



Unshakeable Joy

Work in Progress

Philippians 1:1-11

Acts 16

Paul travels to Philippi 50 AD.

Lydia and her household are saved.

Paul casts out a demon and ends up in prison.

Miraculous intervention.

Paul is released and Jailer and his household
is saved.

12 Years Later....

**Paul imprisoned in
Rome 60-62 AD.**

Happiness vs. Joy



A Venn diagram consisting of two overlapping circles. The left circle is light blue and contains the word 'happiness' in a light blue, typewriter-style font. The right circle is pink and contains the word 'joy' in a pink, typewriter-style font. The overlapping area in the center is a darker shade of purple/pink. Below each circle is a definition in a dark blue, typewriter-style font.

happiness

a feeling based
on circumstances

joy

an attitude that
defies circumstances

Chairo = calm delight

Philippians 1:3-5

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

1. It reminds us to have
grace for ourselves and
others.

Romans 8:1

There is no
condemnation in Christ.

2. Keeps us humble by reminding us that we are all a work in progress.

Proverbs 16:5

Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the Lord, rest assured, he will not go unpunished.

**3. Encouragement
that God does the
heavy lifting.**

Philippians 1:7-11

Whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes from Jesus Christ.

Grow in Love.

Grow in Discernment.

Grow in Insight.

Grow in depth of knowledge.

Grow in the fruit of the Holy Spirit:

Love, joy, patience, kindness,

goodness, faithfulness,

gentleness and self control.

**There should be
growth!**

**There should be
evidence that work is
happening in our
lives.**

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. Against such things there is no law.

Spiritual Growth Accountability Checklist

Have we grown in:

Knowledge

Discernment

Faith

Insight

Love or Kindness

Peace or Goodness

Gentleness or Selflessness,

Humility

Faithfulness or Self Control

**1. A life of joy is a life
of fruit and growth.**

2. We are all a work in progress.

**3. God does the great work within us.
Our job is to simply stick close to
Him.**

John 15:5

**I am the vine, you are the branches.
The one who remains in me and I in
Him produces much fruit because
you can do nothing without me.**

**4. Regularly check
your fruit.**

