



# **ANCIENT WORDS**


**HOLY WORDS LONG PRESERVED  
FOR OUR WALK IN THIS WORLD  
THEY RESOUND WITH GOD'S OWN HEART  
OH, LET THE ANCIENT WORDS IMPART**





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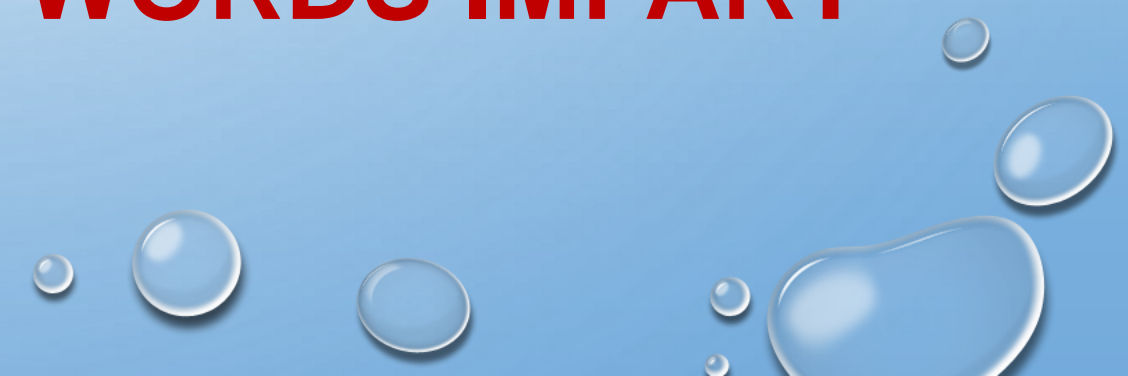
**WORDS OF LIFE, WORDS OF HOPE  
GIVE US STRENGTH, HELP US COPE  
IN THIS WORLD, WHERE E'ER WE ROAM  
ANCIENT WORDS WILL GUIDE US HOME**



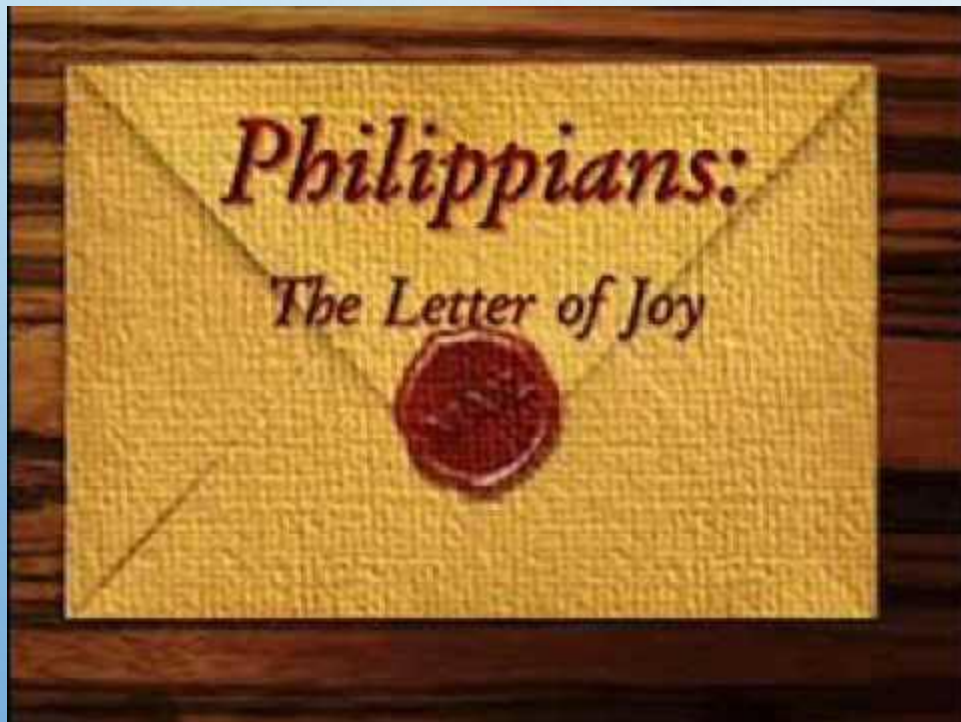


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**ANCIENT WORDS EVER TRUE  
CHANGING ME, AND CHANGING YOU  
WE HAVE COME WITH OPEN HEARTS  
OH, LET THE ANCIENT WORDS IMPART**



