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HOW TO FIND JOY IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE




PHILIPPIANS
Joy in the Christian life
Sermon series



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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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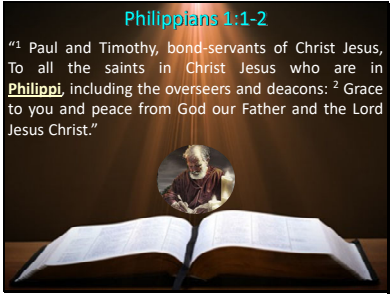
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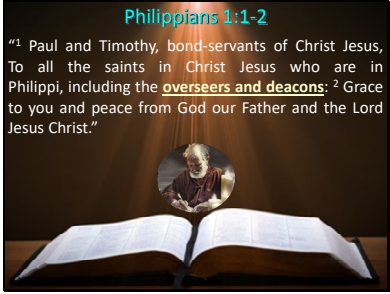
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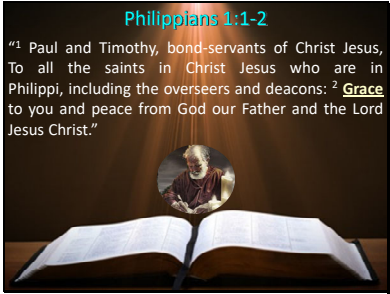
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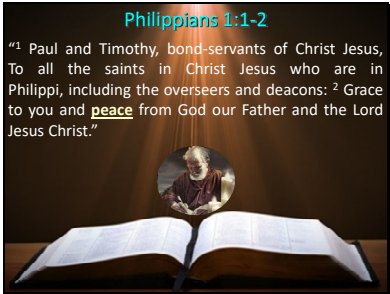
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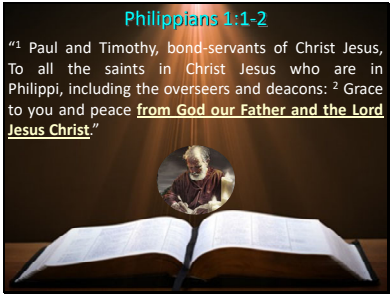
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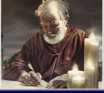
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Spiritual Sacrifices

- Body – Rom. 12:1
- Praise – Heb. 13:15
- Good works – Philip. 2:17
- Financial giving – Heb. 13:16
- Prayer – Philip. 1:4

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2 John 7-11


"⁷ For **many deceivers** have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸ Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward. ⁹ Anyone who goes too far and does . . .




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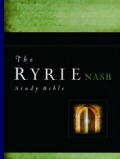
... not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting; ¹¹ for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds.”



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Charles Ryrie
The Ryrie Study Bible



Philippians 1:6. “God who began. God will continue His work of grace in them until the consummation at the day of Christ Jesus (the day when Christ returns).”


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Romans 8:29-30



²⁹ For those whom He **foreknew**, He also **predestined to become** conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; ³⁰ and these whom He predestined, He also **called**; and these whom He called, He also **justified**; and these whom He justified, He also **glorified**.



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
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1 Corinthians 3:15

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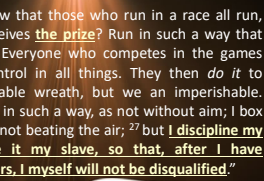


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1 Corinthians 9:24-27


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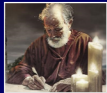
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“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (NIV)

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.

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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.

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1 Thess. 5:17-pray without ceasing.

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Philip. 4:16-for even in Thessalonica you sent *a gift* more than once for my needs.

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

Acts 17:2-3-² And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths **reasoned** with them from the Scriptures, ³ explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and *saying*, "This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ."

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Acts 17:11-Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily *to see* whether these things were so.

Philip. 4:8-Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

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Gal. 5:22-23-²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

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.'