

Welcome!

- ✓ *Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.*
- ✓ *Say hello to someone you don't know.*
- ✓ *We'll gather at 10:20am.*

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Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Psalm 126:5-6

“Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy. They weep as they go to plant their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest.”

Joy

in the

Journey

Paul's letter to the
Philippians



Philippians Overview

Theme: *"The Joy of Lord"*

Outline by Warren Wiersbe:

- I. The Single Mind (Philippians 1)
- II. The Submissive Mind (Philippians 2)
- III. The Spiritual Mind (Philippians 3)
- IV. The Secure Mind (Philippians 4)

Back Story

34 A.D. Paul's conversion

46 A.D. 1st Missionary Journey (Asia - Turkey)

49 A.D. 2nd Missionary Journey (Europe - Greece)

- Philippi

53 A.D. 3rd Missionary Journey (Europe - Greece)

62 A.D. Paul sent to Rome

- letters to Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians

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Philippians 1:12-14

12 Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that **what has happened to me** has actually served to advance the gospel. 13 As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. 14 And **because of my chains**, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

The Power of Joy

*For Paul, joy is not just a positive attitude,
it is a declaration of faith.*

Philippians 1:15-18

15 It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. 16 The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. 17 The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. 18 But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Philippians 1:18-21

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, 19 for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. 20 I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:22-24

22 If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! 23 I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; 24 but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

Philippians 1:25-26

25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Distinguishing marks of Christianity

- Joy in suffering
- Love for enemies
- Good from evil
- Peace in anxiety

Boot Camp vs. Battlefield

Suffering activates truth.

*“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”
- Philippians 1:21*

The Blessing

2 Corinthians 13:11

*Brothers and sisters, rejoice!
Be completely perfected,
encourage one another,
be of one mind, be at peace.
And the God of love and
peace will be with you.*