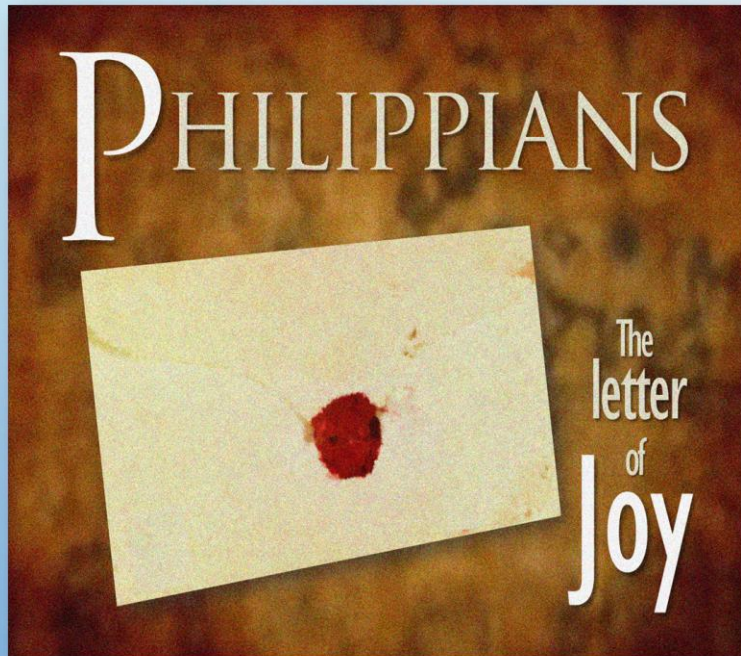
# “JOYFUL PRAISE”



***PHILIPPIANS 1:3-8***



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- I. **A GLOWING APPRECIATION (3-5)**
- II. **A KNOWING ANTICIPATION (6)**
- III. **A SHOWING OF AFFECTION (7-8)**

# **“~~UN~~SPEAKABLE JOY”**

- 1. “UNSPEAKABLE GIFT” (I CORINTHIANS 9:15 – KJV)**
- 2. “UNSPEAKABLE WORDS” (I CORINTHIANS 12:4 – KJV)**
- 3. “JOY UNSPEAKABLE” (I PETER 1:8 – KJV)**



**THE SETTLED  
CONVICTION THAT  
GOD IS IN CONTROL  
FOR OUR GOOD AND  
FOR HIS GLORY.**

# OUTLOOK WILL DETERMINE OUTCOME

1. **THE LORD JESUS CHRIST** (HEBREWS 12:2)
2. **AN OT PROPHET** (HABAKKUK 3:17-19)
3. **THE APOSTLE PAUL** (PHILIPPIANS 1:21)

