

# The Epistle to the Philippians: Joy in Christ

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	Joy in Living for Christ <small>Even when we don't get what we want in spite of circumstances</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," "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 1:12-14** <sup>12</sup>But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; <sup>14</sup>and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

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- What is the irony of Paul's imprisonment?
- How was Paul's Philippi imprisonment beneficial?
- How was God's power and Christ's rule solidified for Paul and others during his imprisonment?

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**Philippians 1:15-18** <sup>15</sup>Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill; <sup>16</sup>the former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains; <sup>17</sup>but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel. <sup>18</sup>What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.

- What does it mean that some preach Christ in envy and selfish ambition?
- How is the second group different from the first?
- What is the outcome of both approaches?
- Does Paul's acceptance of those preaching the Gospel with bad intentions mean that all religious teachings are acceptable as long as Christ is preached?

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**Philippians 1:19-21** <sup>19</sup>For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, <sup>20</sup>according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

- How is Paul certain that he will be delivered?
- How can Christ be magnified in both Paul's life and death?
- How do we explain to *live is Christ and to die is gain*?

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**Ideas, Thoughts,  
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