

A blurb about Ole' Saint Patty.

Born in Roman Britain in the fourth century, into a wealthy [Romano-British](#) family.

His father was a [deacon](#) and his grandfather was a clergyman in the Christian church.

At sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and taken captive to Ireland as a slave.

He was told by God in a dream to flee from captivity to the coast, where he would board a ship and return to Britain.

In 432 AD, he again said that he was called back to Ireland, though as a bishop, to [Christianise](#) the Irish from their [native polytheism](#).

Irish folklore tells that one of his teaching methods included using the [shamrock](#) to explain the Christian doctrine of the [Trinity](#) to the Irish people.

After nearly thirty years of evangelism, he died on 17 March 461, and according to tradition, was buried at Downpatrick.

Originally, the colour associated with Saint Patrick was [blue](#).

(1) Deep Trust Comes From Deep Conviction

Philippians 1:1

1:1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons:

About Timothy

Acts 16:1-5

16:1 He came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was a Jewess and a believer, but whose father was a Greek. 2 The brothers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him. 3 Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, so he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. 4 As they traveled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey. 5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.

Deep trust! Shared purpose. Paul and Timothy's deep relationship was based on their shared convictions and purpose. Timothy had a powerful desire to be used by God.

Why did Paul circumcise Timothy? Paul knew that one cannot go into synagogue uncircumcised. Irony, the first place that the H.S. really led them to evangelize was

Macedonia, e.g. – Philippi was the first city that Paul and Timothy actually evangelized together!

Before that, delivering decisions reached by a central leadership.

Much like us, Crown of Thorns Project.

(2) Deep Love Comes From Deep Prayers

Philippians 1

2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me.

8 God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God.

(3) Deep Rejoicing From Deep Trust

Philippians 1

12 Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. 13 As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. 14 Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly.

Acts 28:16-22, 30-31

Sect, cult.

Must have converted that guard!

Deep trust in God, throughout the shipwreck. Did not try to escape!

Philippians 1:15-26

15 It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. 16 The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. 17 The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. 18 But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, 19 for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me.

Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me.

Paul did not need to be in control. Let go, let God.
Fruitful labor.

Philippians 1

27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel 28 without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved — and that by God. 29 For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him, 30 since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Deep trust, still conduct oneself in a way that is worthy.

Relational vibration = how well you are really doing spiritually. Matthew 5, Matthew 18, John 13:34-35. John 15:13-17

Deep trust, know you will suffer for Christ and at peace with it!