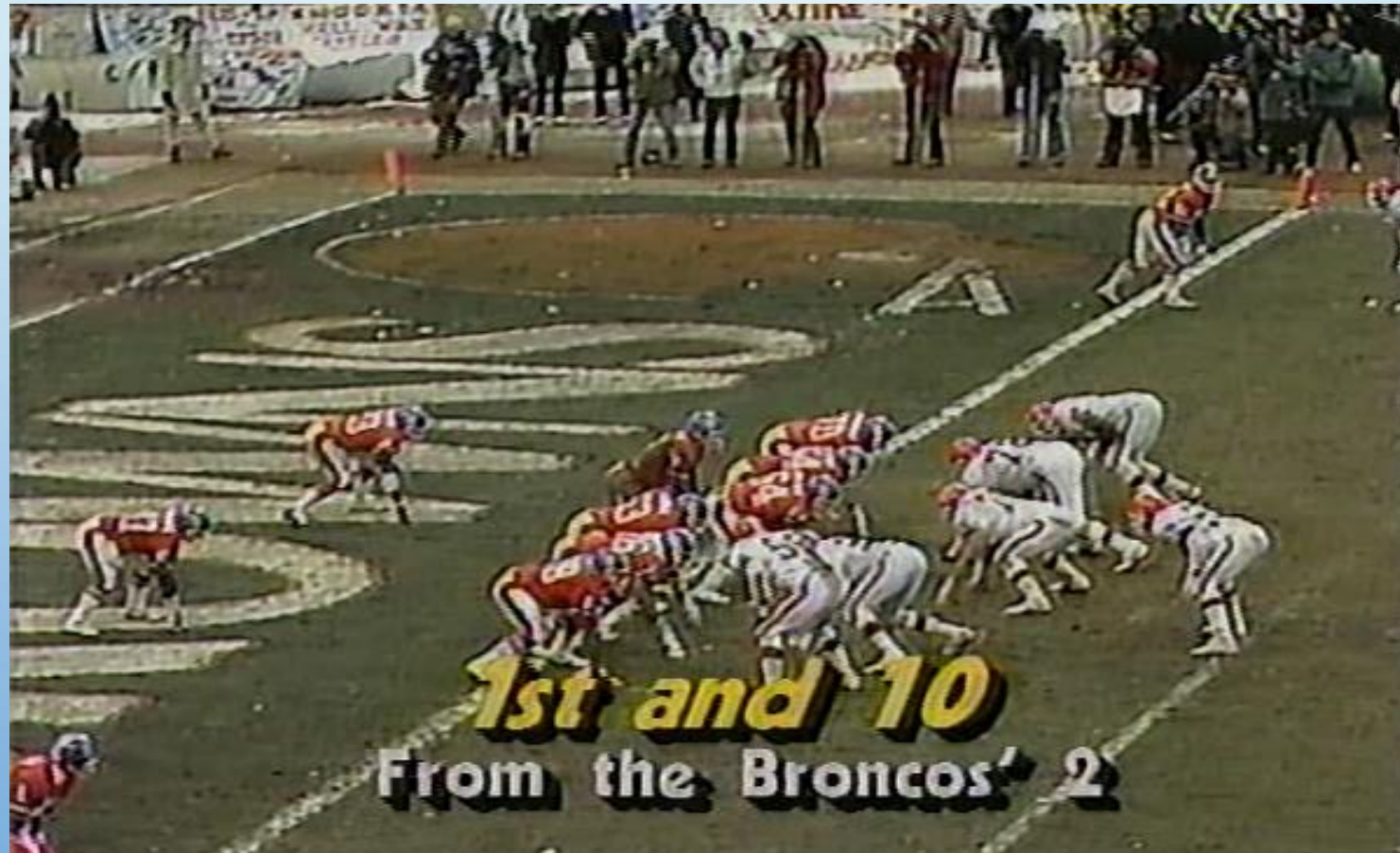


# **JOY THIEVES**

- 1. CIRCUMSTANCES (1:12-18)**
- 2. PEOPLE (4:2-3)**
- 3. THINGS (4:12)**
- 4. WORRY (4:6)**
- 5. LEGALISTS (3:2-3)**

# ***“THE DRIVE”***

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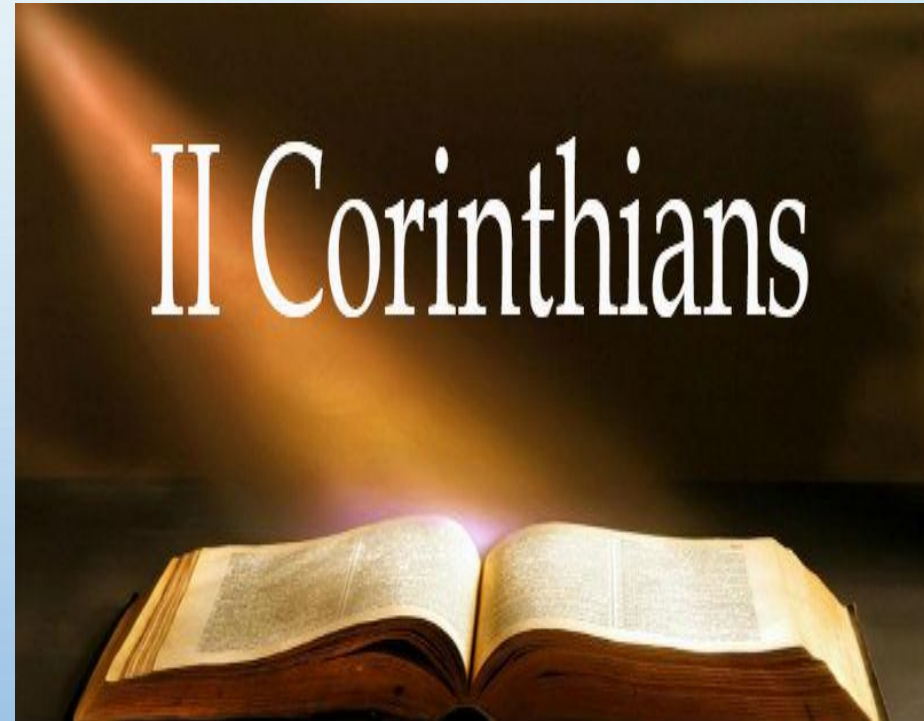
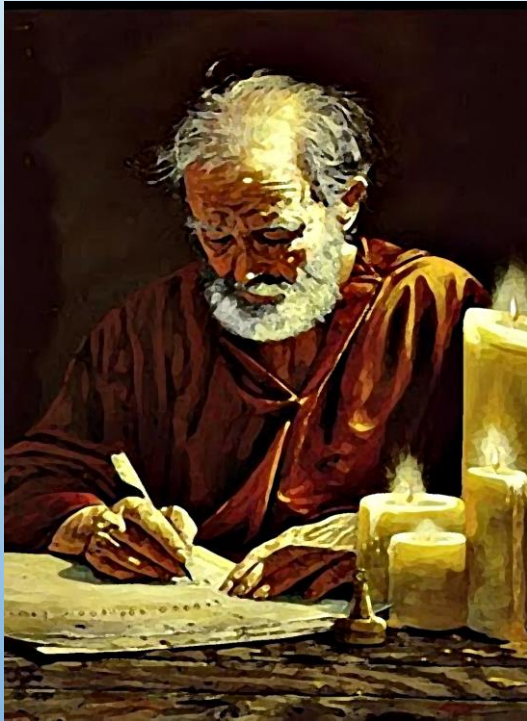


