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HOW TO FIND JOY IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE



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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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Positive Results of Imprisonment
(Phil. 1:12-30)


- Captive audience (Phil. 1:12-13)
- Church’s boldness in preaching (Phil. 1:14-18)
- Greater prayer (Phil. 1:19)
- Protection from martyrdom (Phil. 1:20-26)




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 **John Walvoord**
Jesus Christ Our Lord, 143-44

"The act of *kenosis* as stated in Philippians 2 may therefore be properly understood to mean that Christ surrendered no attribute of deity, but that He did voluntarily restrict their independent use in keeping with His purpose of living among men and their limitations."

KENOSIS

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Applying Paul's Paradigm
(Phil. 2:12-16)

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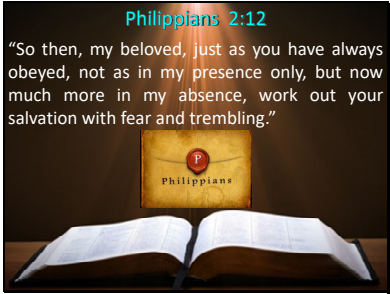
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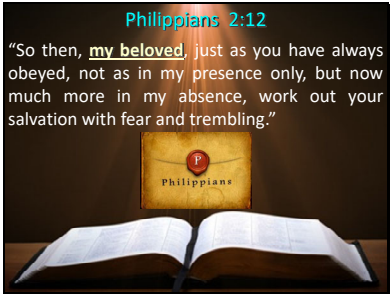
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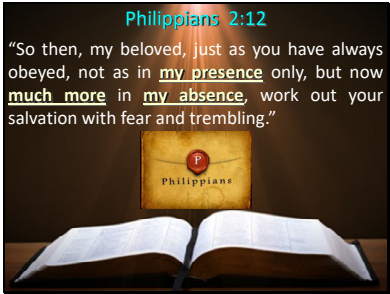
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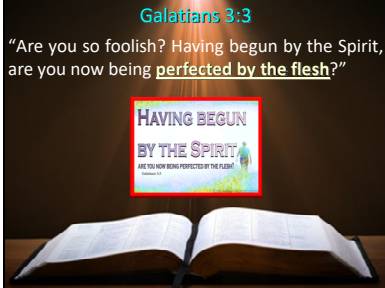
- Middle tense of salvation
- Immediate context – Philippians 2:14-16
- Overall context – Philippians 4:2-3



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Galatians 3:3

“Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being **perfected by the flesh**?”



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1 Corinthians 3:15


"If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire."



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1 Corinthians 9:24-27

"Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ **Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air;** ²⁷ but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified."



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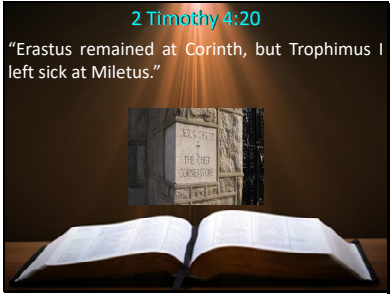
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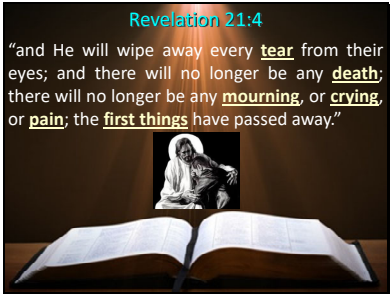
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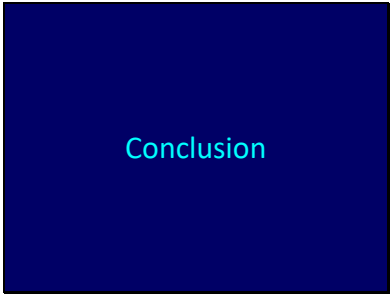
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Acts 20:35-remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

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Philip. 4:2-3-²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in harmony in the Lord. ³ Indeed, true companion, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in *the cause of the gospel*, together with Clement also and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

1 Cor. 15:10-But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but **I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.**

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Exod. 16:2-The whole congregation of the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

Num. 14:2- All the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron; and the whole congregation said to them, “Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness!

John 6:41- Therefore the Jews were grumbling about Him, because He said, “I am the bread that came down out of heaven.”

John 6:43-Jesus answered and said to them, “Do not grumble among yourselves.”

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Matt. 5:14-16- ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; ¹⁵ nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Gal. 4:4-But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, **born under the Law**.

1 Tim. 3:7-And he must have **a good reputation with those outside the church**, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

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Gal. 6:6- The one who is taught the **word** is to share all good things with the one who teaches *him*.

2 Tim. 3:15-and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the **wisdom that leads to salvation** through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

John 1:14-And the **Word** became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 14:6-Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the **life**; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

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2 Tim. 4:6-For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

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1 Tim. 1:2-To Timothy, *my* true child in *the* faith: Grace, mercy *and* peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Tim. 3:10-These men **must also first be tested**; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach.

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Isa. 53:5-But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are **healed**.

2 Cor. 12:8-9-⁸ Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. ⁹ And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

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.’