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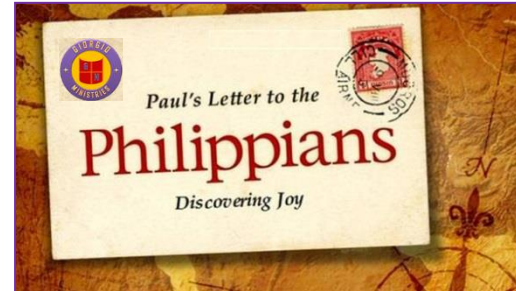
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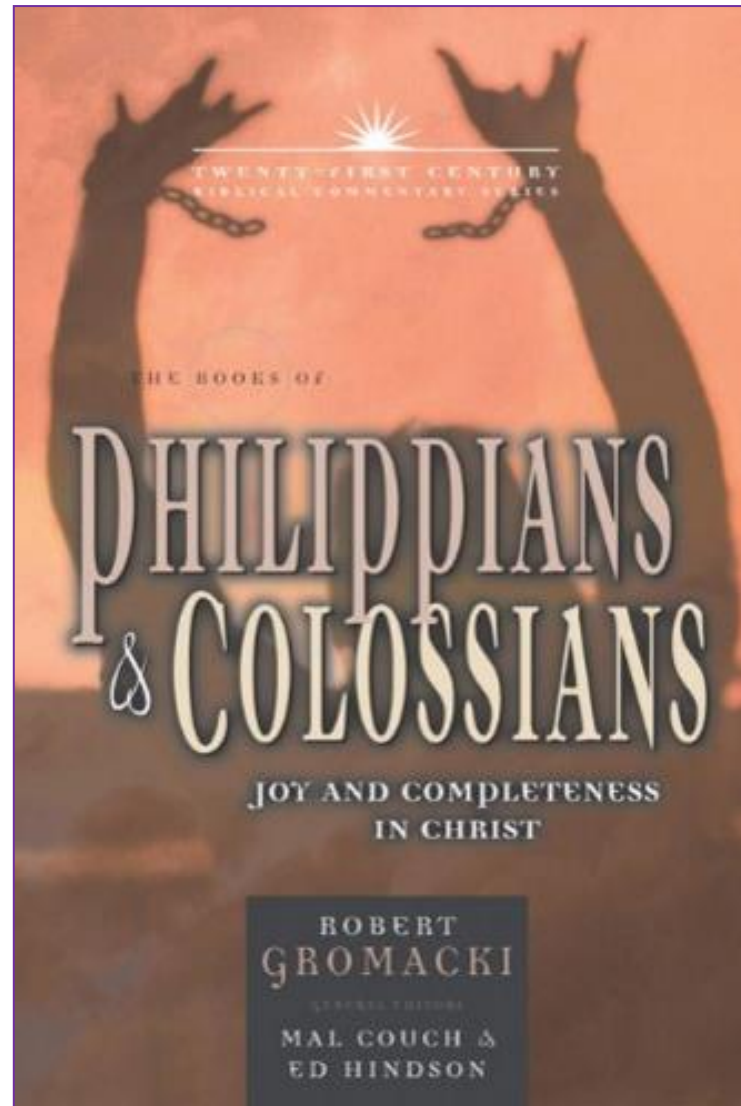
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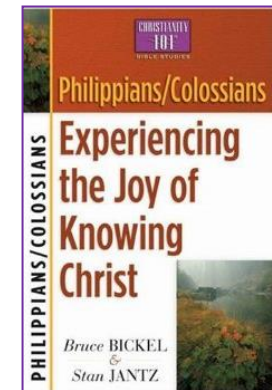
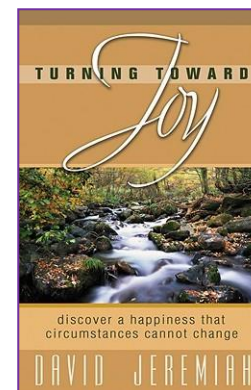
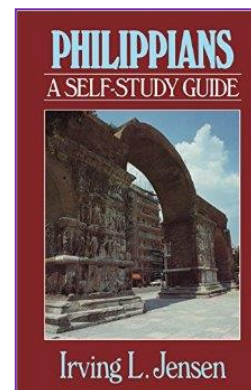
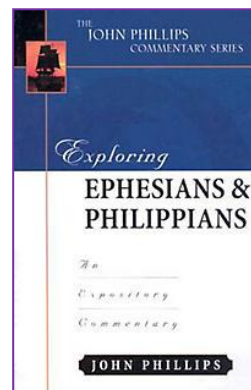
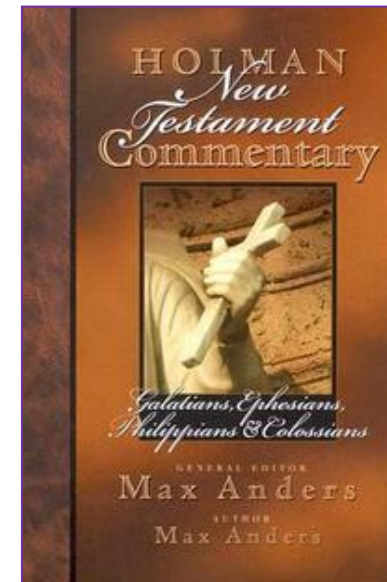
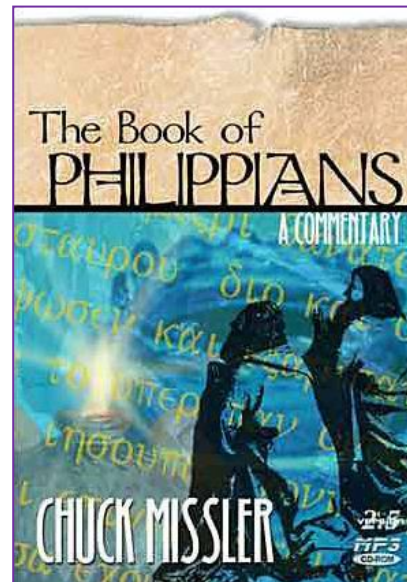


