



Worship Service
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PHILIPPIANS: Joy in the Journey

Lesson One • Introduction
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The Backstory of the Church at Philippi

The church at Philippi was planted by the Apostle Paul on his second missionary journey through the Spirit's GUIDANCE (Acts 16:6-10) and evangelistic ENCOUNTERS (Acts 16:11-34).

The Big Picture of the Book of Philippians

Joy in the journey is experienced most fully by living a life that is CHRIST-CENTERED and GOSPEL-DRIVEN.

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. Philippians 1:12-14

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ... Philippians 1:27

Joy in the Journey

1. There Is Joy When We PARTICIPATE in the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3-5

It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. Philippians 1:7

And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. Philippians 4:15-18

2. There Is Joy When We PERSEVERE in the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:9-11

What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Philippians 1:18-21

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel. Philippians 1:27

Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me. Philippians 2:17-18

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. Philippians 4:1

The Bottom Line for the Apostle Paul

In all our pleasures, Jesus is BETTER; in all our suffering, Jesus is ENOUGH.

Therefore, the weight of worldly GRIEF cannot diminish the power of Gospel JOY in our journey with Jesus.