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HOW TO FIND JOY IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE



PHILIPPIANS  
*Joy* in the Christian life  
Sermon series



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Slide 2

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)

A graphic with the words "Humble Service" in a cursive font over a background of a simple room with a chair and a table.

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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)

A graphic showing a man's face with a stern expression, with the word "Legalism" written in red below him.

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Other Items to Embrace in Lieu of Legalism  
(Phil. 3:15-4:3)

- Maturity (Phil. 3:15-16)
- Avoiding license (Phil. 3:17-19)
- Heavenly and eternal perspective (Phil. 3:20-21)
- **Unity (Phil. 4:1-3)**



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Three Tenses of Salvation			
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John 20:30-31



"Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name."

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Scripture's Five Crowns (Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)		
SCRIPTURE	CROWN	PURPOSE
1 Cor. 9:24-27	<b>Incorruptible</b>	Gaining mastery over the flesh
1 Thess. 2:19-20	<b>Rejoicing</b>	Soul winning
Jas. 1:12; Rev. 2:10	<b>Life</b>	Enduring trials
1 Pet. 5:2-4	<b>Glory</b>	Shepherding God's people
2 Tim. 4:8	<b>Righteousness</b>	Longing for His appearing

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**Philippians 2:5**

<sup>5</sup> Have this **attitude [*phronēō*]** in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus.”

**KENOSIS**



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**Philippians 2:7**

<sup>7</sup> but **emptied [*kenōō*]** Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.”

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Galatians 5:19-21

<sup>19</sup> "Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."



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**1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (NKJV)**

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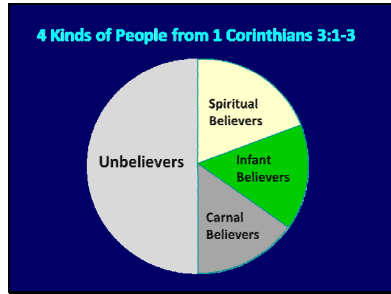
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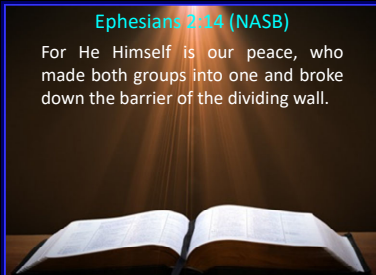
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**Ephesians 2:14 (NASB)**

For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall.



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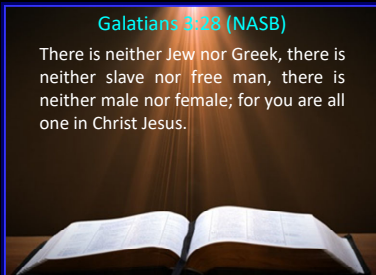
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**Galatians 3:28 (NASB)**

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.



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**Ephesians: What Is Inside?**

<b>1-3</b>	<b>4-6</b>
Relationship	Responsibility
No imperatives	35 imperatives
Orthodoxy	Orthopraxy
Knowledge	Wisdom
Belief	Behavior
Position	Practice
Privileges	Responsibility

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**Ephesians 4:1**

**Therefore...**

**1-3**  **4-6**

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**Romans 12:1**

**Therefore...**

**1-11**  **12-16**

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Galatians 5:1

**Therefore...**

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**ONE ANOTHERING**

Romans 15:7 Accept others as they are	Ephesians 5:19 Speak godly words
Romans 16:16 Greet warmly with enthusiasm	1 Thessalonians 5:11 Encourage
Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate	Hebrews 10:24 Spur others on
2 Corinthians 13:11 Agree, live in peace	1 Peter 4:10 minister
Romans 15:7 Welcome, Salute, Greet, embrace	Romans 14:19 Building up
Galatians 6:2 help, carry, bear each others burdens	1 Corinthians 12:25 Wait for
1 Corinthians 7:5 Do not deprive each other	Romans 15:5 same mind
1 Peter 1:22 love earnestly, with a pure heart fervently	1 John 1:7 fellowship
James 5:16 tell, confess your sins, wrong doings	Galatians 5:13 servants
<b>Romans 15:7 Receive ONE ANOTHERING James 5:16 Pray</b>	
Colossians 3:9 Do not lie	Acts 7:26 Don't hurt each other
Romans 15:14 instruct	1 John 3:18 love in word and deed
John 13:14 Wash the feet	Mark 8:16 Discuss and reason, confer
Galatians 5:15 Don't bite and devour	James 4:11 Avoid Stander
Galatians 5:13 Serve in love	Romans 12:16 Live in harmony
Ephesians 5:21 Submit, subject	Colossians 3:18 Teach and admonish
1 Peter 4:9 Offer Hospitality	Ephesians 4:12 Be forbearing
Romans 12:10 Honor others above yourself	Colossians 2:12 Forgive one another
1 Peter 5:5 Clothe yourself with humility	Romans 14:13 Do not judge [condemn]