# **DIFFICULTIES FOR PAUL**

- 1. UNDER HOUSE ARREST (1:12-14)**
- 2. POSSIBILITY OF EXECUTION (1:21)**
- 3. MINISTRY CONFLICT (1:30)**



# APOSTLE PAUL'S MINISTRY TRIALS







# **I. A GLOWING APPRECIATION (3-5)**

**THANKS – “EUCCHARIST”**

**LUKE 22:19 & I THESSALONIANS 5:18**



# **A. REMEMBRANCE**

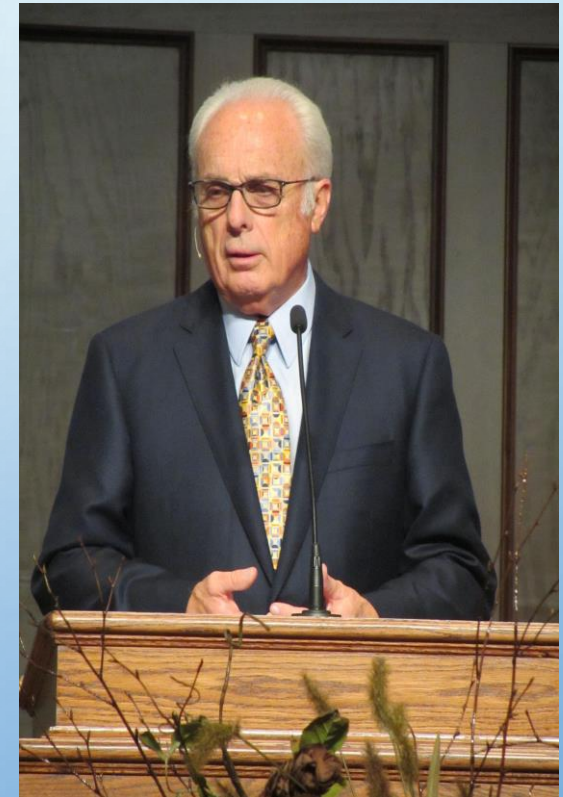
**COMMON PRACTICE FOR PAUL (COLOSSIANS 1:3)**

