

The Epistle to the Philippians: Joy in Christ

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PHILIPPIANS				
	Joy in Living for Christ <small>Even when we don't get what we want In spite of circumstances Even with conflicts</small>	Joy in Serving Christ in Unity <small>Starts with right attitude Maintained through right theology Encouraged by right models</small>	Joy in Knowing Christ <small>A warning A testimony A goal A command</small>	Joy in Resting in Christ <small>Unity Peace Final predictions</small>
	CHAPTER 1	CHAPTER 2	CHAPTER 3	CHAPTER 4
Christ	... my Life	... my Model	... my Goal	... my Contentment
Spirit	His provision (1:19)	His fellowship (2:1)	His worship (3:3)	His peace (4:7)
Positive Reaction	To difficulty: "I can wait you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel." (1:12)	To stress: "Do all things without grumbling or disputing." (2:14)	To the past: "Forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize." (3:13-14)	To the "exchangeable": "Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am." (4:11)
Tone	Warm, encouraging, affirming			
Key Words	"Rejoice," "Christ," "Mind," "Act"			
Uniqueness	No major problem passages. "Joy" is found in each chapter. Not one quotation from the Old Testament. Christ mentioned over forty times. Most positive of all Paul's letters, yet written while he was chained to a Roman guard.			
Theme	By centering our lives around Christ, we can experience true joy.			
Key Verse	1:21			
Christ in Philippians	Jesus is the Son of God from heaven, who humbled Himself by becoming human, who suffered for us, and who was exalted to heaven (2:5-11).			

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Philippians 4:10-13 ¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

What does Paul mean that they had concern but no opportunity?

Is being content an inherited trait or gift of the Spirit?

What possible outcomes are there when we focus on the world?

What are the "all things" we can do through Christ?

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Philippians 4:14-17 ¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.

Why mention that no other church helped him even Thessalonica?

What is fruit that increases our credit?

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Philippians 4:18-23 ¹⁸I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. ²¹Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. ²²All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household. ²³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

What is Paul's response to the financial gift?

What promise does Paul give them because of their gift?

Why single out the saints in Cesar's household?

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Comments?**

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