"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude (present imperative) in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus... So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out (present imperative) your salvation with fear and trembling for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Do (present imperative) all things without grumbling or disputing that you may prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world." (Php 2:3-5+, Php 2:12-15+)

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Key Words -- See importance of key words - learn how to mark key words and the associated discipline of how to interrogate them with 5W/H questions. Practice "interrogating" key words as well as term of conclusion (therefore), term of explanation (for), terms of purpose or result (so that, in order that, that, as a result), terms of contrast (but, yet), expressions of time (including then; until, after) and terms of comparison (like, as). You will be amazed at how your Teacher, the Holy Spirit, will illuminate your understanding, a spiritual blessing that will grow the more you practice! Be diligent! Consider the "5P's" - Pause to Ponder the Passage then Practice it in the Power of the Spirit. See also inductive Bible study - observation (Observe With a
Keep Context King, Read Literally, Compare Scripture with Scripture, Consult Conservative Commentaries), and then be a doer of the Word with Application. Do not overlook "doing the word" for if you do you are deluding yourself, and are just a "smarter sinner," but not more like the Savior! As Jesus said "blessed are those who hear the word of God, and observe it." (Lk 11:28+, cf James 1:22+).

Key Words/Phrases: And don't forget to include synonyms of the key word or phrase.

- **Day of Christ** - Phil 1:6 Phil 1:10 Phil 2:16
- **In Christ** (10x/10v) - Phil. 1:1; Phil. 1:26; Phil. 2:1; Phil. 2:5; Phil. 3:3; Phil. 3:9; Phil. 3:14; Phil. 4:7; Phil. 4:19; Phil. 4:21
- **Synonym = In the Lord Jesus** - Phil 2:19, in the Lord - Phil 2:24, 29, Phil 3:1, Phil 4:1, Phil 4:2, Phil 4:4, Phil 4:10
- **Rejoice** (9x/7v) - Phil. 1:18; Phil. 2:17; Phil. 2:18; Phil. 2:28; Phil. 3:1; Phil. 4:4; Phil. 4:10
- **Joy** (7x/7v) - Phil. 1:4; Phil. 1:25; Phil. 2:2; Phil. 2:17; Phil. 2:18; Phil. 2:29; Phil. 4:1 (cf Chart on Joy and Rejoicing)
- **Gospel** (9x/8v) - Phil. 1:5; Phil. 1:7; Phil. 1:12; Phil. 1:16; Phil. 1:27; Phil. 2:22; Phil. 4:3; Phil. 4:15 (Synonym = Word of life - Php 2:16)
- **Spirit** - (Holy) = Phil. 1:19; Phil. 2:1; Phil. 3:3 (Spirit with little "s") - Phil. 1:27; Phil. 2:2;Phil. 2:20;Phil. 4:23
- **Mind** (6x/6v) - Phil. 1:27; Phil. 2:2; Phil. 2:3; Phil. 3:4; Phil. 3:19; Phil. 4:7
- **Synonym** - Attitude (3x/2v) - Phil. 2:5; Phil. 3:15
- **Humble/humility** (4x/4v) - Phil. 2:3; Phil. 2:8; Phil. 3:21; Phil. 4:12
- **Work** (8x/7v) - Phil. 1:6; Phil. 2:12; Phil. 2:13; Phil. 2:25; Phil. 2:30; Phil. 3:2; Phil. 4:3
- **Love** (5x/5v) - Phil. 1:9; Phil. 1:16; Phil. 2:1; Phil. 2:2; Phil. 4:8
- **Live** (4x/4v) - Phil. 1:21; Phil. 1:22; Phil. 4:2; Phil. 4:12/ Life (4x/4v) - Phil. 1:20; Phil. 2:16; Phil. 2:30; Phil. 4:3
- **All** (23x/21v) - Phil. 1:1; Phil. 1:3; Phil. 1:4; Phil. 1:7; Phil. 1:8; Phil. 1:9; Phil. 1:20; Phil. 1:25; Phil. 2:14; Phil. 2:17; Phil. 2:21; Phil. 2:26; Phil. 2:28; Phil. 2:29; Phil. 3:8; Phil. 3:21; Phil. 4:5; Phil. 4:7; Phil. 4:13; Phil. 4:19; Phil. 4:22
- **Every** (7x/7v) - Phil. 1:4; Phil. 1:18; Phil. 2:9; Phil. 2:10; Phil. 2:11; Phil. 4:12; Phil. 4:21
- **Pray/prayer** (5x/4v) - Phil. 1:4; Phil. 1:9; Phil. 1:19; Phil. 4:6
- **Confident/confidence** (5x/4v) - Phil. 1:6; Phil. 1:26; Phil. 3:3; Phil. 3:4
- **Lord** (15x/15v) - Phil. 1:2; Phil. 1:14; Phil. 2:11; Phil. 2:19; Phil. 2:24; Phil. 2:29; Phil. 3:1; Phil. 3:8; Phil. 3:20; Phil. 4:1; Phil. 4:2; Phil. 4:4; Phil. 4:5; Phil. 4:10; Phil. 4:23
- **Jesus** (22x/21v) - Phil. 1:1; Phil. 1:2; Phil. 1:6; Phil. 1:8; Phil. 1:11; Phil. 1:19; Phil. 1:26; Phil. 2:5; Phil. 2:10; Phil. 2:11; Phil. 2:19; Phil. 2:21; Phil. 3:3; Phil. 3:8; Phil. 3:12; Phil. 3:14; Phil. 3:20; Phil. 4:7; Phil. 4:19; Phil. 4:21; Phil. 4:23
- **Christ** (37x/35v) - Phil. 1:1; Phil. 1:2; Phil. 1:6; Phil. 1:8; Phil. 1:10; Phil. 1:11; Phil. 1:13; Phil. 1:15; Phil. 1:17; Phil. 1:18; Phil. 1:19; Phil. 1:20; Phil. 1:21; Phil. 1:23; Phil. 1:26; Phil. 1:27; Phil. 1:29; Phil. 2:1; Phil. 2:5; Phil. 2:11; Phil. 2:16; Phil. 2:21; Phil. 2:30; Phil. 3:3; Phil. 3:7; Phil. 3:8; Phil. 3:9; Phil. 3:12; Phil. 3:14; Phil. 3:18; Phil. 3:20; Phil. 4:7; Phil. 4:19; Phil. 4:21; Phil. 4:23

