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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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Outline


- Ch 1 – God can use negative circumstances to bring about positive results
- Ch 2 – Christ's example of servanthood
- Ch 3 – Avoiding legalism
- Ch 4 – Reliance upon Christ's strength for daily life



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

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



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4 Examples of Humble Service
(Phil. 2)

1. Christ (Phil. 2:5-16)
2. Paul (Phil. 2:17-18)
3. Timothy (Phil. 2:19-24)
4. Epaphroditus (Phil. 2:25-30)



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Avoid Legalism
(Phil. 3)


1. Legalists vs. true believers (Phil. 3:1-3)
2. Paul's transition away from legalism (Phil. 3:4-14)
3. Other items to embrace in lieu of legalism (Phil. 3:15-4:3)



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Draw Upon the Divine Resources for Daily life
(Phil. 4)


- Peace (Phil. 4:4-9)
- Contentment (Phil. 4:10-13)
- Provision (Phil. 4:14-19)



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Peace
(Phil. 4:4-9)


- I. Prerequisites for Peace (Phil. 4:4-6)
- II. Presence of Peace (Phil. 4:7)
- III. Protection of Peace (Phil. 4:8-9)



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I. Prerequisites for Peace
(Phil. 4:4-6)


- A. Joy (Phil. 4:4)
- B. Gentleness (Phil. 4:5a)
- C. Awareness of God's nearness (Phil. 4:5b)
- D. Prayer (6)



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III. Protection of Peace
(Phil. 4:8-9)

- A. Content of a Disciplined Thought Life (Phil. 4:8)
- B. Practice of a Disciplined Thought Life (Phil. 4:9)



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- Peace (Phil. 4:4-9)
- **Contentment (Phil. 4:10-13)**
- Christ promises to meet financial needs (Phil. 4:14-19)



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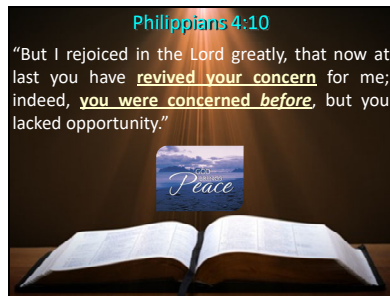
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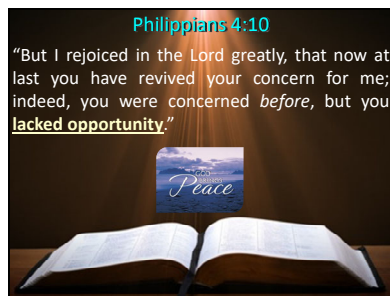
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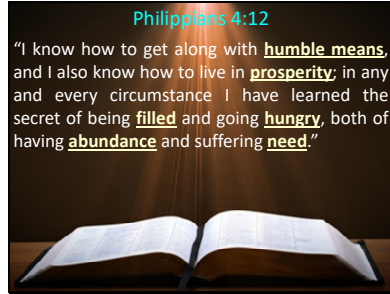
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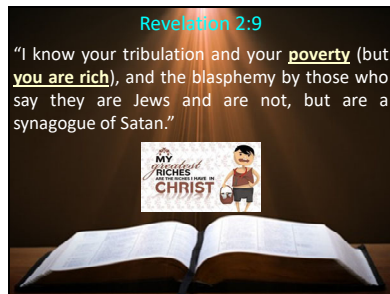
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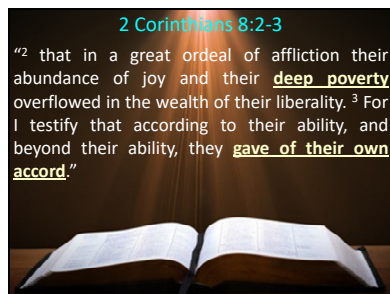
"I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan."



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2 Corinthians 8:2-3


"² that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality. ³ For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave of their own accord."



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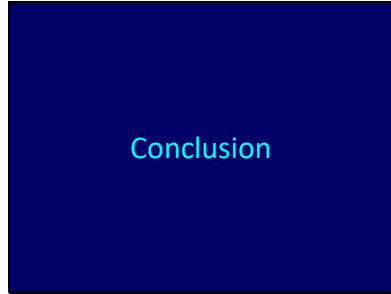


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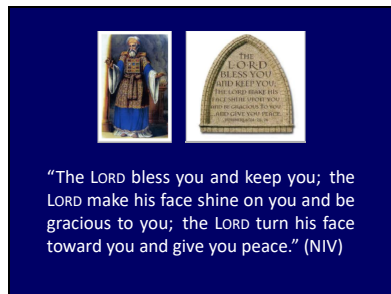
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Jas. 2:15-16-¹⁵ If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for *their* body, what use is that?

1 John 3:17-But whoever has the world’s goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?

2 Cor. 9:6-12-⁶ Now this *I say*, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ **And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;** ⁹ as it is written, “HE SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE TO THE POOR, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER.” ¹⁰ Now **He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;** ¹¹ **you will be enriched in everything for all liberality,** which through us is producing thanksgiving to God. ¹² **For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints,** but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.

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αὐτάρκης pertaining to being happy or content with what one has—‘content with what one has, content with the circumstances in which one exists.’ Acceptable To, To Be Pleased With

Matt. 9:13-But go and **learn** what this means:

‘I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT SACRIFICE,’ for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

μυέομαι: to learn the secret of something through personal experience or as the result of initiation.

Exod. 1:13-14-¹³ The Egyptians compelled the sons of Israel to labor rigorously; ¹⁴ and they made their lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and bricks and at all *kinds* of labor in the field, all their labors which they rigorously imposed on them.

Exod. 2:24-So God heard their groaning; and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ²⁵ God saw the sons of Israel, and God took notice *of them*.

Exod. 14:12-Is this not the word that we spoke to you in Egypt, saying, ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.”

Num. 11:5-We remember the fish which we used to eat free in Egypt, the cucumbers and the melons and the leeks and the onions and the garlic

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2 Tim. 2:1-ou therefore, my son, be **strong** in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 Tim. 4:17-But the Lord stood with me and **strengthened** me, so that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was rescued out of the lion’s mouth.

Conclusion

“Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee.”

— **Augustine of Hippo, Confessions**

Num. 6:24-26-²⁴ 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.’