

Philippians 10-09-10b

We are back now and ready to resume our study in Philippians chapter 4. We have come to verse 8 Where he says finally brethren Whatsoever things are true whatsoever things are noble whatsoever things are Just whatsoever things are pure whatsoever things are lovely whatsoever things are of good report if there is any virtue and if there is any thing praiseworthy Meditate on these things The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me these do and the God of peace will be with you well this is Genuinely now something of a summary of what Paul has been communicating what he has been illustrating what he has been exemplifying what he has been Offering in practical terms in term with respect to you odia and syntychē And so this is sort of a Grand Review if you will and it's it's a turning point in the letter this is where he looks back on everything that he has said up to this point and is going to sort of pivot and Move in his take his final few Steps express his final few thoughts so taloi pond which means for the rest Finally doesn't really get it in English, but I can't offer you a real helpful substitute, but it can mean anything from in conclusion or summarizing then or to To put it in a nutshell is this one way of colloquially expressing it, but then he says whatsoever things are true most of that translation is In my opinion Incorrect part of it is demonstrably incorrect, and I think most of it is incorrect and misleading and and it starts a chain of misleading translations that will Investigate by looking at the Greek Taloi pond Adelphi Or if you want to be precise Taloi pond Adelphi I Pretty much disregard accents because I'm generally working with text instead of spoken Greek but Finally brethren, then it says Hossa Esten Alethe You may recognize the Alethe portion of that. That's what's translated as true Alethea is the noun for truth that which is Verity that which is factual that which is accurate that which reflects Genuine reality Alethea truth In the New Testament it is almost always God's truth spiritual truth, but the other parts of this Hossa Esten are I think poorly Translated if you Were Even a first semester Greek student and came to the fundamental verb of being in Greek Which is a me e.i. Am I and you run through the? Various forms of that verb You would almost immediately know that Esten is Singular this is the third person Singular form of the of the verb So, why is it translated are It should be translated is a singular thing is multiple things are and You say well, how could that possibly make much difference? Well, it does The Present active indicative third singular form here Helps us to translate the remaining word, which is Hossa Hossas is the vocabulary form h o s o s and This is a Plural form Hossa and It's used in three ways. I don't Fall off the wagon here just because I'm starting to talk vocabulary.

This is very important to Understanding what Paul is saying here Hossa means something that pertains to extent extent If you're talking about space or time An extent of space or an extent of time if you would translate it something as as great as or as far as or as long as That's that's extent. I will go with you as far as Fort Worth. I Will go with you as far as the door as far as is it a short extent? Is it a great extent how far are you willing to go spatially? How far will you go? Temporally in time as long as I will stay with you as long as you're nice to me.

I Will stay with you as long as we both shall live Short extent or long extent. What is the extent?

What is the the measure of time or space? During which a thing will be true Hosas So extent of space or time Usually compared to some other thing For example, it's used in Revelation 21 6 talking about the New Jerusalem. The city is laid out as a square its length is Hosas its breadth Its length is the same as as far as to the same extent as its breadth Its length breadth and height are the same In Luke chapter 5 in verse 3 Jesus got into one of the boats which was Simon's and asked him to put out a little from the land And he sat down and taught the multitudes from The boat and you have Hosas in that In that verse He got Into the boat and went out I'm trying to find exactly where the where the distance thing is there.

You'll have to disregard that. I think that might be a miss Aligned note but used of time For example Romans chapter 7 verse 1. This is a much easier one. Do you not know brethren? I speak to those who know the law that the law has dominion over a man Hosas He lives as long as he lives to the extent that he lives once he's dead He's free from the law, but so long as he lives he's under the law Hosas has the idea of extent Same idea in first Corinthians 739 a wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives Galatians chapter 4 in verse 1 The heir as long as he is a child doesn't differ at all from a slave Even though he may be master of all he may be the heir of his father's estate, but so long as he is a child Hosas The time that he's a child.