Recipient - Saints, brethren, beloved, you - and keep interrogating them with 5W/H questions.

INTRODUCTIONS AND OVERVIEWS:

- **Philippians - Through the Bible Book by Book** - Myer Pearlman
OUTLINE OF PHILIPPIANS (Warren Wiersbe)

Key theme: The joy of the Lord
Key verse: Philippians 3:1 (Others list Php 1:21, 4:12)

I. THE SINGLE MIND—Philippians 1
   A. The fellowship of the Gospel—Philippians 1:1-11
   B. The furtherance of the Gospel—Philippians 1:12-26
   C. The faith of the Gospel—Philippians 1:27-30

II. THE SUBMISSIVE MIND—Philippians 2
   A. The example of Christ—Philippians 2:1-11
   B. The example of Paul—Philippians 2:12-18
   C. The example of Timothy—Philippians 2:19-24
   D. The example of Epaphroditus—Philippians 2:25-30
III. THE SPIRITUAL MIND—Philippians 3
   A. Paul’s past—Philippians 3:1–11 (the accountant—“I count”)
   B. Paul’s present—Philippians 3:12–16 (the athlete—“I press”)
   C. Paul’s future—Philippians 3:17–21 (the alien—“I look”)

IV. THE SECURE MIND—Philippians 4
   A. God’s peace—Philippians 4:1–9
   B. God’s power—Philippians 4:10–13
   C. God’s provision—Philippians 4:14–23

Henrietta Mears

PHILIPPIANS 1: JOY IN LIVING
PHILIPPIANS 2: JOY IN SERVICE
PHILIPPIANS 3: JOY IN FELLOWSHIP
PHILIPPIANS 4: JOY IN REWARDS

Paul says:

- When I travel, it is on Christ’s errands.
- When I suffer, it is in Christ’s service.
- When I speak, the theme is Christ.
- When I write, Christ fills my letters.

