#) Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree").
- [1 Tim. 1:15-16](#) The worst sinners can be saved.
- [Rom. 3:25-25](#) All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness.

EXAM 6 – How has this lesson increased your appreciation for the Lord Jesus?

6 - COMMENTS

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6 - VERSES

- [Phil. 4:8](#) If anything is praiseworthy, it is Jesus Christ.
- [1Cor. 10:31](#) So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.
- [Ps. 78:4](#) The Lord is praiseworthy.

EXAM 7 – For what particular aspect of your life in Christ are you giving thanks to God for today?

7 - COMMENTS

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7 - VERSES

- [Col. 1:12-13](#) Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.
- [Eph. 5:20](#) Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- [1 Thess. 5:18](#) In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- [Ps. 95:2](#) Come before God with thanksgiving.

EXAM 8 – Describe one teaching or practice of a cult which you can now see to be in error as a result of this study.

8 - COMMENTS

- Spiritual Perils: [Col. 2:8-23](#)
- Beware of Philosophy: [Col. 2:8](#)
- Beware of Legalism: [Col. 2:16-17](#)
- Beware of Mysticism: [Col. 2:18-19](#)
- Beware of Asceticism: [Col. 2:20-23](#)

8 - VERSES

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EXAM 9 – What practical result has the study of this lesson had in your own life?

9 - COMMENTS

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9 - VERSES

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EXAM 10 – Picture the following situation. A young believer with good prospects of promotion in the company for which he works is called into his employer’s office.

“John,” says the employer, “If Mr. Brown comes in today I don’t want to see him. I’m going to be busy all day getting these accounts cleared up. You know what Sam Brown is like—talk! talk! talk! I’ll never get anything done once he gets in here. At the same time I can’t afford to offend him; he’s our best customer. You tell him I’m out.”

Suggest an answer of grace, seasoned with salt, you might give your employer if you were John.

10 - COMMENTS

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10 - VERSES

- [Prov. 17:9](#) Disregard people's faults.
- [1 Cor. 16:14](#) Let all that you do be done with love.
- [1 Peter 2:17](#) Love your Christian brothers and sisters.
- [1 Cor. 14:1](#) Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.
- [Titus 3:1-11](#) Have compassion towards one another.
- [Gal. 2:10](#) They desired only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do
- [Phil. 2:3-4](#) Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than
- himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

EXAM 11 – Tell us about someone that you can thank God for. What characteristics of the person are you thankful for?

11 - COMMENTS

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11 - VERSES

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EXAM 12 – What insights and lessons have you gained about dealing with people from Paul's letter to Philemon?

12 - COMMENTS

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12 - VERSES

- [Matt. 18:21-22](#) Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.
- [Mark 11:25-26](#) Whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.
- [Col. 3:12-13](#) As the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.