

The Joy Way

Paul's Epistle to the Philippians



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**You know, Lord, how I serve You
With great emotional fervor
In the limelight.**



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**You know how eagerly I speak for You
At the women's club.**

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**You know how I effervesce when I
promote**

A fellowship group.



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**You know my genuine enthusiasm
At a Bible study.**

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**But how would I react, I wonder
If you pointed to a basin of water
And asked me to wash the calloused feet
Of a bent and wrinkled old woman**

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Day after day

Month after month

In a room where nobody saw

And nobody knew.

— Ruth Harms Calkin,
Tell Me Again, Lord, I Forget

Paul's Letter from a Roman Prison

- I. Introduction (1:1–11)**
- II. Paul's Report on His Circumstances (1:12–26)**
- III. Paul's Practical Appeals to the Philippians (1:27–2:18)**
- IV. Paul's Plans for His Companions (2:19–30)**
- V. Paul's Warnings against Errors (3:1–4:1)**
- VI. Paul's Exhortations to the Philippians (4:2–9)**
- VII. Paul's Thanksgiving to the Philippians (4:10–21)**
- VIII. Conclusion (4:21–23)**

Let's Read

- 1 Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus,
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons:**
- 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, **4** always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, **5** in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. **6** *For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.*

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7 For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me. **8** For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

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- 9** And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, **10** so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ;

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- 11** having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which *comes* through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

What's the Point?

- Mutual **Participation** in the Gospel (1:5)
- Mutual **Defense & Confirmation** of the Gospel (1:7, 16)
- The Greater **Progress** of the Gospel (1:12; 2:22)
- The **Preaching** of the Gospel (4:15)

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Our Greatest Example

- 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, . . .



Our Kindred Examples

19 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send **Timothy** to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition. **20** For I have no one *else* of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare. **21** For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus.

Our Kindred Examples

25 But I thought it necessary to send to you **Epaphroditus**, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger and minister to my need; **26** because he was longing for you all and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick. **27** For indeed he was sick to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, so that I would not have sorrow upon **SORROW**.

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28 Therefore I have sent him all the more eagerly so that when you see him again you may rejoice and I may be less concerned *about you.* **29** Receive him then in the Lord with all joy, and hold men like him in high regard; **30** because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was deficient in your service to me.

Summary Truth

Jesus

Others

Yourself



What can we do?

- **Love** one another (John 13:34; +12x).
- **Be devoted** to one another in brotherly love (Rom 12:10a).
- **Give preference** to one another (Rom 12:10b).
- Have **the same mind** toward one another (Rom 12:16)
- **Accept** one another (Rom 15:7).

What can we do?

- **Admonish** one another (Rom 15:14).
- **Greet** one another (Rom 16:16).
- **Wait** for one another (1 Cor 11:33).
- Have **the same care** for one another (1 Cor 12:25).
- **Serve** one another (Gal 5:13).
- **Show tolerance** for one another (Eph 4:2).

What can we do?

- **Be kind to one another** (Eph 4:32).
- **Forgive one another** (Eph 4:32).
- **Be subject to one another** (Eph 5:21).
- **Regard one another as more important than ourselves** (Phil 2:3).
- **Speak truth with one another** (Col 3:9).
- **Bear with one another** (Col 3:13).

What can we do?

- **Increase and abound** in love for one another (1 Thess 3:12).
- **Comfort** one another (1 Thess 4:18).
- **Build up** one another (1 Thess 5:11).
- **Live in peace** with one another (1 Thess 5:13).
- **Seek good** for one another (1 Thess 5:15).

What can we do?

- **Stimulate** one another to love and good deeds (Heb 10:24).
- **Encourage** one another not to forsake our assembly (Heb 10:25).
- **Confess** our sins to one another (James 5:16).
- **Be hospitable** to one another (1 Pet 4:9).

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- **Clothe** ourselves with humility toward one another (1 Pet 5:5).

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Psalms This Quarter

- Psalm 144 (Sept 13)
- Guest Speaker (Sept 20) **Bob Stevens**
- Psalm 145 (Sept 27)
- Psalm 146 (Oct 4)
- Guest Speaker (Oct 11) **+ Kim Guess**
- Psalm 147 (Oct 18)
- Psalm 148 (Oct 25)

Psalms This Quarter

- **Psalm 149 (Nov 1)**
- **Guest Speaker (Nov 8)**
- **Psalm 150 (Nov 15)**
- **Guest Speaker (Nov 22)**
- **Psalms Wrap Up (Nov 29) ?**

Hezekiah 6:14

**“The reason mountain climbers
are tied together
is to keep the sane ones from going
home.”**

Hezekiah 6:14

**I don't know who said it,
or when, or where,
but I've chuckled over it,
thought about it, and quoted it, too.**

Hezekiah 6:14

**With a mountain of mercy behind me
and a mountain of mission ahead,
I need you, my sister, my brother,
I need to be tied to you,
and you need me, too.**

Hezekiah 6:14

**We need each other . . .
to keep from bolting,
fleeing in panic, and returning
to the “sanity” of unbelief.**

Hezekiah 6:14

**Wise words, whoever said them;
I've placed them in my "bible";
they are my Hezekiah 6:14.**

**— Gerhard E. Frost,
*Blessed Is the Ordinary***

Unity

- Two chickens tied together and thrown over a clothesline may be united, but they do not have unity. [Leslie Flynn]