The epistle to the Philippians was written to the first church founded in Europe. Paul was called there by the vision and the cry, “Come over into Macedonia, and help us” (Acts 16:9). Paul urges the Church to have Christian unity and joy. This letter shows how unity among Christians can be broken. Christ is the secret of joy. “Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord” (Philippians 3:1). Then there is a pause. Paul tries to think of some better last word to speak, but he can’t seem to find it. Finally he cries out, “Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice” (Philippians 4:4). This is joy in the midst of troubles and problems....Paul seems to laugh out loud for sheer joy in this letter. He is the rejoicing apostle.....We are commanded to rejoice. We break a commandment if we do not rejoice, for joy drives out discord. It helps in the midst of trials. As Charles Spurgeon once said, “Joy is a bird; let it fly in the open heavens, and let its music be heard of all men.” Sinners, like Augustine, are attracted to Jesus by the joy of Christians. This letter is the sweetest of all Paul’s letters. There is no scolding. It is more of a love letter. His words seem to come from a light heart. It is evident that the soul of this great apostle is free! Paul mentions the Savior’s name some 40 times in this short epistle. Some of the most wonderful things concerning Christ and the Christian life are here. So that your life may be purified, dangers avoided and progress made, Christ must be your joy, your trust and your aim in life. Paul tells us of his own joyful triumph over trying circumstances because of his trust in Christ....Paul lived to intercede for others. So should every true Sunday School teacher, Christian friend, father, mother, brother or sister. All Christians should always remember others in their prayers. Have you a prayer list? Do you talk with the Lord about your friends? Do you always pray with joy (see Philippians 1:4)?...Although Paul had to remain in his house, people came to hear him preach. The Roman guards were so interested in the gospel that they spread it around. This encouraged others to be bold in preaching, and many found Paul’s Christ. There is great power in the witness of a consistent life. You may be bound to unsympathetic companions, but by how you conduct your life you may win them for God. Your obstacle may
become your pulpit. Christians who work for Christ when everything is against them encourage others to look at the Savior in a new light. Listen to the cries of the people of this world. What are they? The successful businessperson cries, “To me to live is wealth.” The scholar cries, “To me to live is knowledge.” The soldier cries, “To me to live is victory.” The young man cries, “To me to live is pleasure.” The man desirous of recognition cries, “To me to live is fame.” The high school student cries, “To me to live is recognition.” We could go on and list all the voices of the world, but one is heard over them all: “To me to live is not wealth or knowledge or fame or glory but Christ. Christ first, last, in the middle of everything, and always Christ”...Paul tells the Philippians that the duty of all Christians is that they be joyful. A long-faced Christian is the worst advertisement for Christianity. The world doesn’t want a greater burden; it wants a light heart. How can a Christian be joyful in a world so full of sorrow? Paul tells us in Philippians 3:1, “Rejoice in the Lord!”

J Sidlow Baxter - Recurrent Ideas - There are prominent ideas, too, running through the letter. One is that of Christian joy and rejoicing (Phil 1:4,18,25; 2:16,17,18,28; 3:1,3; 4:1,4). Another is that of gain in Christ (Phil 1:21,23; 3:7,8; R.V.144:19). Also, a feature is that of teaching by example - i.e. of Christ (Phil 2:5-11), of Timothy (Phil 2:19-24), of Epaphroditus (Phil 2:25-30), of Paul (Phil 3:1-4:9). Over against certain who say there is an "absence of plan in the epistle" we would point out that there is an introversion-structure which is as clear as it is effective:

Salutation: "Grace be unto you" (Phil 1:1,2).
Paul's concern for the Philippians (Phil 1:3-26).
EXHORTATION: EXAMPLE OF CHRIST (Phil 1:27-2:16)
EXAMPLE OF TIMOTHY (Phil 2:19-24).
EXAMPLE OF EPAPHRAS (Phil 2:25-30)
EXHORTATION: EXAMPLE OF PAUL (Phil 3:1-4:9).
The Philippians' concern for Paul (Phil 4:10-20).
Salutation: "Grace be with you" (Phil 4:21-23).

The Fourfold Christ - But we miss everything in this epistle if we fail to perceive and appreciate its wonderful fourfold presentation of Christ in relation to the experience of the individual believer. Once this fourfold Christ of Philippians is seen, the little epistle gleams and flashes with an altogether new lustre - it becomes a gem precious beyond all words. Fortunately, in Philippians the four chapters accurately represent the four movements of this main theme (Phil except that the first verse of Phil 4 obviously ends Phil 3).

We find a key verse, expressing a key idea in each chapter. In the first chapter the key thought is expressed in Php 1:21: "To me to live is Christ." Everything in this first chapter centres in the thought that Christ is the believer's life. In the second chapter the key thought is expressed in Php 2:5: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." The whole of this second chapter gathers round the thought that Christ is the believer's mind. In the third chapter the key thought is expressed in Php 3:10: "That I say know Him." Here everything centres in the truth that Christ is the believer's goal. In the fourth chapter the key thought is the enabling power of Christ, as expressed in Php 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." In this last chapter the apostle's thought is gathered up in the truth that Christ is the believer's strength. Thus we see in the progress of this epistle a fourfold truth as rich with suggestion as it is vital to Christian experience. Let us get it photographed clearly in our minds:

