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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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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)

An illustration of a wooden chair, a table with a white tablecloth, and a white bowl on the table. The words "Humble Service" are written in a cursive font above the scene.

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A book cover for the Bible book of Philippians, featuring a red letter 'P' in a circle and the word "Philippians" below it.

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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)

An illustration of a man with a stern expression, wearing a dark jacket, with the word "Legalism" written in red below him.

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

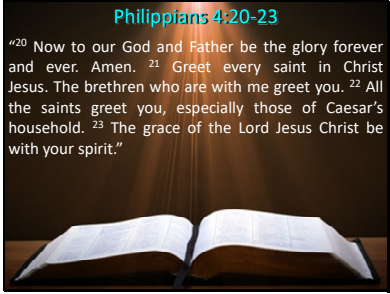
- Peace (Phil. 4:4-9)
- Contentment (Phil. 4:10-13)
- Provision (Phil. 4:14-19)



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Philippians 4:20-23

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Matthew 5:18
"For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished."




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Matthew 4:4
"But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'"



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Job 23:12
"I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food."




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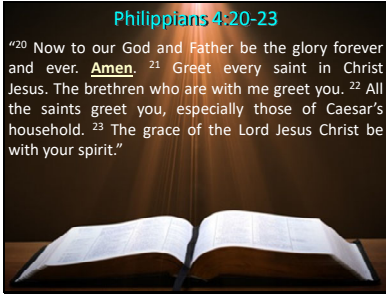
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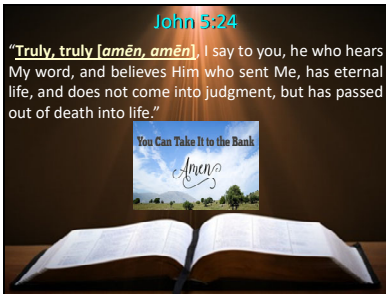


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John 5:24

"Truly, truly [**amēn, amēn**], I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."

You Can Take It to the Bank
Amen



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Dispensational Theology is a System of Theology

Traditional-normative dispensational theology is a system that embodies three essential, fundamental concepts called the **sine qua non** (lit. "without which is not"):

1. The **consistent** use of a plain, normal, literal, grammatical-historical method of interpretation;
2. Which reveals that the **Church is distinct from Israel;**
3. God's overall purpose is to bring **glory to Himself** (Eph. 1:6, 12, 14).

Dr. Charles Ryrie, *Dispensationalism*, pp. 38-41

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Doxological Purpose

A. God's ultimate purpose for the ages is to glorify Himself. Scripture is not human-centered, as though salvation were the principle point, but God-centered, because His glory is at the center.

B. The glory of God is the primary principle that unifies all dispensations, the program of salvation being just one of the means by which God glorifies Himself. Each successive revelation of God's plan for the ages, as well as His dealing with the elect, non-elect, angels, and nations all manifest His glory.

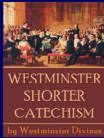
Dictionary of Premillennial Theology, Charles Ryrie, p. 94

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Westminster Shorter Catechism




Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

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Conclusion
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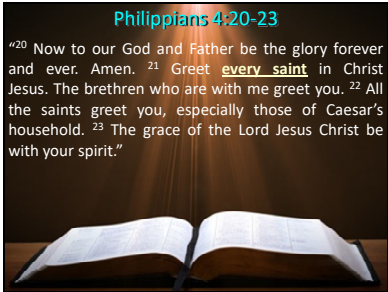
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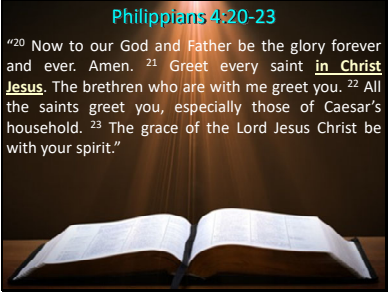
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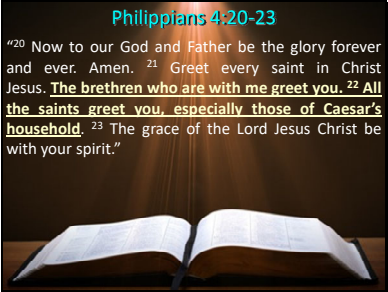
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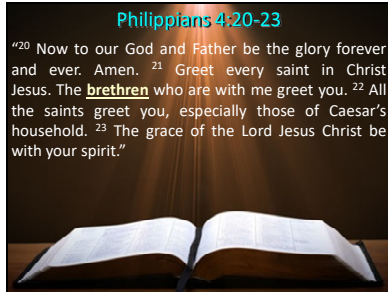
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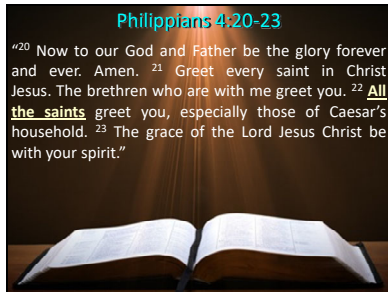
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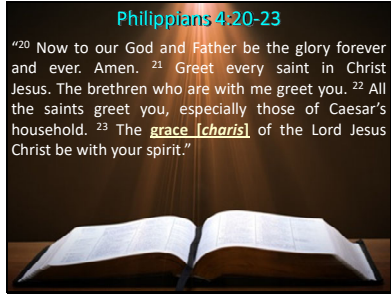
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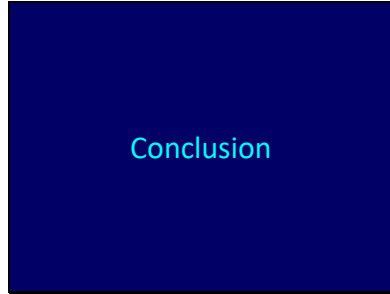
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2 Peter 1:3-4

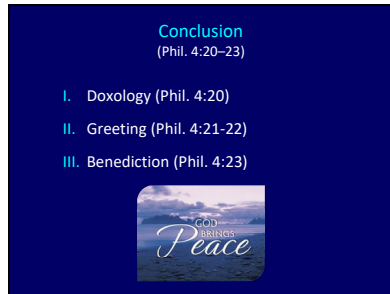
³ Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. ⁴For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust."



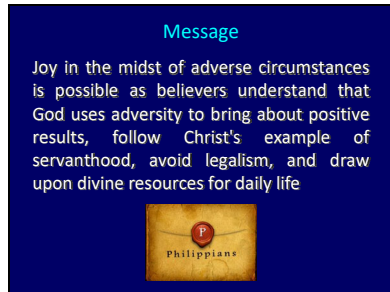
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“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (NIV)

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Isa. 42:8- I am the LORD, that is My name; **I will not give My glory to another**, Nor My praise to graven images.

Isa. 6:3-³ And one called out to another and said, “Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory.”

Rev. 4:8-And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and **day and night they do not cease to say**, “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *is* THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME.”

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Rom. 16:3-16-³ Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, ⁴ who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles; ⁵ also *greet* the church that is in their house. Greet Epaenetus, my beloved, who is the first convert to Christ from Asia. ⁶ Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. ⁷ Greet Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners, who are outstanding among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me. ⁸ Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. ⁹ Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys my beloved. ¹⁰ Greet Apelles, the approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the *household* of Aristobulus. ¹¹ Greet Herodion, my kinsman. Greet those of the *household* of Narcissus, who are in the Lord. ¹² Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, workers in the Lord. Greet Persis the beloved, who has worked hard in the Lord. ¹³ Greet Rufus, a choice man in the Lord, also his mother and mine. ¹⁴ Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the brethren with them. ¹⁵ Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. ¹⁶ Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

Philip. 3:9-and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith.

Matt. 12:46-50-⁴⁶ While He was still speaking to the crowds, behold, His mother and brothers were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him. ⁴⁷ Someone said to Him, "Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside seeking to speak to

You.”⁴⁸ But Jesus answered the one who was telling Him and said, “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?”⁴⁹ And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, “Behold My mother and My brothers!⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother.”

Col. 1:28-We proclaim Him, admonishing **every man** and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.

1 Pet. 3:15-but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to **everyone** who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.

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.

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Philip. 1:2-**Grace** to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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.

Rom. 5:1-Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

Philip 4:7-And the **peace** of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

John 3:3-5-³ Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus *said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

2 Cor. 4:16-Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our **inner man** is being renewed day by day.

Eph. 3:16-that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the **inner man**.

Matt. 8:23-27-²³ When He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him. ²⁴ And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves; but Jesus Himself was asleep. ²⁵ And they came to *Him* and woke Him, saying, “Save *us*, Lord; we are perishing!” ²⁶ He *said to them, “Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?” Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm. ²⁷ The men were amazed, and said, “What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

Gal. 2:20-I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in

the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Conclusion

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