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"I think that millennial views need not be among those doctrines that divide us. . . . I am suggesting that what you believe about the millennium—how you interpret these thousand years—is not something that it is necessary for us to agree upon in order to have a congregation together. The Lord Jesus Christ prayed in John 17:21 that we Christians might be one. Of course all true Christians are one in that we have his Spirit, we share his Spirit, we desire to live out that unity. But that unity is supposed to be evident as a testimony to the world around us. Therefore, I conclude that we should end our cooperations together with other Christians ...only with the greatest of care, lest we rend the body of Christ for whose unity he's prayed and given himself!"

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*"Therefore, I conclude that it is sin to divide the body of Christ—to divide the body that he prayed would be united. Therefore for us to conclude that we must agree upon a certain view of alcohol, or a certain view of schooling, or a certain view of meat sacrificed to idols, or a certain view of the millennium in order to have fellowship together is, I think, not only unnecessary for the body of Christ, but it is therefore both unwarranted and therefore condemned by scripture. So if you're a pastor and you're listening to me, you understand me correctly if you think I'm saying you are in sin if you lead your congregation to have a statement of faith that requires a particular millennial view. I do not understand why that has to be a matter of uniformity in order to have Christian unity in a local congregation."*

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**Genesis 11:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> It came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> They said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly." And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. <sup>4</sup> They said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."



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**Genesis 11:6**



*The Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them."*

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**John 17:20-23**

<sup>20</sup> I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one; even as You, Father, *are* in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. <sup>22</sup> The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; <sup>23</sup> I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me."

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Acts 2:41-47

<sup>41</sup> "So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. <sup>42</sup> They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved."

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Conclusion

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Other Items to Embrace in Lieu of Legalism  
(Phil. 3:15-4:3)

- Maturity (Phil. 3:15-16)
- Avoiding license (Phil. 3:17-19)
- Heavenly and eternal perspective (Phil. 3:20-21)
- Unity (Phil. 4:1-3)



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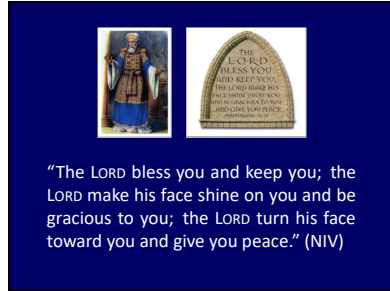
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3 John 4-I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.

Eph. 6:10-Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

Eph. 6:14-**Stand firm therefore**, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

1 PET. 5:9-But resist him, **firm in your faith**, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

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Rev. 3:5-He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the **book of life**, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

Rev. 20:12-And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the* **book of life**; and the dead were judged

from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

Rev. 20:15-And if anyone's name was not found written in the **book of life**, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Luke 10:20-Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but **rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.**”

### **Four Observations**

#### **1**

Prov. 6:16-19-**16 There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him:** <sup>17</sup> Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18</sup> A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, <sup>19</sup> A false witness *who* utters lies, And **one who spreads strife among brothers.**

#### **2**

Gal. 3:28-There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

1 Cor. 12:13-For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Cor. 12:20-21-<sup>20</sup> But now there are many members, but one body. <sup>21</sup> And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; or again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”

Eph. 4:2-3-<sup>2</sup> with all **humility** and **gentleness**, with **patience**, showing **tolerance** for one another **in love**,<sup>3</sup> being diligent to **preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

Philip. 2:3-4-<sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;<sup>4</sup> do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Philip. 2:5-11-<sup>5</sup> Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,<sup>6</sup> who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,<sup>7</sup> but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.<sup>8</sup> Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.<sup>9</sup> For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,<sup>11</sup> and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Ps. 133:1-Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brothers to dwell together in unity!

### 3

Matt. 12:25-And knowing their thoughts Jesus said to them, “Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself will not stand.

John 13:35-By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”



John 17:23- I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

1 Cor. 6:7-Actually, then, it is **already a defeat for you**, that you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded?

#### 4

Rev. 17:15-And he \*said to me, “The waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.

John 17:17-Sanctify them in the **truth**; Your word is truth.

John 17:19-For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in **truth**.

1 Cor. 11:19-For there must also be factions among you, so that those who are approved may become evident among you.

Acts 15:39-40- <sup>39</sup> And there occurred such **a sharp disagreement that they separated from one another**, and Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. <sup>40</sup> But Paul chose Silas and left, being committed by the brethren to the grace of the Lord.

#### Conclusion

Num. 6:24-26- <sup>24</sup> The LORD bless you, and keep you;  
<sup>25</sup> The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup> The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.’