This is the word that's used in our passage, and it doesn't mean Whatsoever things Because then you have to say whatsoever things Is because Eston is singular Matthew 9 15 Jesus said to them can the friends of the by bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them To the extent that the bridegroom is with him as long as he remains with him. They it's not the time to mourn 2nd Peter 1 13 as Long as I am in this tent. I will stir you up by reminding you of these things To as long as my life lasts that's how long I'll be stirring up your remembrance of these things So that's time-wise or space-wise It can also have the idea of quantity in Luke chapter 4 in verse 40 is talking about Jesus healing the sick and people bringing the those who were afflicted to Jesus And it says Luke 4 40 when the Sun was setting all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to him he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them as Many as were sick and had diseases as many as as much as as long as That's the idea of hosas So we got to get that firmly fixed in our mind hosas to the extent of a thing it goes up to a certain limit Are you with me on that? Their New Testament is replete with examples of this used in other Contexts In Acts 10 45 Peter was accompanied by some Jews and and it says in Acts 10 45 those of the circumcision who believed were astonished as Many as came with Peter because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also Now there were other Jews present there were others of the circumcision that weren't nearly as astonished as those who came with Peter but as many as Came with Peter of the circumcision were astonished That was the extent of the astonishment among the circumcision was as many as came with Peter.

This is the idea Well, how does this play into our passage? finally brethren to the extent that as Far as it is true to the extent that it is noble to the extent that it is just as Far as it is pure as far as it is lovely as Far as to the extent that it is of good report to the extent that And this puts a whole

different cast on the verse doesn't it Because we don't have to look around and find I've got to find something that's absolutely true. Absolutely pure. Absolutely Just absolutely pure.

Absolutely lovely Before I can think on it. I've got to find the crystalline purity and just focus my mind on that thing anything that's got some adulteration or some impurity or some Defilement of any kind or some corruption of any kind some imperfection of any kind. Well, I can't just think on that I've got to find that which is pure and undefiled and just focus on that.

It's not what it's saying It says to the extent that it is singular And there may be multiple extents and this is why Hosa is plural Because you look at a situation Almost anything you look at is a mix of good and bad, right? You're you get a new job Well, there were some bad things about that old job that you're glad to leave behind But there were some good things also you worked with some good people. You had some good opportunities got some good work done It was a mix now I'm going to a new job and that's a good thing in a lot of ways, but it's bad because I'm inexperienced I don't know anybody. I'm not sure what I'm getting into.

I don't know how long it's going to last It's it's a mix almost anything in this life short of the Absolute truth of God's Word is going to be a mix and It would be we would be hard-pressed to actually find something that is totally true Totally noble totally just totally pure and and set our mind on that thing to think about that thing But that's not what Paul is saying. He says look let me sum this all up to the extent that it is true Whatever extents you can find plural That are true and there might be in this situation in this conversation in this relationship There's there's a certain part of it. That's true.

There are parts plural and It is true to that extent Think about it to the extent that it is noble to the extent and what does this tell us? Things that are really largely good and mostly great. We'll spend a lot of time thinking about those if something's only got a little bit of truth a little bit of Justness a little bit of loveliness. Well, just think about the lovely part and then let it go we Evaluate things and based on to what extent they partake of truth and justness and purity and Loveliness and and good report virtue and praise.

That's the that's how much time we allocate to thinking about them The worse it is so you think about this You think about wonderful things that go on in our group you think about somebody that? God has answered prayer and restored them to health or help them find a job or has has met a need or has Blessed them in some way you can spend a lot of time thinking about that because that there's a lot of great things about that You look at the at the news In the evening, and what do you see? economic downturns crime all kinds of Contention and bitterness and acrimony and Well, so how much time should we spend thinking about the news and world events versus how much time should we spend thinking about? God's presence and God's blessing and God's action in our fellowship this says well You'll know how much time to spend thinking about something by the extent as far as it Partakes of these things. Well, we know what a lay fae is where there is a reflection of Truth and in this context. It's divine truth.

It's it's It's reality To the extent that something is is true true in English. You know goes back to its original meaning means straight not crooked I I You know you you go to buy lumber and you? Sight down the boards to see if they're true if they're straight if they're warped if they're curled if they're curvy Well, my my my straight edge or my level is not true. It's not straight.