**NO ONE IS EXCLUDED:**

**SAINTS, OVERSEERS, DEACONS, & OTHERS**

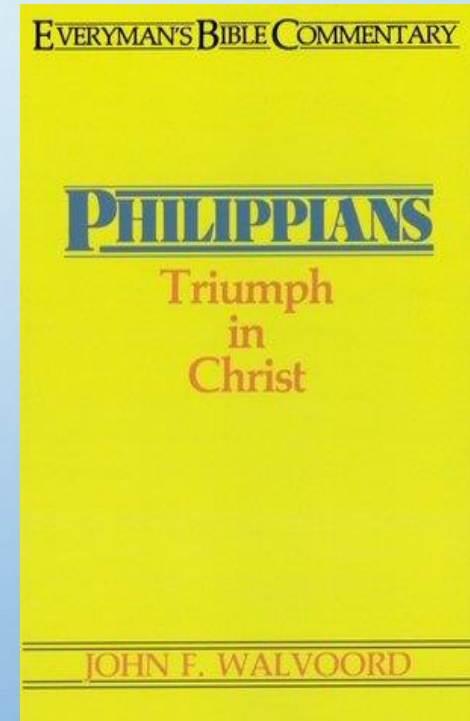
# JOHN MACARTHUR

**“HAVING A GENUINE DESIRE TO REMEMBER AND FOCUS ON THE GOODNESS, KINDNESS, AND SUCCESSES OF OTHERS DOES NOT INVOLVE DENYING THEIR WEAKNESSES AND SHORTCOMINGS BUT RATHER LOOKING PAST THEM. A PERSON WHO CONSTANTLY FOCUSES ON THE NEGATIVES, FAULTS, SHORTCOMINGS, AND SLIGHTS OF OTHERS IS A PERSON NOT CONTROLLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.”**

