

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 circum- stances 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," "Mercy," "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 2:1-4 ¹Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, ²fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. ³Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Does Paul's talk of being united a second time indicate a problem in Philippi?

What is consolation in Christ?

How will Paul's joy be fulfilled?

What is selfish ambition and conceit?

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Philippians 2:5-6 ⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

What is the significance of verse 5?

What does it mean to be in the *form* of God?

What does robbery indicate here?

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Philippians 2:7-8 ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and coming in the likeness of men.* ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the *point* of death, even the death of the cross.

The use of *no reputation* is sometimes translated as *emptying himself*. What does this mean?

Was Jesus less God while in human form?

How was Jesus humbled?

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Philippians 2:9-11 ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Who exalted Christ?

What is the meaning of Jesus is Lord?

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