It's not accurate And so I you know the Robin Hood he wanted arrows that would would fly true That would fly straight and I'd go corkscrewing off and you know hit little John up in a tree or something You want you want it to fly true? An edge is true if it's straight and so this comes to mean that the and we still say you know give it to me straight Give me the straight scoop the the true facts I'll a thing What sort of things are noble and these are interesting words because they're relatively rare in the letters of Paul Paul often gives a list of virtues and vices when he's talking about the righteousness versus wickedness or good versus evil He'll say you know Love joy peace long-suffering gentleness goodness faith meekness and temperance and on the other hand he'll say you know whether they're this that and that and that and that and all these bad things and He'll use these lists. This is kind of an interesting list because it is These are not commonly used Descriptors in Paul's writing Semna for example is a word that has the idea of Honorable or worthy of respect If something is is not If you can't respect it even if you disagree with something you can respect Certain things there's certain things. I have not only disagree with them, but I also disrespect them there.

There's nothing respectable in them. They're disreputable but I admire certain people and their Adherence to their beliefs even when I disagree with them for example. I am I Am Three two hundred mils.

I am I am a hundred and eighty degrees out from the Mormons in a lot of ways But I have to respect their commitment to their moral code if you work with a Mormon guy in the military and go out at an evening after work On Liberty or whatever that guy will be drinking cranberry juice or water all night He's not going to get an alcoholic drink He doesn't believe in it, and he sticks to his belief, and I admire that and I respect it in that to that extent and so if I if I have a Coworker if I have a companion if I have a fellow Officer or whatever and I'm going to be spending an evening out which has happened several times When I was in the reserve there was a one of my compatriots was a was a Mormon guy I was a captain he was a captain and we would get called out to Southern California to go to these Conferences and in the evenings everybody wanted to go out and have happy hour well I didn't want to drink and he didn't want to drink for widely different reasons but I could sit there and think about everything I Hate about Mormonism and all of its fallacies and all of its evils and all of its falsehoods Or I could think you know here's a guy That has a belief system and sticks to it, and I can I can respect that I can admire it I could wish that more believers had a good value system and stuck with it in in times of trial like this where you're kind of mocked for what's the matter with you gonna have a Sarsaparilla or something you you want a glass of milk, and you know it's good natured joshing But some of it kind of stings when it's act like they're your manhood is called into question because you're not gonna Sit there

and try to drink somebody under the table But you can you can respect it so we make a choice, and this is what Paul is talking about in any given Area that you might think about what part of it Are you going to think about well to the extent that it partakes of truth? To the extent that there is something that you can respect to the extent that there is some honorableness You know there was honor in war Guys on the other side Were I mean the the Allies greatly respected Erwin Rommel because he was a brilliant tactician He was a magnificent tank commander the guy was just unparalleled and And you can respect that you had to respect the commitment of the Japanese to their cause it was Awful that the divine wind would come and you know blow up ships and so on with the Kamikaze, but you got to respect their commitment. I mean they believe in a thing and they You know die in place to defend it, so what do you choose to think about? we make that choice, and it is a choice and We are constantly drawn to the dark side, but Doesn't this kind of partake of everything we've seen in this letter when Paul was talking about his imprisonment What did he choose to think about? Did he choose to think about the chafing and the sores he was getting from his manacles and the? stench of the Roman guards and the the confinement and the opportunities he was losing and the The things that he could not do or did he think about the preaching of Christ and that by whatever motive Christ was being preached it was Semna and in fact One of the interesting things about this is that When you look at the uses of this of this word You find that it is Something beyond what is ordinary it it is dignified it has Holiness this is used in first timothy 3 4 talking about the qualifications of an elder And it says one who rules his own house. Well having his children in submission with all Semnotes with all Honor with with Reverence I think it's how it's translated there He talks about the Honor or lack thereof In First timothy 3:11 when it says likewise their wives must be reverent Not slanderers temperate faithful in all things and the word there is Semnos meaning Respectful reverent basically means Respectful same thing in Titus 2 2 the older men should be sober reverent Semnos Temperate Sound in faith in love and in patience, so this is this quality is the mark of Those who are worthy to be leaders in the church our next word is Just and this is actually righteousness.