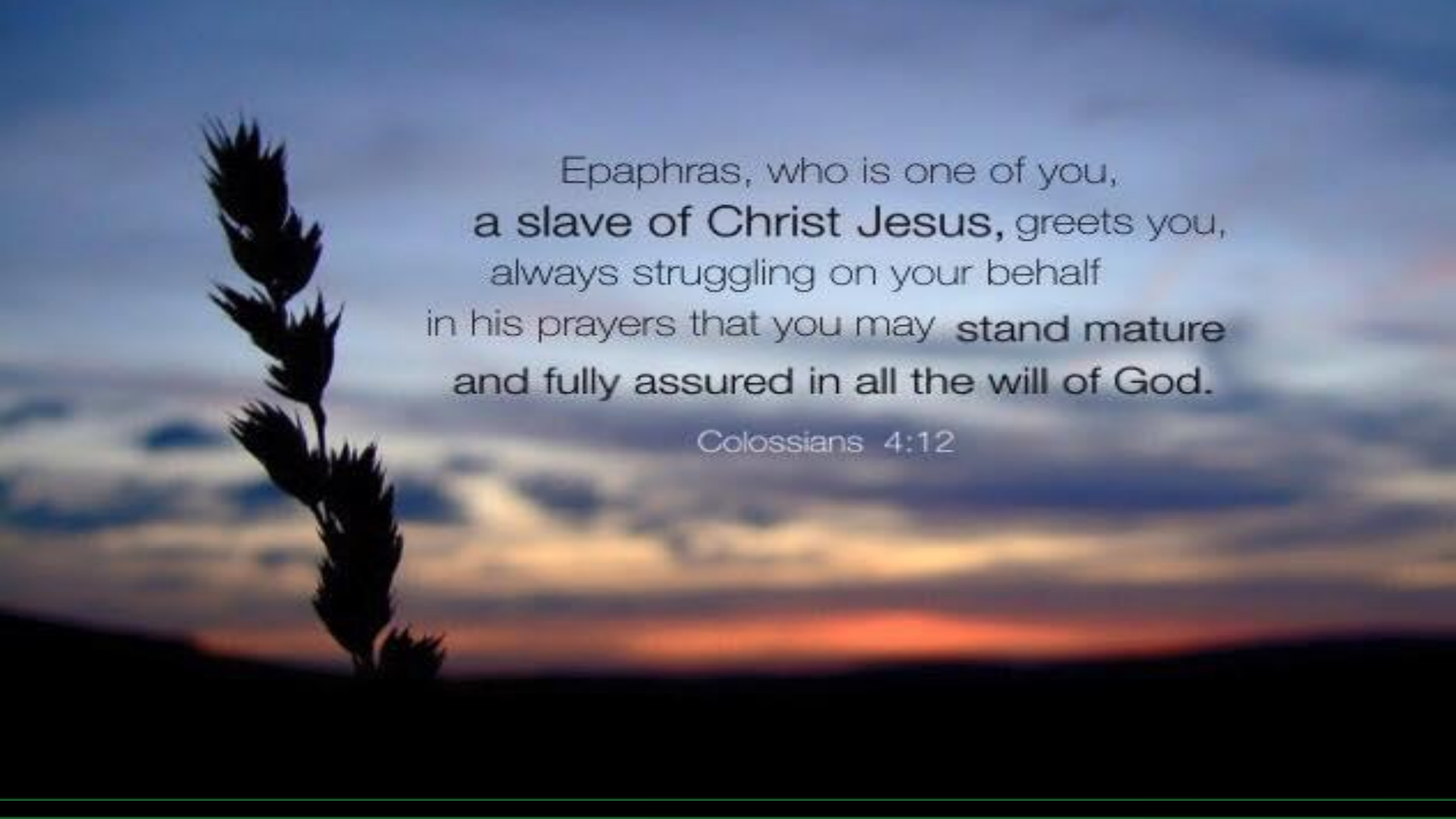


## B. REQUESTING (INTERCESSORY PRAYER)

“PAUL DEDICATED MANY HOURS TO PRAYER. IN OUR DAY WHEN PROGRAM, PUBLICITY, AND PROMOTION CHARACTERIZE THE LORD’S WORK, IT IS SOMETIMES OVERLOOKED THAT WITHOUT PRAYER NO ETERNAL WORK CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED FOR GOD.”





A vertical silhouette of a plant with several spiky, seed-like heads is positioned on the left side of the frame. The background is a sky at sunset or sunrise, with a gradient from dark blue at the top to a bright orange glow near the horizon, where some clouds are visible. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Epaphras, who is one of you,  
**a slave of Christ Jesus**, greets you,  
always struggling on your behalf  
in his prayers that you may **stand mature**  
and fully assured in all the will of God.

Colossians 4:12

## **C. RECIPROCATION**

**PARTNERSHIP – “KOINONIA”**

**1. KINDRED SPIRIT**

**2. FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

## II. A KNOWING ANTICIPATION (6)

A. **JUSTIFICATION** (ROMANS 3:24)

B. **SANCTIFICATION** (II CORINTHIANS 3:18)

C. **GLORIFICATION** (PHILIPPIANS 3:20-21)

### **III. A SHOWING OF AFFECTION (7-8)**

#### **PARTAKERS – “SUN-KOINONIA”**

- 1. APPREHENSION FOR THE GOSPEL - PRISONER**
- 2. APOLOGETICS FOR THE GOSPEL - DEFENSE**
- 3. AFFIRMATION OF THE GOSPEL - CONFIRMATION**