Phil 1: Christ our life.
Phil 2: Christ our mind.
Phil 3: Christ our goal.
The sequence here will be at once obvious. If Christ be truly our life, as in Phil 1, His life will express itself in and through our mental activity, as in Phil 2. Then, the mind being thus suffused with His life, the desires will become more and more toward Christ as the perfect ideal, the sum of objective perfection and subjective satisfaction, the supreme goal of desire, as in Phil 3; while finally, as in Phil 4, Christ Himself is the strength by which the ideal becomes the actual, and by which the objective reality becomes subjectively realized in experience. In these four Philippian chapters, therefore, we observe clear progress and completeness. (Explore the Book)

John MacArthur - Background and Setting - Originally known as Krenides (“The Little Fountains”) because of the numerous nearby springs, Philippi (“city of Philip”) received its name from Philip II of Macedon (the father of Alexander the Great). Attracted by the nearby gold mines, Philip conquered the region in the fourth century B.C. In the second century B.C., Philippi became part of the Roman province of Macedonia. The city existed in relative obscurity for the next two centuries until one of the most famous events in Roman history brought it recognition and expansion. In 42 B.C., the forces of Antony and Octavian defeated those of Brutus and Cassius at the Battle of Philippi, thus ending the Roman Republic and ushering in the Empire. After the battle, Philippi became a Roman colony (cf. Acts 16:12), and many veterans of the Roman army settled there. As a colony, Philippi had autonomy from the provincial government and the same rights granted to cities in Italy, including the use of Roman law, exemption from some taxes, and Roman citizenship for its residents (Acts 16:21). Being a colony was also the source of much civic pride for the Philippians, who used Latin as their official language, adopted Roman customs, and modeled their city government after that of Italian cities. Acts and Philippians both reflect Philippi’s status as a Roman colony.

Paul’s description of Christians as citizens of heaven (Philippians 3:20) was appropriate, since the Philippians prided themselves on being citizens of Rome (cf. Acts 16:21). The Philippians may well have known some of the members of the palace guard (Philippians 1:13) and Caesar’s household (Philippians 4:22).

The church at Philippi, the first one founded by Paul in Europe, dates from the apostle’s second missionary journey (Acts 16:12–40). Philippi evidently had a very small Jewish population. Because there were not enough men to form a synagogue (the requirement was for 10 Jewish men who were heads of a household), some devout women met outside the city at a place of prayer (Acts 16:13) alongside the Gangites River. Paul preached the gospel to them and Lydia, a wealthy merchant dealing in expensive purple dyed goods (Acts 16:14), became a believer (Acts 16:14, 15). It is likely that the Philippian church initially met in her spacious home.

Satanic opposition to the new church immediately arose in the person of a demonpossessed, fortune-telling slave girl (Acts 16:16, 17). Not wanting even agreeable testimony from such an evil source, Paul cast the demon out of her (Acts 16:18). The apostle’s act enraged the girl’s masters, who could no longer sell her services as a fortune-teller (Acts 16:19). They hauled Paul and Silas before the city’s magistrates (Acts 16:20) and inflamed the civic pride of the Philippians by claiming the two preachers were a threat to Roman customs (Acts 16:20, 21). As a result, Paul and Silas were beaten and imprisoned (Acts 16:22–24).

The two preachers were miraculously released from prison that night by an earthquake, which unnerved the jailer and opened his heart and that of his household to the gospel (Acts 16:25–34). The next day the magistrates, panicking when they learned they had illegally beaten and
imprisoned two Roman citizens, begged Paul and Silas to leave Philippi.

Paul apparently visited Philippi twice during his third missionary journey, once at the beginning (cf. 2 Cor. 8:1–5), and again near the end (Acts 20:6). About 4 or 5 years after his last visit to Philippi, while a prisoner at Rome, Paul received a delegation from the Philippian church. The Philippians had generously supported Paul in the past (Philippians 4:15, 16), and had also contributed abundantly for the needy at Jerusalem (2 Cor. 8:1–4). Now, hearing of Paul’s imprisonment, they sent another contribution to him (Philippians 4:10), and along with it Epaphroditus to minister to Paul’s needs. Unfortunately Epaphroditus suffered a near-fatal illness (Philippians 2:26, 27), either while en route to Rome, or after he arrived. Accordingly, Paul decided to send Epaphroditus back to Philippi (Philippians 2:25, 26) and wrote the letter to the Philippians to send back with him.

