

**Series "Fixed On 66"**  
**"Philippians"**  
**Book-50**

**Key Passage: Philippians 3:1; 4:4**

The "Epistle of Philippians" reveals the very heart of God. **Within this letter is the secret revealed of how to experience "Joy" in difficult times of life.**

**"Mind" 16 times** in his letter. Paul knew how to anchor his life during the storms!

**Paul had Joy despite circumstances! And joy despite people! The reason is that Paul had a Single Mind! "Joy" 13 times, Glad 13 times, "Rejoice" 10 times.**

**Philippians 1:20-21**

Philippians is an expression of joy in the midst of adversity. It has been called ***"Paul's love letter to the Church at Philippi."***

**The Author:** The Apostle Paul **Philippians 1:1.** Though his name only appears twice, first-person pronouns are used 116 times.

Biographical information about Paul found in Philippians includes:

1. His strong Jewish roots (3:4-5)
2. His strong Jewish zeal (3:6)
3. His strong Jewish righteousness (3:6; Rom. 10:1-4)

Personal experiences in the Book that identify the writer as Paul include:

1. His imprisonment (1:7, 13)
2. His expected release (1:25)
3. His anticipated travel to Philippi (1:27; 2:24)

**When Written:** 59-61 AD. It was probably written in late 61 AD.

**Where it was Written:** Paul wrote this epistle from a Roman prison. It is called a **"Prison Epistle."** **Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians, Philippians**

**Written To: Philippians 1:1 all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons:**

**Background:** The Church at Philippi

1. Established by the Missionary Team of Paul, Silas, Timothy & Luke. (Acts 15:35 -16:10)
2. 1st convert - Lydia and her household. (Acts 16:12-15, 40)
3. A demonic exorcism landed Paul in jail where the jailer and his family became Christians. (Acts 16:16-39)

4. They loved Paul and financially supported his ministry after he left them. (Phil. 4:14-17)

**Purpose:**

1. To relieve anxiety over his imprisonment by showing how it resulted in the furtherance of the Gospel (1:1-30)
2. To encourage unity in the Church at Philippi (2:1-8)
3. To inform the Church of Timothy's impending visit (2:18-24)
4. To explain how Epaphroditus illness had hindered his return to them (2:25-30)
5. To warn them about the deceit and heresy of the Judaizers (3:1 - 4:1)
6. To admonish two women to stop bickering (4:2-3)
7. To offer an antidote to anxiety - Prayer (4:4-9)
8. To thank them for their financial support (4:10-20)
9. To express brotherly love and personal greetings (4:21-23)

**Theme:** Philippians has been called "*The Epistle of Joy*" "*Joy of Living*" Always Rejoicing, No Matter what the Circumstances.

**Key Words:** Jesus Christ – 19 times, Mind – 16 times, Christ Jesus 15 times, "Joy" 13 times, Glad 13 times, "Rejoice" 10 times.

**Key Chapter: Philippians 2** The example of the Son of God leaving heaven, laying aside the glory to become a servant and to serve, not to be served.

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**Outline:**

**Philippians 1 - The Single Mind. (Partakers of Christ)**  
**Philippians 2 - The Submissive Mind. (People of Christ)**  
**Philippians 3 - The Spiritual Mind. (Pursuit of Christ)**  
**Philippians 4 - The Secure Mind. (Power of Christ)**

**Philippians 1 - The Single Mind: (Partakers of Christ)**

**Philippians 1:1-11 Fellowship of The Gospel: Philippians 1:1**

**To all the saints:** "*Set apart ones*" or "*consecrated.*" This does not speak of personal character but of positional standing by Christ.

**Philippians 1:2 Grace to you and peace** Grace is first. Then and only then can there be peace!

**Philippians 1:3-6 I Have You In My Mind: Philippians 1:3-6**

**Philippians 1:7-8 I Have You In My Heart: Philippians 1:7-8**

## **Philippians 1:9-11 I Have You In My Prayers: Philippians 1:9-11**

**“Belief Determines Behavior”**

## **Philippians 1:12-26 Furtherance of The Gospel:**

### **Suffering Produced Progress of the Gospel: Philippians 1:12**

The word "**progress**" is a military term meaning *"Pioneer advance."* *It was the army engineers who went before the troops to open the way to the new territory.*

## **Philippians 1:13; 2 Timothy 2:9**

### **Philippians 1:14-18**

Notice what Paul said: **Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice, yes, and I will rejoice.** The content was Jesus Christ.

