

The Book of Philippians

Jesus – Our Joy!

Key Verse:

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

Philippians 4:8

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are **true**, whatsoever things are **honest**, whatsoever things are **just**, whatsoever things are **pure**, whatsoever things are **lovely**, whatsoever things are of **good report**; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **think on these things**.

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Purpose: explanation of **Joy** for the Believer

To Whom Written: the Church at Philippi

Main Theme: How to make Jesus – Our **Joy** and **Keep** Him as our Joy!

Number of Chapters: 4

Number of Verses: 104

Key word: **Joy**

- 1) In **Prayer** - (Philippians 1:4)
- 2) In the Gospels (Philippians 1:18)
- 3) In Christian Fellowship (Philippians 2:1-2)
- 4) In **sacrifices** for The Cause (Philippians 2:17-18)
- 5) In the Lord (Philippians 3:1)
- 6) For the **Church** (Philippians 4:10)

Outline

- I. Joy in **Conversation** – Suffering for the Greater cause (Philippians 1)
 - A. Introduction of Paul – You All Make me **happy!** (Philippians 1:1-11)
 1. **Devoted** - Paul's Greeting (Philippians 1:1-2)
 2. **Designed** - Work in **Progress** (Philippians 1:3-6)
 3. **Delighted** - You make me **happy!** (Philippians 1:7-11)
 - B. **Introspection** of Paul - Joy in Trials - **The Bad Has Been for Good** (Philippians 1:12-20)
 1. **Spreading** of the Gospel (Philippians 1:12-13)
 2. **Speaking** the Word with Boldness (Philippians 1:14-18)
 - a. Some to Preach (Philippians 1:15-16)
 - b. Some to Defend (Philippians 1:17-18)
 3. Supplication for Paul's Release (Philippians 1:19-20)
 - C. **Intention** of Paul (Philippians 1:21-23)
 1. Realization of a life for Christ (Philippians 1:21)
 2. Rejection of living for the flesh (Philippians 1:22)
 3. Remembrance that the **choice** is individual (Philippians 1:23)
 - D. **Instruction** from Paul (Philippians 1:24-30)

1. **Living** - We have a Job! (Philippians 1:24-25)
2. **Lauding - Be Happy!** (Philippians 1:26)
3. **Longsuffering** – Hang in there! (Philippians 1:27-30)

II. Joy in Consensus – Serving in **Unity** (Philippians 2)

- A. Be **Happy** - Fulfill my joy (Philippians 2:1-11)
 1. Work **Humbly** (Philippians 2:3)
 2. Work for **others** – like Jesus did (Philippians 2:4-11)
- B. Be **Honest** - Keep Obeying (Philippians 2:12-15)
 1. Always do right even when alone (Philippians 2:12a)
 2. Salvation demands we all work for Him (Philippians 2:12b-14)
 3. Working for Him makes me more of the family (Philippians 2:15)
 4. Our **dedication** makes your life worthwhile (Philippians 2:16-18)
 - a. **You** have the power to make my work worthwhile (Philippians 2:16)
 - b. Your Faithfulness **brings** me joy (Philippians 2:17)
 - c. My Faithfulness produces joy for **you** (Philippians 2:18)
- C. Be **Helpers** - Help is coming (Philippians 2:19-23)
 1. Timotheus (honouring **God**) (Philippians 2:19-23)
 2. Paul (**small** or **little**) (Philippians 2:24)
 3. Epaphroditus (**Lovely**) (Philippians 2:25-30) **The Minister's Heart**
 - a. Your **Delegate** (Philippians 2:25)
 - b. Your **Worker** – Worked himself sick (Philippians 2:26-28)
 - c. Your **Hero** - He's a real hero (Philippians 2:29)
 - d. Your **Strength** - Came when you could not (Philippians 2:30)

III. Joy in Conviction – Believing He is the **Mark** (Philippians 3)

- A. The proper place to **Catch** Joy (Philippians 3:1-8)
 1. Not in **Man** (Philippians 3:2-3)
 2. Not in **Self** (Philippians 3:4-6)
 3. Not in **Stuff** (Philippians 3:7-8)
- B. The proper position to **Compose** Joy - In Him and Him alone! (Philippians 3:9-19)
 1. **Know** Him (Philippians 3:9-13)
 2. **Press** toward Him (**It's Work**) (Philippians 3:14-19)
 - a. **Grow** Up (Philippians 3:15-16)
 - b. **Police** Yourself (Philippians 3:17-19)
- C. The proper plan to **Continue** Joy - Follow Him **Willingly** (Philippians 3:20-21)
 1. Controlling factor (Philippians 3:20)
 2. Transforming Power (Philippians 3:21)

He has the Power to force all thing under Him and one day He will, but life can be so much more joyous – happy if we will choose to grow up on our own and follow Him because He our Superior requests us to!!!

IV. Joy in Consistency – Think on the right things (Philippians 4)

A. Introduction (Philippians 4:1-3)

B. Instructions to **Remember** (Key Verse of Book) (Philippians 4:4-5)

1. Be **Happy**
2. Be **Fair**
3. Be Prayerful instead of Worry (Philippians 4:6)
4. Be at **Peace** (Philippians 4:7)
5. **Stay** at Peace (God's **Method** – Think about it!) (Key verse of chapter)
6. Do What I've **Taught** You To Do (Philippians 4:9)

C. Your Inspirational assistance (Philippians 4:10-14)

1. Thanks for **Helping** me along the way (Philippians 4:10)
2. With your help you proved what we taught you was **right** (Philippians 4:11-13)
3. Your Help made Christ's **strength** visible to me (Philippians 4:14)

D. Special notes: (Philippians 4:15-23)

1. You **Gave** when others did not (Philippians 4:15)
 - a. You did it before (Philippians 4:16-17)
 - b. You are doing it **still** (Philippians 4:18)
 - c. God will take **care** of you (Philippians 4:19)
2. Salutation (Philippians 4:20-23)
 - a. God is still **God** (Philippians 4:20)
 - b. Tell everyone I said, “Hi” (Philippians 4:21)
 - c. Everyone here says, “Hi” (Philippians 4:22-23)