Just Another “Nobody” - Epaphroditus

Reading - Philippians 2:19-30

Paul called him “ ” In another sense Epaphroditus was our brother as well. How?

1. We have the ***(1 John 3:1) Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!***

2. We shared the ***(John 3:3-5) Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." {4} Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" {5} Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.***

3. All Christians have the

4. We’ll all have the same ***(1 Peter 1:3-4) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, {4} to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,***

He was a : ***(Matthew 10:42) "And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."***

***(1 Corinthians 3:6-9) I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. {7} So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. {8} Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. {9} For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.***

Epaphroditus was a : ***(2 Timothy 2:3) You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.***

He was also the sent by the Philippians. ***(Philippians 4:18) Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.***

1. The word "leitourgon" -- public spirited citizen who served country in some capacity at his own expense. ***"just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."*** ***(Matthew 20:28)***

***John 13:3-17*** ... ***rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. {5} After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded… {15} "For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. {16} "Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. {17} "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.***

***(2 Corinthians 12:15)*** ***And I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I am loved.***

Paul said that Epaphroditus ***"Regarded not his own life"*** (v.30)

1. This word "parabouleusamenos" has as a literal idea of a "gambler who stakes everything on single role of dice"