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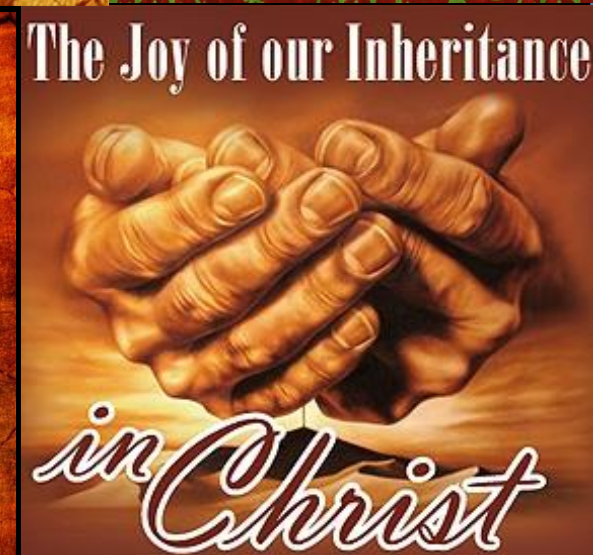
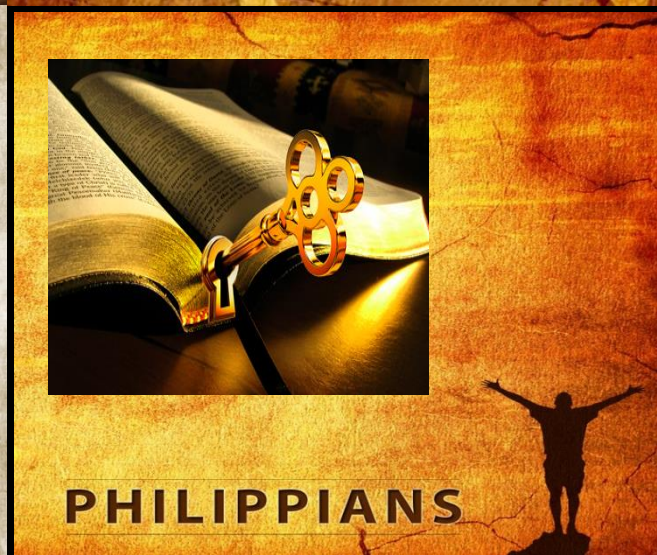
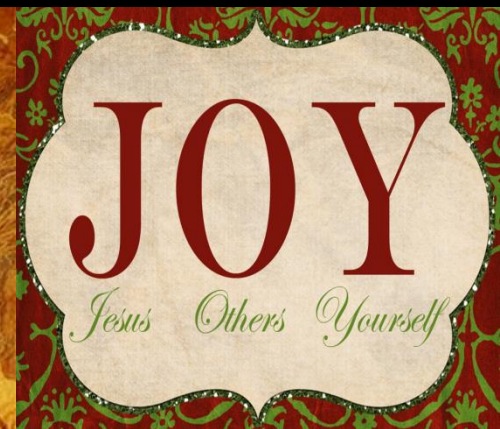
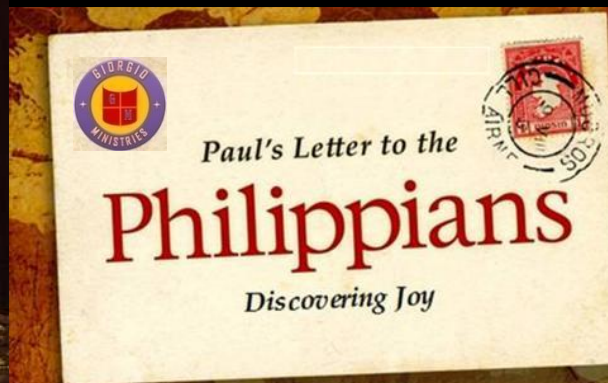
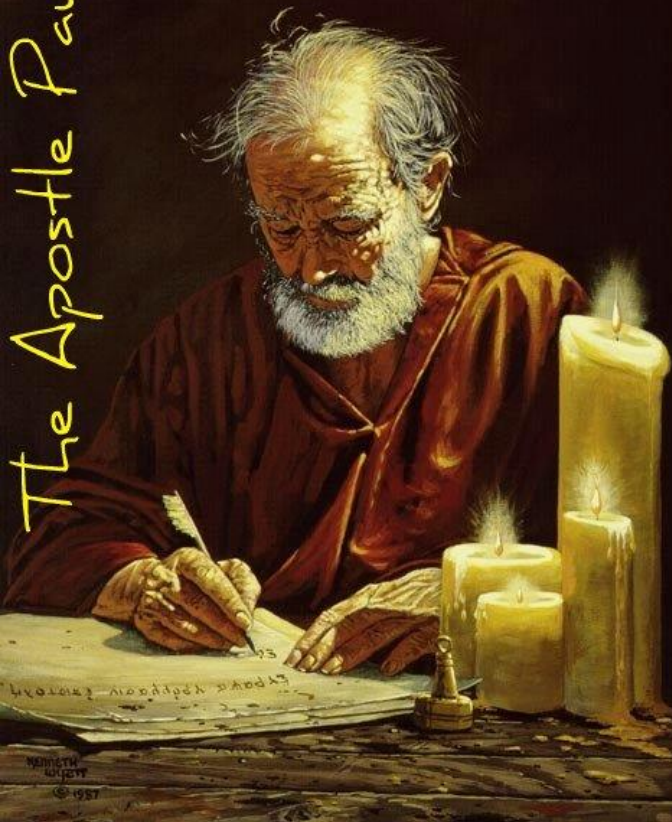