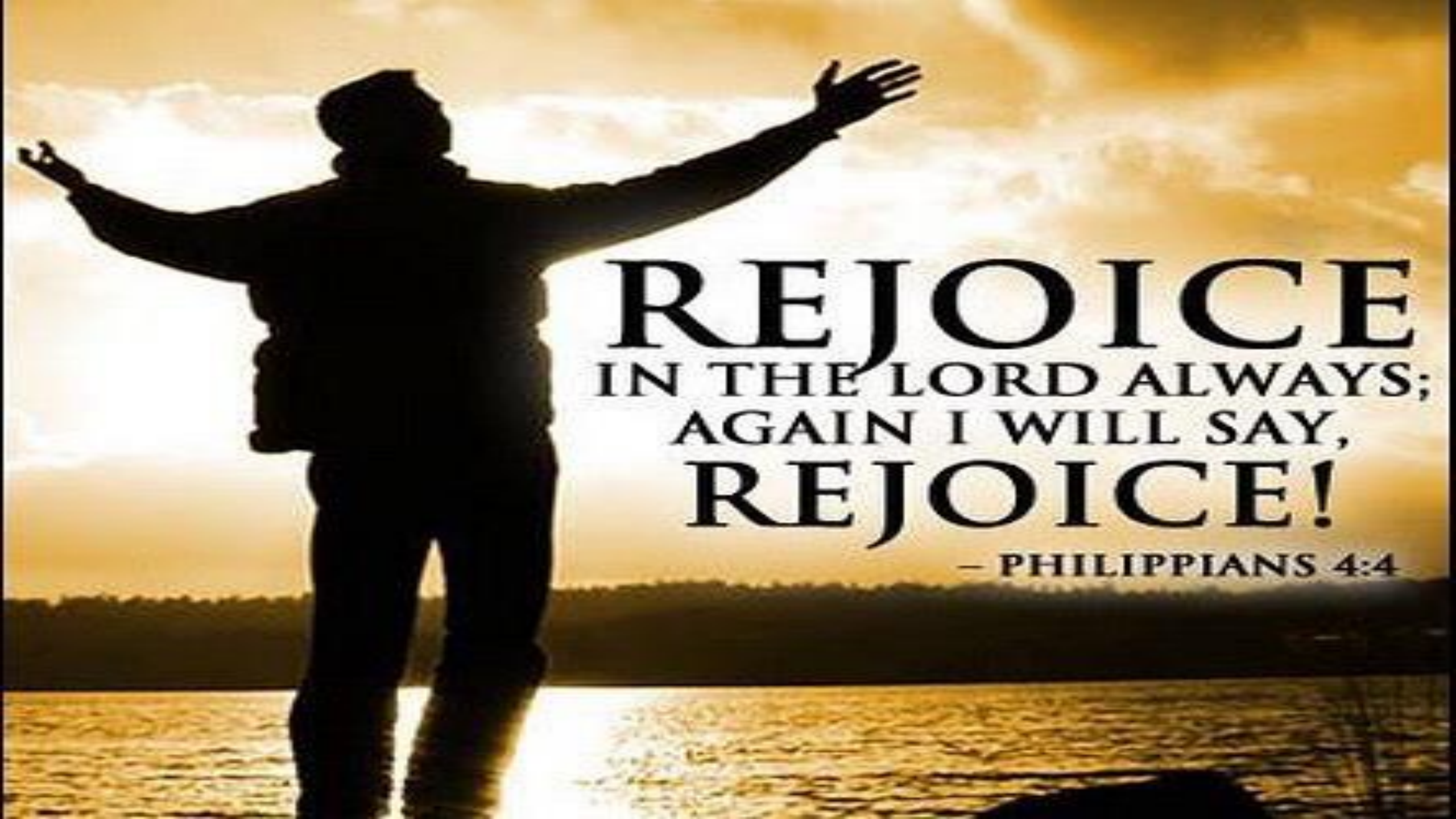


# **QUESTIONS TO PONDER**

1. **ARE WE, WITH JOY, APPRECIATIVE OF THE BODY THAT GATHERS?**
2. **ARE WE ANTICIPATING THE COMPLETION OF OUR SALVATION, WITH JOY?**
3. **ARE WE AFFECTIONATE FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST?**
4. **ARE WE KEEPING THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING?**

# “THE DRIVE” FOR JOY!





**REJOICE**  
IN THE LORD ALWAYS;  
AGAIN I WILL SAY,  
**REJOICE!**

— PHILIPPIANS 4:4