This is the chaos our standard word for Righteousness righteousness as measured against the standard of God's law to what extent does it comport and reflect God's Righteousness and this is generally practical righteousness in the sense of Behavior when you're going to think about a thing you were not thinking about righteousness in the abstract or righteousness in the positional sense this is In this context would be a practical righteousness to what extent is somebody doing something, right? Mine, you know, this is sort of like I always think of When your professor would give you partial credit he would say, you know, you're gonna work these math problems you're gonna work this story problem show your work and You get partial credit because you your procedure was correct your answer was wrong and what I really disliked is when I knew How to do a problem and I knew the formulas and I but I made some silly little mistake and my answer was wrong Will you lose credit for the whole problem? It's all the same as if you didn't know anything and I always appreciated when professors would say show your work And then they would give you partial credit if it's a three-step problem and you got you got your steps essentially, correct But you just made some math error You would get you know, most of the

credit and and that's the the chaos that's the you get credit for what is right in what you did and You know parents can think about this in terms of children employers in terms of employees All of us and looking at one another can say well, you know instead of focusing on the one thing that went wrong how about the seven things that went right that that were that were well meant and were well done and and Partook of what is proper? What are you going to focus on? What are you going to emphasize? What are you going to? Land on and Center on and stand on is it everything that's wrong, or is it everything that's right? Whatsoever things are pure this is a really interesting word. This is the word Hagna H a G and a Hagnas is often translated pure or holy and The difficulty again is how many things can you think of that are absolutely pure? It is and and it got me to thinking you remember they used to talk about ivory soap was 99 and 44 100s pure how did they Decide that I mean isn't soap like you know lard and alkali and all this weird stuff Let me read you a little something because this bears directly on Hagna purity This is a little article where somebody said we're told that ivory soap is 99 44 100s pure What is the other 56 100s? Or 0.56 percent, you know what 99 and 44 100s pure well That little bit that lacks it being 100% is consists of foreign and unnecessary substances It started in 1881 when Harley Proctor son of Procter and Gamble co-founder William Proctor and a legendary soap Salesman in his own right decided that he needed a new angle to hawk ivory soap people were impressed by scientific testimonials and So he decided if he could come up with a lab test showing that ivory soap was purer than other soap This would be a big selling point but there was no standard for purity in soap and So he hired an independent scientific consultant in New York to come up with a soap standard So the consultant concluded that 100% pure soap would consist of nothing but fatty acids and alkali The somewhat yucky sounding substances that nonetheless are the chief ingredients of most soap that definition having been arrived at Harley set out Some ivory soap for analysis and compared it with earlier analysis He had done of castile soap, which was regarded at the time as the best soap available He was gratified to discover that by his consultants definition ivory soap was purer than the castile soaps the impurities consisted of Uncombined alkali 0.11 percent carbonates 0.28 percent and mineral matter 0.17 percent total 0.56 percent Thinking that 99 and 44 100 percent pure had just the right touch of technical authenticity to appeal to the great unwashed so to speak Harley began sticking the phrase in ivory advertisements and another classic marketing slogan was born but what gets me is that many times someone will say well this is 80% pure or this is 60% pure or this is 99% pure Well, if pure means pure, how can it be partially pure? You know to me it would either be pure or not Yeah, if you say it's you know 14 karat gold or 18 karat gold or 24 karat gold And sometimes you'll hear people say pure gold. Well as soon as you say carats, it's not pure Pure gold is almost worthless because it's too soft.

You can't make jewelry out of pure gold And all gold is going to have some alloy to give it some hardness or some workability or whatever so When Paul says to the extent that it is pure Hagna Well How can you have an extent of purity? It's pure up to an extent. It's 99 and 44 100 percent pure It's 60% pure Well, what's he really saying? There will be some you know Somebody could

have utterly failed at a thing but if their motives were pure if their intents were pure there they didn't have a mean bone in their body when they said What they said or did what they did or didn't say what they didn't say didn't do what they didn't do But they it wasn't out of sin. It wasn't out of envy.