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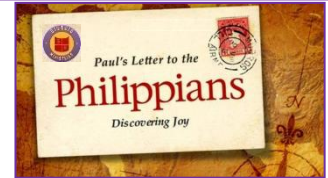


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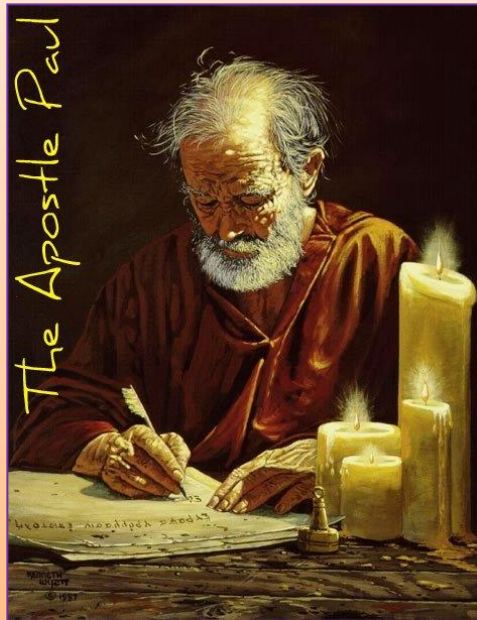
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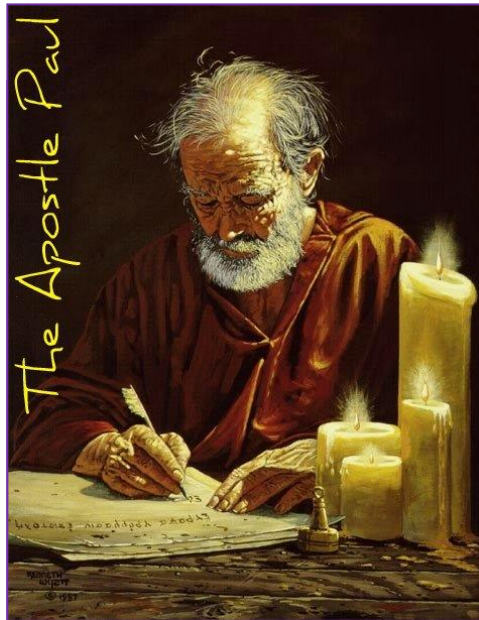
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Lesson Preview - INTRODUCTION

- Preview ... THE JOY OF PEACE

Paul starts with a direct address to two of the members of the Philippian church, asking that they resolve their differences and walk in Christian unity. He follows once again with a command to rejoice and gives them a message on attaining a lasting personal peace through “PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING.” Paul finishes with instruction on how to order one’s thought life to bring glory to the Lord.

