

TODAY'S LESSON

“REJOICE IN THE LORD”

(Phil. 4:4-9)

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REJOICE IN THE LORD!

PHILIPPIANS

Paul's Relationship with the Church in Philippi

- **Philippi** was a **Roman colony** **Acts 16:12**
- **Not enough Jews** for a **synagogue** **16:13**
- **Conversion** of **Lydia** **16:13-15**
- **Paul and Silas jailed** **16:16-24**
- **Conversion** of the **jailer** **16:25-34**
- **Paul's innocence** and **rights** **16:35-40**
- **Paul, Silas, and Timothy then went to Thessalonica** **17:1**



Paul's Relationship with the Church in Philippi

- Luke remained at Philippi 16:9-10,40; 20:5-6
- Philippians began support to Paul in Thessalonica and then beyond Phil. 4:15-16
- Paul also supported himself in Thessalonica 2 Thess. 3:7-10
- Berea also supported Paul after he left Macedonia 2 Corinthians 11:7-10
- Paul's policy on support Acts 20:33-35; 1 Cor. 9:12 (some Corinthians did help Paul 1 Cor. 16:17)

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- Paul became a Roman prisoner at the end of his third trip **Acts 21-28:31** in Rome
preaching the gospel unhindered
- Philippian church **sent** fellowship by Epaphroditus **Phil. 1:3-8; 4:10-20; 2:25-30**
- **Philippians** is Paul's "THANK YOU!" letter
- *I rejoice...you rejoice in the Lord*

“Rejoice in the Lord”

Philippians

Introduction 1:1-2

“In this I Rejoice, Yes, and Will Rejoice”

1:1-26

“Fulfill My Joy” 1:27-2:30

“Rejoice in the Lord” 3:1-4:9

“I rejoiced in the Lord greatly” 4:10-20

Conclusion 4:21-23

“In this I Rejoice, Yes, and Will Rejoice”

1:3-26

1. Joyful thanks and prayer for the Philippians' fellowship (love) **v.3-11**
2. Christ is preached (faith) **v.12-18**
 - In spite of Paul's imprisonment **v.12-13**
 - Praetorian guard knew the gospel **v.13**
 - Others were motivated to preach more **v.14**
3. A no-lose future (hope) **v.19-26**
 - Depart and be with Christ **v.24-26**
 - Live for Christ and teach others **v.23**

“Fulfill My Joy”

(Humble-minded)- 1:27-2:30

Work together for the gospel 1:27-30

Attitude & example of Christ 2:1-11

Unselfishness in action 2:12-30

With fear and trembling v. 12-13

Without complaining or arguing v. 14-16

Example of Paul v. 17-18

Example of Timothy v. 19-24

Example of Epaphroditus v. 25-30

“Rejoice in the Lord”

(**Heavenly-minded**) - **3:1-4:9**

Carnal past vs. **spiritual present & future**

3:2-6

Paul gave up past to know Christ 3:7-11

Still pressing on 3:12-14

Walk by the same rule 3:15-16

Enemies of the cross mind earthly things

3:17-19

Our citizenship (hope) is in Heaven 3:20-21

“Rejoice in the Lord”

(Heavenly-minded) - 3:1-4:9

Rejoice in the Lord 4:1

Help those who helped me *to be of the same mind in the Lord* 4:2-3

Attitude + Action → Blessing 4:4-9

Rejoice + Display Gentleness → Lord is near

Don't Worry + Pray → peace of God

Meditate on virtuous things + follow apostolic example → God of peace with you

“I Rejoiced in the Lord Greatly”

4:10-20

For renewed fellowship with Paul 4:10-13

Expression of care as well as fellowship v.10

Paul not expecting it v.11-13; 1 Tim 6:6-10

Christ gives strength to endure v.13

For faithful fellowship with Paul 4:14-20

Church treasury to support preachers v.14-16

God will reward their sacrifice to Paul v.17-19

God is glorified v.20

