

PHILIPPIANS 4:9

“learned, received, heard” – What Paul **taught**.

What Paul taught is what we now have: *the Scriptures*.

We are to continually put into **practice** the commands and directives of scripture.

“seen in me” – How Paul **lived**. *Examples:*

- Put the interests of others **before** his own. 1:1-11.
- Found joy and hope **in the midst** of suffering and mistreatment. 1:12-26.
- Sacrificed himself to **empower** others to be what God wanted them to be. 2:17 -18.
- Rejected everyone else’s definition of worth or importance in his pursuit of **knowing Jesus Christ**. 3:1-15.
- Wept for & cared about the **lost** outside of Christ. 3:18-19
- Learned **contentment** in any situation through his trust in Christ. 4:10-13

“put it into practice” – Make it a part of your lifestyle, work it into a **habitual** reality in your behavior

“think on such things” – A **habitual** discipline of the mind.

We cannot separate those two things.

Belief determines behavior.

Proverbs 23:7 Romans 12:2

To try and change your own or someone else’s behavior without changing the **beliefs** behind the behavior – how they think – is a **waste** of time.

1 John 1:6 – The truth is not simply to be known, it is to be **practiced**.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 – Truth is to be **lived out**.

Philippians 1:27 – The most important weapon we have against the enemy and against the extinction of the local church is not a stirring sermon or a powerful book or an emotional experience, it is the **consistent life** of believers.

Verse 9 Promise: If we **practice** the Word of God and **exhibit** the character of Christ, then according to this text, the God of **peace** will be with us.

Psalms 139:7 Jeremiah 23:24 Genesis 28 Exodus 33

If we will practice the truth, the God of peace will be with us in such a way to **distinguish** us from all the other people of the earth.

***If people based their beliefs on what they saw in your behavior what would they believe?
Would God be glorified in their lives?***