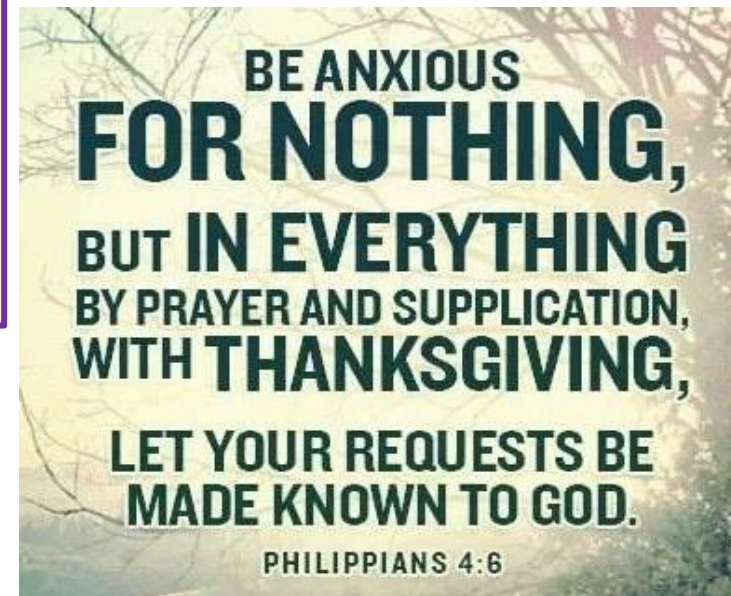
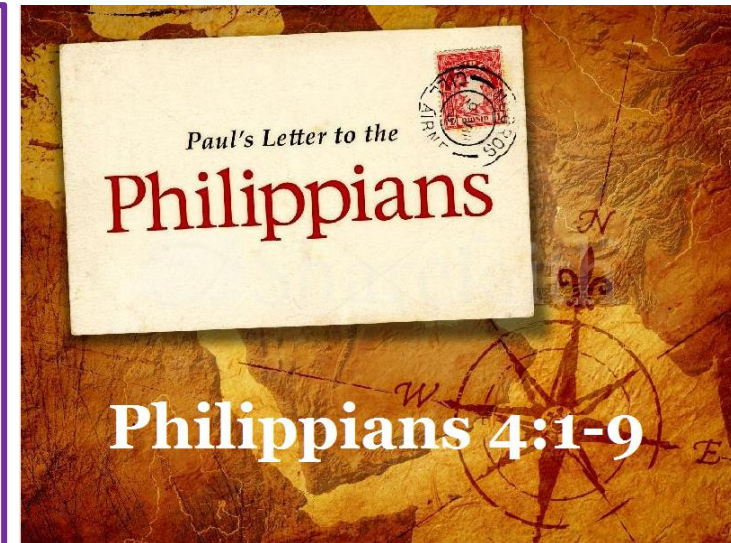


Lesson Preview - INTRODUCTION

Problems inevitably come to all people, including Christians (Job 5:7).

Christ predicted future trials for His own, but He also promised the protection of His peace (John 14:27; 16:33).

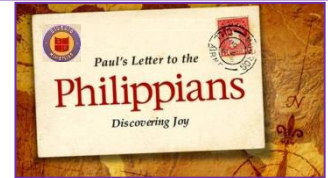
When believers are controlled by the Holy Spirit, they will manifest both joy and peace (Galatians 5:22).



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■ Philippians: Joy In Christ

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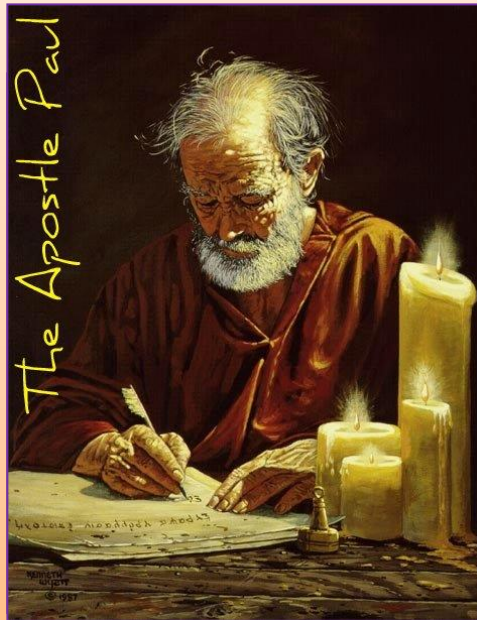


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Be United, Joyful and in Prayer - Philippians 4:1 - OBSERVATIONS

4 Therefore, my **beloved** and **longed-for brethren**, my **joy** and **crown**, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

2 I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. **3** And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names *are* in the Book of Life.

