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HOW TO FIND JOY IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE



Philippians




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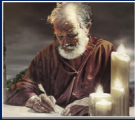
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Pauline Authorship

■ External: strong


■ Internal

◆ Paul (Phil. 1:1)

◆ Timothy (Phil. 1:1; 2:19-23)

◆ Pre-conversion life (Phil. 3:4-6)


◆ 1st person pronouns throughout



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Three Tenses of Salvation


Phase	Justification	SANCTIFICATION	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10



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Destination

- Philippi (Phil. 1:1)
- Citizenship (Phil. 3:20)
- No synagogue



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- Via Egnatia Highway
- Chief city in Macedonia
- Founded on 2nd missionary journey (Acts 16)



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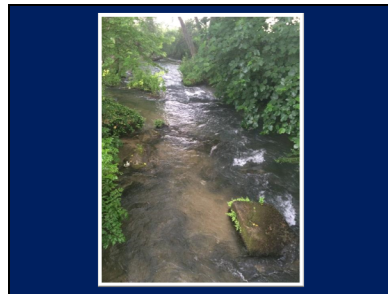
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ROMAN JAIL CELL

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Place of Writing and Date

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ROMAN CALENDAR

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■ A.D. 62



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Order of Paul's Letters

1. Galatians (A.D. 49)

2. 1–2 Thessalonians (A.D. 51)

3. 1–2 Corinthians (A.D. 56)

4. Romans (A.D. 57)

5. Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon,
PHILIPPIANS (A.D. 60–62)

6. 1 Timothy, Titus (A.D. 62–66)

7. 2 Timothy (A.D. 67)

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Occasion

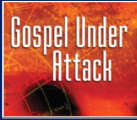
- News of Paul's imprisonment reaches Philippi
- Epaphroditus comes from Philippi to Rome
- Word of Epaphroditus' sickness reaches Philippi
- Some Philippians came to Rome to express concern over Epaphroditus' condition
- Epaphroditus returns to Philippi




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Opponents

- Those in Rome preaching Christ out of selfish ambition (Phil. 1:15-18)
- Those in Philippi persecuting the new church (Phil. 1:27-28)
- Judaizers in Philippi (Phil. 3:2)
- Antinomians in Philippi (Phil. 3:19)



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Purpose

■ Joy 18x

■ Adverse circumstances (1:27-30)

■ How to have joy during adverse circumstances



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Outline



CHAPTER 1

– God can use negative circumstances to bring about positive results

CHAPTER 2

– Christ’s example of servanthood

CHAPTER 3


– Avoiding legalism

CHAPTER 4

– Reliance upon Christ’s strength for daily life

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JOY JESUS

Message

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JOY DURING ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES IS POSSIBLE AS BELIEVERS:

1. understand that God uses adversity to bring about positive results,

2. follow Christ's example of servanthood,

3. avoid legalism,

4. and draw upon divine resources for daily life.

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Unique Characteristics

■ Personal pronouns

■ Non-theological vocabulary


■ Abrupt transitions

■ Christology (2:5-13)

■ Believer's thought life

■ Military concepts

■ Women leaders




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Conclusion



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Answering Ten Questions



- 1) Who wrote it? – Paul
- 2) To Whom was it written? – The Believers at Philippi
- 3) Where was it written from? – Rome
- 4) When was it written? – A.D. 62
- 5) What was the book's occasion? – Five contacts
- 6) Who are the opponents? – Four opponents threatening joy
- 7) What is the book's purpose? – To give joy during adversity
- 8) How is it organized (outline)? – Four-part outline
- 9) What is it about? – Joy during adversity
- 10) What makes the book different? – Personal & informal

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"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." (NIV)

Authorship

Philip. 2:19-23-¹⁹ But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition. ²⁰ For I have no one *else* of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare. ²¹ For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus. ²² But you know of his proven worth, that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child *serving* his father. ²³ Therefore I hope to send him immediately, as soon as I see how things *go* with me;

Philip. 3:4-6-⁴ although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: ⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the nation 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 the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

Philip. 1:7-For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my **imprisonment** and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me.

Philip. 1:13-so that my **imprisonment** in *the cause of* Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else.

Philip. 1:25-27-²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that **I will remain and continue with you** all for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that your proud confidence in me may abound in Christ Jesus through my coming to you again. ²⁷ Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether **I come and see you** or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel

Philip. 2:24-and I trust in the Lord that I myself also will be **coming shortly**.

Destination

Acts 16:12-and from there to **Philippi**, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia, **a Roman colony**; and we were staying in this city for some days.

Philip. 3:20-For **our citizenship is in heaven**, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 16:12-and from there to **Philippi**, which is **a leading city of the district of Macedonia**, a *Roman* colony; and we were staying in this city for some days.

Acts 16:13-14-¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to a riverside, where we were supposing that there would be a place of prayer; and we sat down and began speaking to the women who had assembled.

¹⁴ A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

Acts 16:30-31-³⁰ and after he brought them out, he said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

Philip. 4:14-16- ¹⁴ Nevertheless, you have done well to share *with me* in my affliction. ¹⁵ You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; ¹⁶ for even in Thessalonica you sent *a gift* more than once for my needs.

Acts 20:6-We sailed from **Philippi** after the days of Unleavened Bread, and came to them at Troas within five days; and there we stayed seven days.

Place of Writing

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Philip. 4:22-All the saints greet you, especially those of **Caesar's household**.

Philip. 1:14-17- ¹⁴ and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear. ¹⁵ Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will; ¹⁶ the latter *do it* out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel; ¹⁷ the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my imprisonment.

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Philip. 4:18-But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from **Epaphroditus** what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.

Philip. 2:25-But I thought it necessary to send to you **Epaphroditus**, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger and minister to my need

Philip. 2:27-For indeed he was **sick to the point of death**, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, so that I would not have sorrow upon sorrow.

Philip. 2:30- because **he came close to death** for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was deficient in your service to me.

Philip. 2:26-because he was **longing for you all** and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.

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Opponents

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Philip. 1:27-28-²⁷ Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; ²⁸ in no way **alarmed by your opponents**—which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that *too*, from God.

Philip. 3:2-Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the **false circumcision**.

Philip. 3:19-whose end is destruction, **whose god is their appetite**, and *whose* glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things.

Purpose

John 14:27-**Peace** I leave with you; My peace I give to you; **not as the world gives** do, I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

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Conclusion

Num. 6:24-26- The LORD bless you, and keep you;

²⁵ The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to

you; ²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.