It wasn't out of malice. It wasn't out of guilty shame or any other Bad thing it didn't turn out. Well, but there was some purity in it Look for the purity look for that Hagna and This is the idea.

It doesn't have to be unmixed and unadulterated to have purity There can be an extent of purity just like ivory soap Well, this is really fascinating For example in in first John 3 3 Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself Just as he Christ is pure a Jesus Christ is unadulterated absolute purity But if we purify ourselves Does that mean that we at some moment at some? Point are just as perfect at just as pure as Christ. No, but we are purifying ourselves pure purification is a process and when we embrace hope when we encourage hope when we meditate on hope we purify ourselves we eradicate impurities And it's a process once again in Timothy Paul is admonishing Timothy telling him how to be a good pastor a good leader in the church And he says do not lay hands on anyone hastily nor share in other people's sins keep yourself Hagna Now is Timothy pure in the sense of sinless? No, it Paul Chastises Timothy for his faults in other places, but he says don't partake of the impurity of others Keep yourself pure in that sense and And there's a context and there is a sense in which if others are engaged in a big Donnybrook and a bitter squabble don't Get drawn into it keep yourself pure of that contamination It doesn't mean you're pure of all contamination, but at least you're not partaking of that keep yourself pure Do not partake of the sins of others Don't join in the mud wrestling 2nd Corinthians Has an example of this in chapter 7 talking about the member in 1st Corinthians He says you've got a man among you. That's a shacked up with his stepmother and whatnot And then he says observe this very thing you sorrowed in a godly manner What diligence it produced in you what clearing of yourselves what indignation what fear what vehement desire what zeal what vindication in all these things? You proved yourselves to be clear in this matter Well, both of those words clear the clearing of yourselves and being clear in this matter.

That's Hagner You've purified yourself. He says look. I know I upset you by Telling you that you had a problem in your in your group But look at what it did it caused you to get concerned and to make sure you cleared yourselves You were diligent you were indignant you you had great passion and desire and this was a good thing And you proved yourselves that that this was an unwarranted Assumption on my part.

I over emphasized your your problem and you Protested and said hey wait a minute And he says look that in itself was good That you checked it out and that it wasn't so and you came back and made a defense. He says that's good you This was Hagna, and and it was good it's often used of women or of women even symbolically in a Titus 2-5 by the way turn to Titus 2-5 just we don't often make this point, but Hagna is in this verse and Talking about the qualifications again of an elder and the the elder women likewise the press booty DOS You got your press booty Roy, and

you've got your press booty DOS the the elder women the Women to whom others in the group Look up who are more mature, and that's not necessarily chronological. It can be in the faith But the older women likewise that they be reverent in behavior not slanderers by the way, that's May Diabolo May Diabolos not devils you know that the Diabolos is the is the the slanderer Devil Diabolos literally in Greek means the the slanderer the accuser Not accusers not slanderers not those who attribute wrong to others verbally Not given too much wine teachers of good things that they admonish the younger women to love their husbands to love their children To be discreet chaste there's Hagna Pure not contaminated not guilty Homemakers, and there's a little bit of a issue here in the Greek whether it's oikouros or oikourgos But the idea oikos is house and ergos is how you run a thing or make a thing go It's house workers workers in the house Good agathos obedient who potasomenos To their own husbands so that the Word of God may not be Spoken ill of blasphemed But this whole notion that that women shouldn't be in the house that they ought to be out you know earning a second living and and Not teaching their children how to love and and not making a home is unbiblical Not to say there's anything wrong with working outside the home, but you have to be able to pull off the homemaking you have to be able to pull off the submissive to husband loving the husband Younger women should be taught to love their husbands and in some cases this takes Godly counsel from women who have been there and done that Older women should teach the younger how to be good homemakers how to love their husbands how to be submissive how to teach their children And how to love their children how to be discreet how to be chaste How to avoid impurity how to be good So that the Word of God doesn't come into disrepute Those Christian women are this that and the other That's the idea Well, that's hagana in first Peter 3 2 Peter talks about the outsiders and Oddly enough we have wives in this context as well first Peter 3 wives be submissive who's who po Toss a man I once again very same word Be submissive to your own husbands that even if some do not obey The word and this is talking about observers on the outside those who are disobedient to The word they without a word may be won by the conduct of their wives Men who are It doesn't say they're unbelievers.