-- Philippians 4:1-3 ... NKJV

• Joy of Peace Through Love

Paul expressed his affection for the Philippian believers with FIVE (5) forms of address.

- (1) **THEY WERE HIS "BRETHREN"**. Both he and they had been born again into the family of God. He was their spiritual father, but they were still brothers.
- (2) **THEY WERE "BELOVED"**. This description occurs twice in the verse. He not only loved them because they were his brothers/sisters, but because he wanted to (1 Thessalonians 4:9-10).
- (3) **THEY WERE LONGED-FOR**. Paul earlier had expressed that he longed after them (1:8). He did not desire their money; rather, he wanted them.
- (4) **THEY WERE HIS "JOY"**. Paul felt this way about all of his converts (1 Thessalonians 2:19-20). He rejoiced in them personally, not just in what they had done for the Lord. Real joy is rejoicing in people.
- (5) **THEY WERE IN HIS "CROWN"**. A victorious runner in the Greek games received a festive garland on his head (1 Corinthians 9:24-25). At the Judgment Seat of Christ, believers will receive different crowns for distinctive achievements (2 Corinthians 5:10). To the apostle, the Philippian believers represented his joy of victory because he knew that his race and labor in Philippi had not been in vain (2:16).



Be United, Joyful and in Prayer - Philippians 4:1 - OBSERVATIONS

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-- Philippians 4:1-3 ... NKJV

• Joy of Peace Through Love

- Paul preceded his warning about the legalists with a command to rejoice in the Lord (3:1).
- He then defined the acceptable position as being found in the Lord (3:9).
- He now issued an imperative to **STAND FAST** in the Lord. Paul's admonition means to take a stand and to remain firm in that position. Not a one-time stand.
- He did not want the Philippian believers to yield to the pressures of the Judaizers.
- Their stand was to be **"IN THE LORD"**, not in a minor theological point or a denominational distinctive.
- They were to relate everything to His divine-human person and to His redemptive death and resurrection, within their justified position.

Be United, Joyful and in Prayer - Philippians 4:2 - OBSERVATIONS

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-- Philippians 4:1-3 ... NKJV

• Joy of Peace Through Unity

- The two women mentioned here were the thorns in the apostle's crown. Their identity remains a mystery.
- The purpose of the appeal was to show no partiality, Paul uses the same verb of appeal twice ("**I IMPLORE**"). Both share equal blame for their disruptive conduct.
- Although believers have distinctive personalities and will naturally have differences of opinions, they should strive for unity in spiritual issues.
- Paul charged, them "**BE OF THE SAME MIND IN THE LORD.**" Literally, they were to think the same thing (2:2; 3:16).
- A refusal to do so indicates a spirit of carnal divisiveness and disobedience (3:15).
- No church or leader can have the joy of peace when members are bickering.



Be United, Joyful and in Prayer - Philippians 4:3 - OBSERVATIONS

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• Joy of Peace Through Help

- These women needed assistance to resolve their differences. Paul made a personal request to a close friend to give help.
- The identity of the “**TRUE COMPANION**” remains a mystery. The request was direct and simple: “**HELP THESE WOMEN.**”
- In spite of the friction between the two women, Paul still appreciated who they were and what they had done for the Lord in the past.

FIRST they **LABORED WITH HIM IN THE GOSPEL MINISTRY.**

SECOND, their **NAMES WERE IN THE BOOK OF LIFE**, meaning that they had received eternal life from God through faith in His gracious provision by Jesus Christ (Luke 10:20; Revelation 20:15).

Be United, Joyful and in Prayer - Philippians 4:4 - OBSERVATIONS

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! **5** Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. **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.

-- Philippians 4:4-7 ... NKJV

• Joy and Peace Through the Heart and Mind

The joy of inner peace will come automatically if one's behavior follows the following.

(1) **REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS** (4:4)

The joy of the Lord gives strength to the people of God. Rejoicing must always be "**IN THE LORD.**"

The fruit of the Spirit-filled life is always joy (Galatians 5:22).

Believers can rejoice in the Lord because they know they are saved, that God cares, and that God is working out His sovereign plan for His glory and for the spiritual good of His people (Romans 8:28).

Rejoice
IN THE *Lord* ALWAYS.
I WILL SAY IT AGAIN:
Rejoice!
-PHILIPPIANS 4:4

Be United, Joyful and in Prayer - Philippians 4:5 - OBSERVATIONS

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-- Philippians 4:4-7 ... NKJV

• Joy and Peace Through the Heart and Mind

(2) **BE GENTLE** (4:5)

A gentle person bears trouble calmly and rejects revengeful meanness. Jesus Christ was both meek and gentle (2 Corinthians 10:1).

