

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 46:1-2a, 10-11

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear... He says, ‘Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.’ The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.”

Joy

in the

Journey

Paul's letter to the
Philippians



Philippians Summary

CH. 1 The Single Mind

CH. 2 The Submissive Mind

CH. 3 The Spiritual Mind

CH. 4 The Secure Mind

KEY WORDS: Increase, Power, Community, Humility, Fulfillment, Friendship, Fellowship, Focus, Citizenship, Freedom, Contentment, and Celebration of... Joy

CH. 1 Summary

The Single Mind (singular lens focus on Jesus)

*Because of Christ, we can have joy in all circumstances, good and bad, life and death.
To live is Christ and to die is gain.
It's a win-win!*

CH. 1 Key Verses

The Single Mind

“...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (vs. 6)

“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.” (vs. 22)

*“For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him.”
(vs. 29)*

CH. 2 Summary

The Submissive Mind (humble yourselves)

Joy in action looks like emptying ourselves and serving others in an attitude of humility and love, and we see this perfectly in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

CH. 2 Key Verses The Submissive Mind

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.” (vs. 3)

“Christ Jesus... though He was God, made Himself nothing, became a slave, found in human likeness, and humbled Himself becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God exalted Him and gave him the name above every name.” (vs. 6-11)

CH. 2 Key Verses The Submissive Mind

“Work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose.” (vs. 12b-13)

“Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, ‘children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.’ Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky.” (vs. 14-15)

CH. 3 Summary

The Spiritual Mind (heavenly mindset)

*Nothing at all compares
to the joy found in
knowing Jesus.*

CH. 3 Key Verses

The Spiritual Mind

“I put no confidence in the flesh... But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ.” (vs. 3b, 7-10a)

CH. 3 Key Verses

The Spiritual Mind

“One thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” (vs. 13b-14)

“Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven.” (vs. 19b-20a)

CH. 4 Summary

The Secure Mind (God's peace is our security)

Don't let the hard things of life steal your joy.

Find your joy again and again in Christ Jesus.

When you do, the joy of Jesus will shine in you in such a way that people around you (including those you least expect) will be attracted to and experience the joy of Jesus in ways that you never saw coming.

CH. 4 Key Verses

The Secure Mind

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, 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.” (vs. 4, 6-7)

*“Worry is not believing God will get it right,
and bitterness is believing God got it wrong.”*

– Tim Keller

CH. 4 Key Verses

The Secure Mind

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” (vs. 8)

“I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (vs. 12b-13)

Philippians 4:21-22

Final Greetings

Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings. All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Communion

*Remembering
Jesus together
in a celebration
of joy*



Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

by Trevor Francis (1875)

*Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me
Is the current of His love
Leading onward, leading homeward
To His glorious rest above.*

The Joy

“When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.” - Luke 22:14-16

The Bread

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” - Luke 22:19

The Cup

*“In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.”**”*

– Luke 22:20

The Blessing

Be encouraged! You are united with Christ, comforted from his love, and partakers of His Spirit, His compassion, and His joy. In His joy, be like-minded and united as you receive His love and share His love with one another.

from Philippians 2:1-2