It doesn't say they are a pastilla It says they are a pathos II They are disobedient To the word but they without a word may be won By the conduct of their wives when they observe your hagana conduct your undefiled Conduct your chaste conduct your pure conduct in Fear and this is essentially fear of the Lord work out your own salvation with Phobos Be Conducting yourself chastely In fear this is fear of the Lord you're looking To the Lord Jesus the author and finisher of our faith Do not let your adornment be outward arranging the hair wearing gold putting on fine apparel Let it be the hidden person of the heart with Incorruptible Ness of a gentle and quiet spirit all of this is the context in which you find hagana purity of Action purity of thought purity of behavior hagana So what is Paul telling us in Philippians chapter 4 to the extent? That it is true to the extent that it is semna that it is respectable To the extent that it is righteous To the extent that it is pure to the extent that it is pros philos This by the way is a hapax legomena. It's the only place in the New Testament where you're going to find this word pros philos unusual word

Biblically and certainly unusual for Paul Whatsoever things are You fama good report we'd have euphemisms Where instead of saying a harsh thing we say something Euphemistic it is a gentle allusion to something that is much more harsh And that's literally the word you have here what? To the extent that it is euphemistic This has the idea of tactfulness Finding a Kind way to say a harsh thing It doesn't just mean hey, that's that's good news. That would be you angolas.

This is you fama And of course we get the word fame you know ph becomes F and E becomes a and you have you know fame which is the the reputation of a thing and this is good reputation good You know well spoken of but it partakes of well speaking It doesn't just mean find something that that has a good reputation You are the one establishing the reputation to the extent that it is that it partakes of well spokenness In other words find something good to say you got nothing good to say don't say anything This doesn't mean you can't rebuke your children doesn't mean that you can't call down bad behavior, but What is it that you think on? What is it that you let your mind dwell on even if you have to call down bad behavior even you have to chastise even after you rebuke correct or Instruct because of negative outcomes Whether it's employees or any other situation Do it and be done with it Otherwise it becomes a grudge if you're gonna hang on to a negative thing if you're gonna roll it around like an old smelly bone You're gonna dig up the corpse of that thing and maul it and play with it and endlessly Drag it around That's the opposite of what Paul is saying here He says look to the extent that it there is you fama if and Then it says if there is any virtue you notice there is and it is in italics because it says a which is if e I in Greek If tis are a tae tis is the indefinite program pronoun that means Some or One a lot of times it's not even translated I think there's at least 22 times in the New Testament where tis is in the context it's not even translated because it's just it's a Sometimes difficult to translate, but it doesn't so much mean any as some Some is a better translation in my opinion here than any if some virtue if some praise and this is a really Bizarre use of epinous here EPA in OS because epinous means It doesn't have a passive idea this this has the idea of something being praiseworthy in fact I think here in the New King James it translated praiseworthy in the King James It says if the be any virtue and if there be any praise Here they say praiseworthy because they're taking it in the passive sense. This word is never found in the passive sense Epinous means praise of something else not that it itself is praiseworthy, but it it casts praise it it praises If it if it praises if it if it speaks well of if there is some if there is is if there is some part of this that speaks well of and what it means is You've got a person involved here, and there's a circumstance or a situation Was there any part of that that reflected virtue? Was there any part of that that spoke well of or praised the person involved find that part It doesn't mean the thing itself was praiseworthy But was there some part of it that spoke well of if there's some Speaking well of it's real awkward in English, and that's why they they say well We're just going to take it in the passive sense. It's not passive.