The spirit of nonviolence must be manifested to all people (Titus 3:2). Christ manifested this virtue on the cross (1 Peter 2:23). A forbearing person will be both a glad and godly person.

(3) **BE ALERT TO DIVINE PRESENCE** (4:5)

The presence or absence of inner peace will be in direct proportion to one's awareness of the presence of Jesus Christ.

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. --- 1 Peter 2:23 ... NKJV

Be United, Joyful and in Prayer - Philippians 4:6 - OBSERVATIONS

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-- Philippians 4:4-7 ... NKJV

• Joy and Peace Through the Heart and Mind

(4) **DO NO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING** (4:6)

There is a difference between genuine care and false anxiety. A false care is self-destructive.

Christ taught that a believer should not **worry** about the basic necessities of life that the heavenly Father promised to provide (Matthew 6:25), about things that cannot be changed (Matt. 6:27), and about the problems of tomorrow (Matthew 6:34).

Such **worry** is caused by a lack of faith, and by a wrong set of values and priorities (Matthew 6:30-33).

Such **cares**, like weeds, choke the application of God's Word to one's life and make one insensitive to the imminent coming of Christ (Matthew 13:32; Luke 21:34).

(5) **PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING** (4:6)

A **worrying** Christian will waiver, but a trusting believer will be stable and triumphant.

Be United, Joyful and in Prayer - Philippians 4:6 - OBSERVATIONS

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-- Philippians 4:4-7 ... NKJV

• Joy and Peace Through the Heart and Mind

FOUR elements of prayer are presented as the divine remedy for a troubled soul.

- (1) "**REQUESTS**": requests are specific petitions addressed to God. If a person needs wisdom, he or she should ask for it (James 1:5).
- (2) "**PRAYER**": prayer is the general invocation of God in which believers give their adoration, devotion and worship.
- (3) "**SUPPLICATION**": supplication refers to the desperate cry for help arising from need.
- (4) "**THANKSGIVING**": all prayer must be accompanied by thanksgiving. Believers must thank God for the answers in advance, for His loving concern, and for access into the divine presence through Christ's meritorious work (1 Thessalonians 5:17-19).

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. --- James 1:5 ... NKJV

Be United, Joyful and in Prayer - Philippians 4:7 - OBSERVATIONS

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-- Philippians 4:4-7 ... NKJV

• Joy and Peace Through the Heart and Mind

When believers have joy within, gentleness around, and prayer above, they will experience peace.

True peace is “**THE PEACE OF GOD**.”

When believing sinners have been justified by God, they possess positional peace before God (Romans 5:1).

Jesus Christ becomes their **peace** (Ephesians 2:14).

In the world, they also need the daily, practical application of the **PEACE OF GOD**.

Divine **peace**, with God as the source, manifest that attribute of His eternal being (Isaiah 26:3).

God’s **peace** “**SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING**” and it is totally foreign to the experience of the unsaved.

Even when believers rest in its presence, they cannot verbalize what has happened. Christ said that His **peace** is different from that given by the world (John 14:27).

Be United, Joyful and in Prayer - Philippians 4:7 - OBSERVATIONS

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• Joy and Peace Through the Heart and Mind

Paul presents THREE FACTS about divine **peace**.

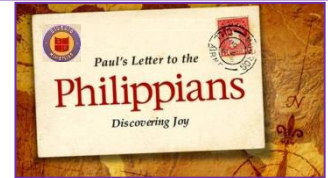
- (1) It will "**GUARD**" the believer. This term is a military term used of a garrison of soldiers or sentries on duty (2 Corinthians 11:32). Just as soldiers of the Praetorian Guard were assigned to keep Paul under proactive custody, so the peace of God can stand in constant vigilance over the children of God.
- (2) The peace of God will guard the hearts and minds of believers. Christians can enjoy emotional and mental stability if they rest in this divine protection.
- (3) The peace of God will guard believers "**THROUGH CHRIST JESUS.**" They must have both their position (JUSTIFICATION) and practice (SANCTIFICATION) in Christ.

If they are disobedient or carnal, they cannot expect to have inner tranquility. They must abide in Christ and permit Him to manifest Himself through their inner life (Psalm 90:1).

