

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 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	<small>To difficulty: "I have learned you to know, brethren, that my circum- stances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel." (1:12)</small>	<small>To stress: "Do all things without grumbling or disputing." (2:14)</small>	<small>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)</small>	<small>To the "exchangeable": "Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am." (4:11)</small>
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 3:1-3¹ Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. ² Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³ For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—

Why does Paul start with finally but continue with much more of the letter?

How are dogs, evildoers, and mutilators of the flesh connected?

What does Paul mean that "we are the true circumcision"?

What is confidence in the flesh?

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Philippians 3:4-7 ⁴ though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

What traits mentioned are dependent on birth?

What traits mentioned are dependent on achievement?

What is the benefit of the law?

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Philippians 3:8-11 ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Is verse 7 and 8 saying the same thing?

What is truly knowing Christ?

What evidences might indicate "almost saved" person?

⁵ What is the significance of Paul counting what he has loss as rubbish?

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**Ideas, Thoughts,
Comments?**

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