

Paul's Joyful Letter to the *Philippians*

Where is the setting for this book? Paul wrote to the church in Philippi while in prison.

Why do we need joy? Because it is more satisfying and lasts longer than fleshly happiness.

What keeps us from experiencing true joy? Circumstances, People, Things, Worry, etc.

CHAPTER 1 – The Single Mind

Key Verse 1:21 – For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Fellowship of the Gospel (1:1-11)

Furtherance of the Gospel (1:12-26)

Faith of the Gospel (1:27-30)

CHAPTER 2 – The Submissive Mind

Key Verse 2:3 – Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Christ (2:1-11)

Paul (2:12-18)

A Pair of “Ordinary” Saints: Timothy and Epaphroditus (2:19-30)

CHAPTER 3 – The Spiritual Mind

Key Verses 3:19-20 – Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul's Past (3:1-11)

Paul's Present (3:12-16)

Paul's Future (3:17-21)

CHAPTER 4 – The Secure Mind

Key Verses 4:6-7 – Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

God's Peace (4:1-9)

God's Power and Provision (4:10-23)

In light of this, what should I do?

Be sure I am a Christian (a born-again believer)

Surrender my mind/life to Jesus Christ daily

Look for opportunities to put my mind/life to work for Jesus

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