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■ Philippians: Joy In Christ

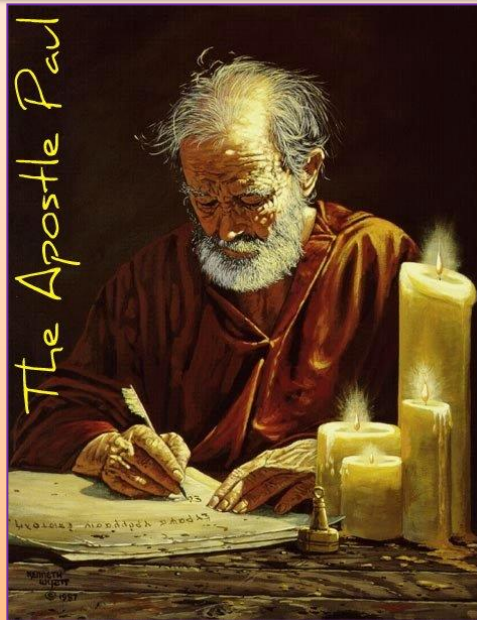
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Meditate on These Things - Philippians 4:8 - OBSERVATIONS

8 Finally, brethren, **whatever things are true**, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things.

--- Philippians 4:8 ... NKJV

• Right Thinking

- Faith must lead to constructive action.
- Negative anxiety must be replaced by positive habits (Ephesians 4:25-29).
- After praying, believers must get involved in right thinking and doing.

Paul list SIX (6) objects of RIGHT THOUGHT. Each is introduced by the phrase "**WHATEVER**".

- (1) "**TRUE**": true things are the opposite of lies and false witness. A true issue is that which corresponds to the true nature of God (Romans 3:4).

Believers must surround their hearts and minds with the girdle of truth (Ephesians 6:14), must produce the fruit of the Spirit in truth (Ephesians 5:9), and must speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15, 25).

Meditate on These Things - Philippians 4:8 - OBSERVATIONS

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• Right Thinking

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- (2) “**NOBLE**”: comes from a verb that means to worship or revere. Honorable thoughts are dignified and serious, prompted by holy morals and motives. Believers should be marked by such honorable thinking and conduct (1 Timothy 2:2; 3:4; Titus 2:2,7).
- (3) “**JUST**”: those things that are correct in relation to God and man are “right.”
- (4) “**PURE**”: pure things are those that will not contaminate you or others. They are stainless and morally chaste.
- (5) “**LOVELY**”: a pleasing thought is “lovely”. It is ethically beautiful and attractive, and leads to concord, peace and rest.
- (6) “**GOOD REPORT**”: wholesome, constructive thoughts are “of good report”. They contain no immoral or sexually suggestive innuendo (Ephesians 5:4).

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• Right Thinking

- All of the objects of right thoughts are characterized by **VIRTUE** and **PRAISE**.
- The imperative “**MEDITATE ON THESE THINGS**” (think) stresses the idea of a constant thought process.
- Believers must strengthen daily the moral integrity of their thought life (Proverbs 23:7).

think on these things

TRUE
NOBLE
PRAISEWORTHY
ADMIRABLE
RIGHT
PURE
LOVELY

♦ ♦ ♦

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

*What do
you think
about?*

Meditate on These Things - Philippians 4:9 - OBSERVATIONS

⁹ The things which you **learned** and **received** and **heard** and **saw** in me, these **do**, and the God of peace will be with you.

--- Philippians 4:9 ... NKJV

**GREAT LEADERS START
OFF AS GREAT FOLLOWERS**



• Right Doing

The verb “**DO**” emphasizes constant practice, the development of habitual lifestyle or discipline. Paul wanted the Philippian believers to emulate him. Paul presents four actions.

- (1) They “**LEARNED**” from his oral instructions in their midst. He disciplined them.
- (2) They “**RECEIVED**” truth as it was transmitted to them by way of this epistle and by his associates who had ministered to them.
- (3) They “**HEARD**” from others how Paul was responding to his Roman imprisonment. He was not anxious before the government authorities.
- (4) They “**SAW**” Paul in action. They knew that he had prayed and praised God during his Philippian imprisonment. They knew the apostle practiced what he preached.

Meditate on These Things - Philippians 4:9 - OBSERVATIONS

⁹ The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the **God of peace** will be with you.

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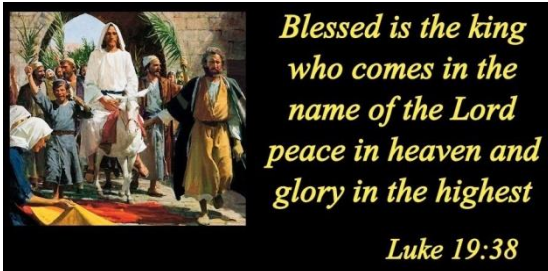
• Right Doing

If believers do these things, they have the guarantee that the **GOD OF PEACE** will always be with them.

They have the peace of God within them and around them. They have both the presence and protection of peace, because wherever God is, so are His essential attributes.

