

THE BOOK OF
PHILIPPIANS
“My Joy and Crown”

WEEK THREE:
JOY, SHARING,
PURE
& BLAMELESS

1. Read Philippians 1:3-6 and put it into your own words.

“Joy”

Χαρά – (khar-ah')

From *chairo*; cheerfulness, i.e. Calm delight -- gladness, X greatly, (X be exceeding) joy(-ful, -fully, -fulness, -ous).

- a. How does fellowship with other believers bring joy to the Christian Life?
- b. Are there any Christian brothers or sisters that when you think of them, it is with “great delight”?
- c. Is there anything within creation that God has not completed? Do you believe He will complete what He wants to do in you; His “good work”?
- d. What things in your life will only be completed on the “day of Christ Jesus”?

2. Read Philippians 1:7-8 and put it into your own words.

“share in”

Συγκοινωνός - (soong-koy-no-nos')

partaker, companion

a co-participant -- companion, partake(-r, -r with).

- a. In Luke 10:1, Jesus sends out the disciples two by two. Why do you think He did that?
- b. How is it an encouragement to know you are not alone in the “defending and confirming the gospel”?
- c. What emotions do you think the Philippian church brought to Paul as he was in prison and could not see them?

- d. Are there Christians that you feel particularly close to in “sharing the gospel” but haven’t seen them in a while? How can you tell them how much they mean to you “in Jesus”?

3. Read Philippians 1:9-11 and put it into your own words.

“pure”

εἰλικρινής - (i-lik-ree-nace')

From *heile* (the sun's ray) and *krino*; judged by sunlight, i.e. Tested as genuine (figuratively) -- pure, sincere.

“blameless”

ἀπρόσκοπος - (ap-ros'-kop-os)

From *a* (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of *proskopto*; actively, inoffensive, i.e. Not leading into sin; passively, faultless, i. e. Not led into sin -- none (void of, without) offence.

- a. This text is about complete excellence in being a disciple through emotion (heart), mind (insight), inner righteousness (pure) and outer righteousness (blameless). If we have grace, why are these so important?
- b. What is the connection between a growing love and a growing discernment? Is that important?
- c. The saying goes, “Knowledge without love leads to pride. Love without knowledge leads to ignorant-radicalism.” Is that true? How do you strive for Knowledge and love together?
- d. Paul ends this subject by releasing unstoppable praise. When was the last time you just started praising God as an uncontrollable response?