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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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Introduction
Phil. 1:1-11


- I. Salutation (1:1-2)
- II. Thanksgiving (1:3-8)
- III. Prayer (1:9-11)



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Outline


- Ch 1 – God can use negative circumstances to bring about positive results
- Ch 2 – Christ’s example of servanthood
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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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Applying Paul's Paradigm
(Phil. 1:27-30)


- Walk worthy of your calling (Phil. 1:27)
- Do not fear your persecutors (Phil. 1:28-29)
- Suffering is normal (Phil. 1:30)



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Original State and First Sin


- Isaiah 14:12-15
 - ◆ 5 "I will" statements
 - Ascend to heaven (13)
 - Raise my throne above the stars of God (13)
 - Sit enthroned on the Mt. of the Assembly (13)
 - Ascend above the tops of the clouds (14)
 - Make myself like the Most High (14)



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Ezekiel 28:17


"Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor."



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Philippians 2:7

"7 but **emptied [kenō]** Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men."




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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."



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Charles Ryrie
The Ryrie Study Bible




"Philippians 2:7. emptied Himself. The *kenosis* (emptying) of Christ during His incarnation does not mean that He surrendered any attributes of deity, but that He took on the limitations of humanity. This involved a veiling of His preincarnate glory (John 17:5) and the voluntary nonuse of some of His divine prerogatives during the time He was on earth (Matt. 24:36). form. The same word as in verse 6. He was completely God and truly man. To deny either the deity or humanity of Christ requires denying the other."

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Emergent Preaching

"At Solomon's porch, sermons are not primarily about my extracting truth from the Bible to apply to people's lives...So our sermons are not lessons that precisely define belief so much as they are stories that welcome our hopes and ideas and participation" (Italics added).




Doug Pagitt, cited in Oakland, 41-42.

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Emergent Preaching

"It isn't about clever apologetics or careful exegetical or expository preaching...Emerging generations are hungering to experience God in worship" (Italics added).




Dan Kimball, *The Emerging Church*, 116

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Emergent Preaching


"A spiritual Tsunami has hit postmodern culture. The wave will build without breaking for decades to come. The wave is this: People want to *know* God. They want less to know about God ...they want new experiences, especially new experiences of the divine" (Italics added).



Leonard Sweet, *Soul Tsunami*, 420.

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Emergent Doctrine



"...something beyond a belief system or doctrinal array or even a practice. I mean an attitude—an attitude toward God and our neighbor and our mission that is passionate."

Brian McLaren, *A Generous Orthodoxy*, 117-18.

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☒ "Don't give me doctrine, just give me Jesus."
☒ "What really matters is Christ not creed."
☒ "Devotion is important and not doctrine."
☒ "What counts is our behavior, and not our beliefs."

Most of these slogans were originally accumulated in Henry Habeman, "Prolegomena, Bibliology, and Theology (Part 1)" (unpublished class notes in THS112 Theology I, Talbot Theological Seminary, Spring 1998), 9.

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Rick Warren


Purpose Driven Life 34, 124, 183



- "God won't ask you about your religious background or doctrinal views."
- "Jesus said our love for each other - not our doctrinal beliefs - is our greatest witness to the world."
- "Today many assume that spiritual maturity is measured by the amount of biblical information and doctrine you know."

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Rick Warren
Purpose Driven Life 186, 231; Purpose Driven Church 300




- "The Bible is far **more than a doctrinal guidebook.**"
- "The **last thing** many believers need today is to go to another **Bible study.** They already know far more than they are putting into practice."
- "My pastor has been in Daniel's seventy weeks longer than Daniel was!"

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Acts 2:41-47

"...⁴² They were continually devoting themselves to the **apostles' teaching** and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer..."



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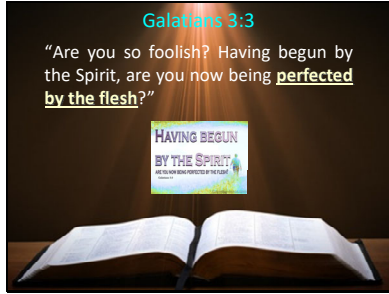
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1 Corinthians 9:24-27


“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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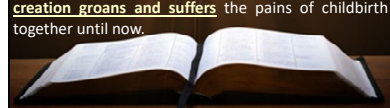
¹³ but you know that it was because of a **bodily illness** that I preached the gospel to you the first time; ¹⁴ and that which was a trial to you in **my bodily condition** you did not despise or loathe, but you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus *Himself*."



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Romans 8:19-22

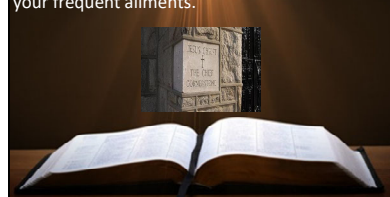
¹⁹ For the **anxious longing of the creation** waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the **creation was subjected to futility, not willingly**, but because of **Him who subjected it**, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its **slavery to corruption** into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that **the whole creation groans and suffers** the pains of childbirth together until now.



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1 Timothy 5:23

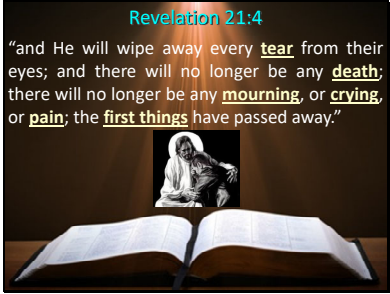
"No longer drink water *exclusively*, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments."



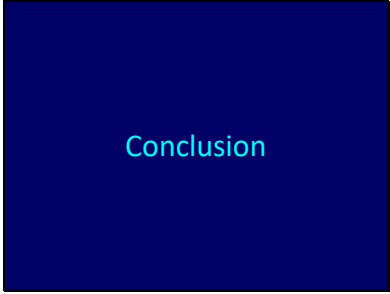
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"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." (NIV)

Intro

Prov. 11:24-25-There is one who scatters, and *yet* increases all the more, And there is one who withholds what is justly due, *and yet it results* only in want. ²⁵ The generous man will be prosperous, And he who waters will himself be watered.

Luke 6:38-Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, *and* running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.

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.

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1 Tim. 3:6-*and* not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil.

Lev. 19:18-You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but **you shall love your neighbor as yourself**; I am the LORD.

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.

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2 Cor. 8:9-For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

Mark 10:37-They said to Him, “Grant that we may sit, one on Your right and one on *Your* left, in Your glory.”

Mark 10:41-45-⁴¹ Hearing *this*, the ten began to feel indignant with James and John. ⁴² Calling them to Himself, Jesus *said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

John 13:3-5-³ *Jesus*, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, ⁴ *got up from supper, and *laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself. ⁵ Then He *poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

John 13:14-16-¹⁴ If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor *is* one who is sent greater than the one who sent him.

John 13:17-If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

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1 Pet. 5:5-You younger men, likewise, be subject to *your* elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

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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 6:41-⁴¹ 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.

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.

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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.

19-24

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.’