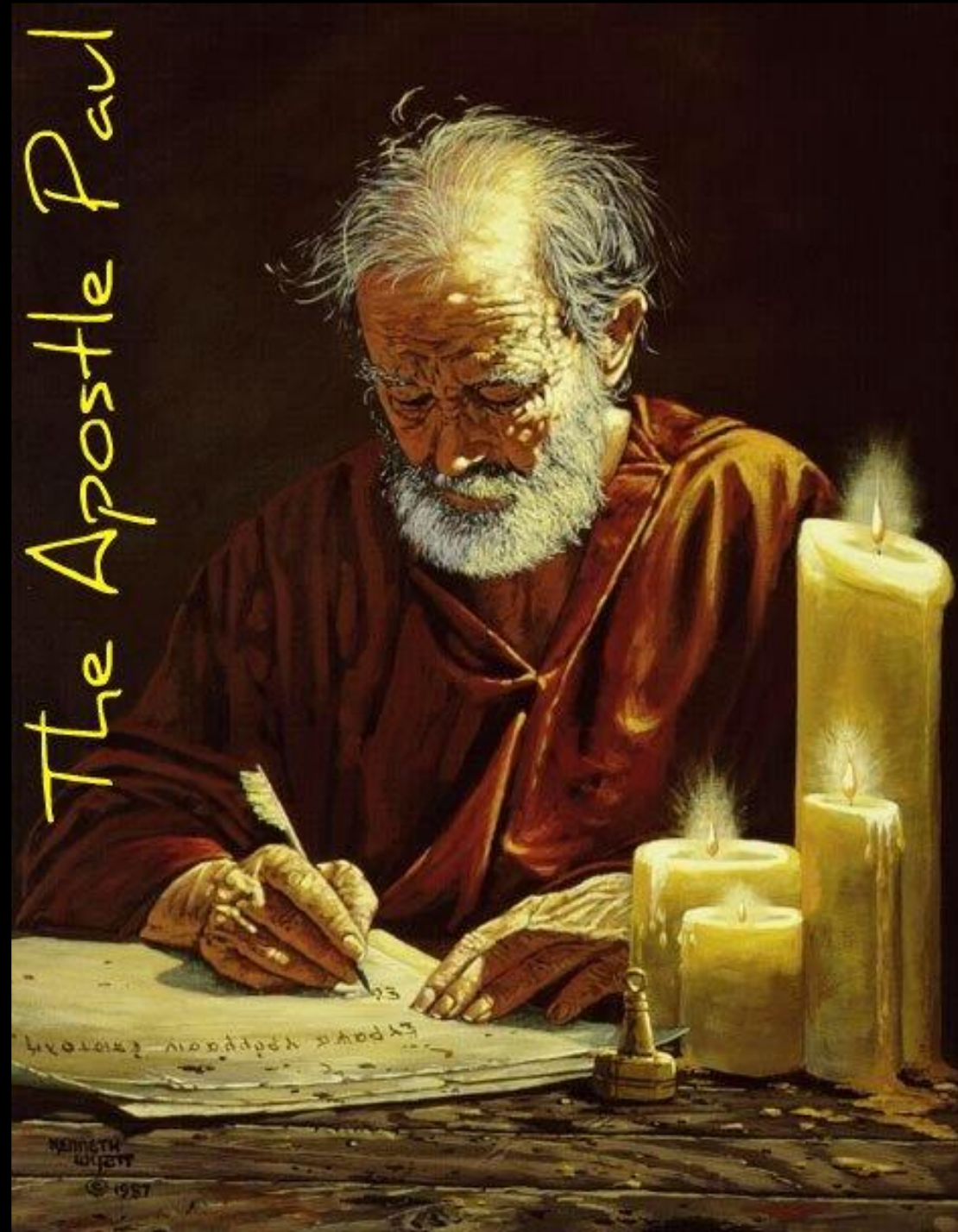


PEACE ON EARTH - Luke 2:14: "Glory to God in the highest, And on **earth peace**, goodwill toward men!"



PEACE IN HEAVEN - Luke 19:38: saying: " 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!' **Peace** in **heaven** and glory in the highest!" ... Psalm 118:22-29

Where is Peace?



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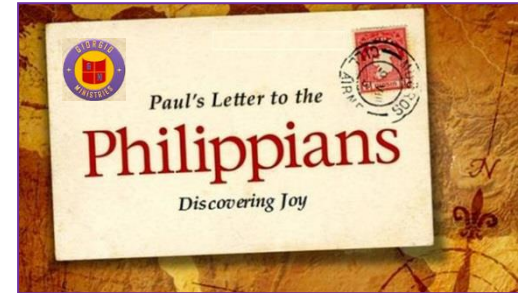
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