

# Philippians

## Thankfulness and Prayer

# The Theology of Joy (Review)

- The Source of Joy is God
- Joy is For Those Who Believe
- Joy is Produced by the Spirit
- Receiving And Obeying God's Word Produces Joy
- Joy is Authenticated By Trials
- Joy is Perfected When Hope Is Placed on Future Glory

# Today's Outline

- Humility and Leadership
- Remembering Spiritual Victories Produces Joy
- Trusting In God's Finished Work Produces Joy
- Praying For Other's Produces Joy

# Philippians 1:1-11

- 1 Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:
- 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,

- 4 always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy,
- 5 for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,
- 6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;
- 7 just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.

8 For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment,

10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,

11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

# Philippians 1:1

1 Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ,

**Humility** is the quality of being humble: modest, not proud, doing something out of the goodness of your heart, not for yourself, self-abasing.

# Philippians 1

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi,  
with the bishops and deacons:

**Saint:** Holy Ones, Set Apart For God, All Believers  
in Philippi

**Matthew 27:52**

**Acts 9:13**

**Acts 26:10**

**Romans 1:7**

**1 Corinthians 1:2**

**2 Corinthians 1:1**

**Ephesians 1:1**

**Colossians 1:2**

**1 Thessalonians 3:13**

**1 Timothy 5:10**

**Philemon 1:5**

**Hebrews 6:10**

**Jude 1:3**

# Bishops & Deacons (Leadership)

- Bishops, Elders, Pastors  
(Used Interchangeably in Acts 20:17 & Titus 1:5,7 & 1 Peter 5:1-3)
  - Those Who Watch Over The Spiritual Welfare Of The Local Church
  - Must Be Apt To Teach
- Deacons: Refers to those who served the congregation in special service capacities. They were charged with handling the physical and material concerns of the church. (Not Teachers)

# Philippians 1:2

2 Grace to you and peace from God  
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

# Philippians 1:3-5

3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,

4 always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy,

5 for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,

# Remembering Spiritual Victories Produces Joy

One ship sails East,  
And another West,  
By the self-same winds that blow,  
'Tis the set of the sails  
And not the gales,  
That tells the way we go.

*Ella Wheeler Wilcox 1916*

# The Opposite Perspective is being Negative.

With some people no matter how large  
the meadow they will find the dung  
pile.

# Philippians 1:6-8

- 6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;
- 7 just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.
- 8 For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.

# *Epiteleō (Finish)*

1) to bring to an end, accomplish, perfect, execute, complete

**John 19:30** When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is **finished**(*teleō*) and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

# Trusting In God's Finished Work Produces Joy

**Jude 1:24**

## **Glory to God**

24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present *you* faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

# The Opposite

**Worry:** to afflict with mental distress or agitation : make anxious

**Fear:** expect with alarm <fear the worst>

# Philippians 1:9-11

- 9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment,
- 10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,
- 11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

# Praying For Other's Produces Joy

## **Philippians 4:6-7**

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

# The Opposite

Being Completely Self Focused

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