It's active if something praises Meditate on these things and meditates a pretty good translation here because remember how we had fro now and from noon day and all those other things that said set your mind on and It's your fro now a word group up there set your mind Don't set your

mind on earthly things set your mind on your heavenly citizenship, and so on we had that earlier That's not what we have here. It's not the verb this verb is low Geed so low Geed so my Here, it's low geez s they you all think on This is your logic This is your reasoning ability reason from these things Draw your conclusions from these things It doesn't say set your mind on it. We're supposed to set our minds from now on the heavenly the perfect the absolute the the wonderful theological Perfections of God and And his grace and and everything about him now.

We're down in the trenches with each other and we're looking at each other well you're not going to find anything pure and undefiled and and Of utterly good report, and and it isn't doesn't have some question or some taint or some mixture. It's getting almost impossible What we don't know for sure we suspect that there might be some something bad in it, and he says look When it comes to these things find that part that has these qualities and Draw your conclusions and do your logical thinking based on these This is how you're going to map out your strategy. This is how you're going to define your tactic.

This is how you're going to craft your response Low Geed so my this is your logic. This is your thinking reasoning process Practical thought Work out your practical thinking based on these things Find the part that's good hasn't Paul given us a perfect example of that up in the beginning of the letter when he said here I am locked up, but Jesus is still being preached some of these people have got mixed motives, but I choose to look at the part. That's good Christ is being preached and That's a good thing by the way we have the negative of one of our Words up in that in that context not sure I have time to go back and find it But as I was working through that I recognized one of our one of our words Where he says don't don't be concerned about me because I have got These reports of the preaching of the gospel of Christ Why I love the way this navigates.

I'm in Peter now some kind of way Okay, here we go The things that have happened to me in verse 12 and following of chapter 1 have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel So it has become evident to the whole praetorium that my chains Are in Christ and the brethren in the Lord having become confident are more bold to speak the word without fear Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife and some also from You don't key on goodwill the former preach Christ from selfish ambition not Hagnos verse 16 preaching Christ from selfish ambition not Sincerely it says that's that's our word Hagna, and it's the negative not pure their motives are not pure so What's the conclusion we draw from all of this? When we can find the good when we can find as far as it is True as far as it is honorable as much as it is Just to the extent that it is pure to the extent that it is lovely To the extent that it is commendable if there is some excellence if there is some praise that it reflects on someone Log eat so my think about These things what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me four different ways to learn You can learn by hearing You can learn by receiving it. This is the idea that there's been sort of a Presentation made and you accept that you you agree with it you Consent you assent You've You've learned it You have seen it Practice these things and practice is a great. This is praso praso and it means

implement them work them out do them in the practical pragmatic sense praso and The God of peace will be with you remember up above you first of all Guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus and the peace of God Is what guards you? It's the peace of God now here.

We have the God of peace The peace of God will guard you the God of peace will be with you. It's bracketed. It's contained It's in the realm of peace in your own heart and mind you can be in Christ Jesus and the peace of God that is Beyond understanding will guard you and keep you there And if you do these things when you look at people the first is internal this is me myself And I this is my Inner preserve this is the sanctuary of my heart now when I'm looking at others I will find those things that are excellent or To the extent that it does partake of these things and the God of peace will be with me What a great what a great promise I'm gonna have peace within and I'm gonna have the God of peace with me peace all over the place Peace like a river attending my way Even though the sorrows like sea billows are rolling Peace like a river attends my way That is a great song by the way in all of its various components.

Well that brings us to verse 10 rejoicing in the Lord greatly and One of those constant themes that runs through this letter when you have peace it is so much easier to rejoice And again, I say rejoice Have joy in yourselves Peace and joy two sides of the same Attitude coin same heart and mind Status so that's where we'll pick up next time, but we'll close here in a word of prayer father thank you for this portion of your word and the Dynamic way that it communicates to us the wonderful Provision and promise that you have made to us through Christ that we can have a transformed thought life a transformed environment for our hearts and minds characterized by stability by calm by truth by recognition of eternal verities and assurances that Stabilize us and enable us to Be sober and conduct ourselves in keeping with your word Thank you for these things may God the Holy Spirit find us ready students and willing pupils as we have opportunity to apply them in the days ahead and Our goal and our prayer is that the glory of the Lord Jesus will be reflected as we are able to do that Both now and in the ages to come Ask and pray these things in Jesus name. Amen