

The Epistle to the Philippians: Joy in Christ

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	Joy in Living for Christ Even when we don't get what we want In spite of circumstances Even with conflicts CHAPTER 1	Joy in Serving Christ in Unity Starts with right attitude Maintained through right theology Encouraged by right models CHAPTER 2	Joy in Knowing Christ A warning A testimony A goal A command CHAPTER 3	Joy in Resting in Christ Unity Peace Final predictions 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," "Next," "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 2:19-24 ¹⁹ But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. ²⁰ For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. ²¹ For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. ²² But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel. ²³ Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me. ²⁴ But I trust in the Lord that I myself shall also come shortly.

What do we know about Timothy?

What does Paul mean that all seek their own?

Why did Paul indicate that he hoped to come shortly?

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Philippians 2:25-27 ²⁵Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need; ²⁶since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick. ²⁷For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

What do we learn about Epaphroditus, from Paul's description?

Why was it necessary for Paul to send Epaphroditus?

How might have Epaphroditus ministered to Paul?

What is "sorrow upon sorrow"?

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Philippians 2:28-30 ²⁸Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful. ²⁹Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem; ³⁰because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me.

What is the significance of the term "not regarding his life"?

What might have been lacking in Philippi's service to Paul?

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**Ideas, Thoughts,
Comments?**

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