Preaching Christ involves three things: (1) ***The Methods***, (2) ***The Motives***, and (3) ***The Message***. Paul was most concerned with the **Message**.

## **Philippians 1:19-21 For to me, to live is What?**

**Philippians 1:22-26** Paul wants to be with Jesus as His goal. (Choice)

## **Philippians 1:27-30 Faith and The Gospel:**

### **Suffering Produced Faith of The Gospel: Philippians 1:27-30**

**A Christian suffers for the purpose of becoming more like Jesus.**

**Philippians 2 - The Submissive Mind: (People of Christ)** Paul now turns from circumstances to people! **“Joy in spite of people!”**

## **Philippians 2:1-11 Encouragement To Live In Peaceful Accord: Philippians 2:1-4**

### **Philippians 2:5-11**

**There is nothing so awesome as a good example, but as good as an example is, it can inspire and motivate us but not enable us!**

## **Philippians 2:12-18 Exhortation To Shine As Lights In The World: Philippians 2:12**

**work out your salvation** Notice what it does not say!

1. Work for your salvation!
2. Work toward your salvation!
3. Work at your salvation!

It says, "Work out your salvation." Unless God has worked in us, there will be no working out. He is speaking to Christians. We need to keep this in mind. **(Saints already)**

**work out** - Literally **(Command - Devote myself)** "Keep working down" (To completion). It involves a constant process of self-initiated activity.

*In Paul's day, it was used of a mine that was to be worked and take out all the valuable ore possible or working a field.*

**work out – (Human) Philippians 2:13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.** This is **(Divine)**. It is human and divine.

That salvation involves two aspects to the experience.

1. **Divine** - salvation is initiated and provided through historical work of redemption.
2. **Human** - salvation is appropriated and developed in the Christian experience.

**Philippians 2:12 with fear and trembling; (Weak and dependent upon God)** The attitude of the work is **with fear and trembling**; Speaks of "reverence and healthy respect."

**Philippians 2:13 who is at work in you, - work-** We get our word "Energy." This speaks of an "in-working of God" in the believer's life. It could be said, "The one who energizes."

**both to will** - He desires "to will" - The will of God manifests His purpose. **and to work for His good pleasure.**

**Philippians 2:14-18**

When we live lives free from complaining, shine, and do what needs to be done, God is glorified.

**Philippians 2:19-30 Explanation of Plans For Co-Workers:  
Philippians 2:19-27**

**Philippians 2:28-30**

## **Philippians 3 - The Spiritual Mind: (Pursuit of Christ)**

**Philippians 3:1-11 Paul The Accountant: Philippians 3:1-11**

**Philippians 3:12-16 Paul The Athlete: Philippians 3:12-16**

**Philippians 3:17-21 Paul The Alien: Philippians 3:17-21**

## **Philippians 4 - The Secure Mind: (Power of Christ)**

**Philippians 4:1-4 Rejoicing Stops Wrangling: Philippians 4:1-2**

**Euodia and I urge Syntyche.** Who these sisters were is a mystery. Their names only appear in this passage.

**Paul now must name names because of the severity of the situation.**

**Euodia** - "*fragrant, prosperous journey.*"

**Syntyche** - "*with fate.*"

**I urge** (I beseech) Paul is speaking to both of them, because they both were to blame. He did not order them, he appealed to them.

**to live in harmony in the Lord.** This literally means "*to think the same thing.*"

**Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!**

**Philippians 4:5-8 Rejoicing Stops Worrying: Philippians 4:5**

**Right Praying – Adoration, Supplication and Appreciation:**

**Philippians 4:6-8** (Maintain peace)

**Right Thinking – Dwelling upon the things of God**

**Philippians 4:9-23 Rejoicing Stops Want: Philippians 4:9** (God's Peace Will Remain)

**Right Living – Practice What We Know, Being Doers of The Word!**

**Philippians 4:10-23**

## **Application: 7 Lessons Learned from Paul.**

1. Conditions are always changing; therefore, I must not depend upon conditions.
2. What matters the most is my soul and my relationship with God; this is to be the first thing.
3. God is concerned for me as my father, and nothing happens to me apart from God.
4. God's will and God's ways are a great mystery; I know that whatever He wills, and permits, will be for my good.
5. Every situation in life is the unfolding of some manifestation of God's love and goodness.
6. I must not look at circumstances and conditions in and of themselves but as part of God's dealings with me in the work of perfecting my soul and bringing me to final perfection.
7. Whatever my conditions may be at the present time, they are only temporary; they are only passing, and they can never rob me of the joy and glory that ultimately await me with Christ.