Paul had several purposes in composing this epistle. First, he wanted to express in writing his thanks for the Philippians’ gift (Philippians 4:10–18). Second, he wanted the Philippians to know why he decided to return Epaphroditus to them, so they would not think his service to Paul had been unsatisfactory (Philippians 2:25, 26). Third, he wanted to inform them about his circumstances at Rome (Philippians 1:12–26). Fourth, he wrote to exhort them to unity (Philippians 2:1, 2; 4:2). Finally, he wrote to warn them against false teachers (Philippians 3:1–4:1). (Philippians Introduction)

Bruce Wilkinson - Philippians is the epistle of joy and encouragement in the midst of adverse circumstances. In it, Paul freely expresses his fond affection for the Philippians in view of their consistent testimony and support, and lovingly urges them to center their actions and thoughts on the person, pursuit, and power of Jesus Christ. Paul also seeks to correct a problem with disunity and rivalry, urging his readers to imitate Christ in His humility and servanthood. In this way the work of the gospel will go forward as believers seek to stand fast, be of the same mind, rejoice always, and pray about everything. (Talk Thru the Bible)

B.C. Caffin. - The Epistle to the Philippians was written about thirty years after the Ascension, about ten years after the first preaching of the Gospel by St. Paul at Philippi. Christianity was still young, in all the freshness of its first youth. It had come suddenly into the world. The world seemed growing old: the old religions had lost whatever power they once possessed; the old philosophies were worn out; the energies of political life had been weakened or suppressed by the all-pervading despotism of Rome. Avarice, uncleanness, cruelty, were rampant in the earth. There was little faith in God, in goodness, in immortality. "What is truth?" was the despairing question of the age. The Gospel flashed upon this scene of moral confusion like, what it is in truth, a revelation from heaven. It brought before the eyes of men a life and a person. The world saw for the first time a perfect life; not a mere ideal, but a real life that had been really lived upon the earth; a life that stands alone, separate from all other lives; unique in its solitary majesty, in its unearthly loveliness, in its absolute purity, in its entire unselfishness. The world saw for the first time the beauty of complete self-sacrifice. And this life was not merely a thing past and gone. It was still living, it is still living in the Church. The life of Christ lived in His saints.

Charles Swindoll - Though we all have much to be thankful for, the pace and the pressure of life often squeeze the joy from us. Our shoulders slumped and our heads bowed, we find some days—or months—very difficult to get through. Desperate, we often search for joy in all kinds of ways—acquiring possessions, visiting places, or seeing people. But none of these can provide lasting joy. Where do you find joy in the midst of a trying circumstance? Paul knew, as did the Philippians, that
true joy comes only through humble faith in the saving work of Jesus Christ, joining ourselves in harmony with His followers, and serving others in the name of Christ. This was the life experienced by the Philippian believers, and it is a life available to us today. Allow the joy you find in Christ to keep you from useless quarrels and divisions and to instead guide you into harmonious relationships with God’s people. (How Do I Apply This?)

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- **John MacArthur**: “A good definition of joy is this: it's the flag that flies on the castle of the heart when the King is in residence. Only Christians can know true and lasting joy. Quote regarding the value of intercessory prayer: “William Barclay noted that George Reindrop in his book No Common Task tells how a nurse taught one man to pray and in doing so changed his whole life. ‘A dull, disgruntled, and dispirited man became a man of joy. Much of the nurse's work was done with her hands, and she used her hand as a scheme of prayer. Each finger stood for someone. Her thumb was nearest to her, and it reminded her to pray for those who were closest and dearest to her. The second finger was used for pointing and stood for all her teachers in school and the hospital. The third finger was the tallest and it stood for the V. I. P.s, the leaders in every sphere of life. The fourth finger was the weakest, as every pianist knows, and it stood for those who were in trouble and in pain. The little finger was the smallest and the least important and to the nurse it stood for herself’ (The Letters to the Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians, rev. ed. [Philadelphia: Westminster, 1975], pp. 13-14).” (See also: Prayer Devotionals & illustrations, Pithy Prayer Phrases and Prayer Quotes)

- **Warren Wiersbe**: “In spite of his difficult circumstances as a prisoner in Rome, Paul is rejoicing. The secret of his joy is the single mind; he lives for Christ and the Gospel. (Christ is named 18 times in chapter 1, and the Gospel 6 times.) 'For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain' (Php 1:21). But what really is 'the single mind'? It is the attitude that says, 'It makes no difference what happens to me, just as long as Christ is glorified and the Gospel shared with others.' Paul rejoiced in spite of his circumstances, because his circumstances strengthened the fellowship of the Gospel (Php 1:1-11), promoted the furtherance of the Gospel (Php 1:12-26), and guarded the faith of the Gospel (Php 1:27-30)... Paul uses three thoughts in Php 1:1-11 that describe true Christian fellowship: I have you in my mind (Php 1:3-6), I have you in my heart (Php 1:7-8), I have you in my prayers (Php 1:9-11)."

- **D A Carson**: "The heart of true fellowship is self-sacrificing conformity to a shared vision....Put the priorities of the gospel at the center of your prayer life... It takes only a moment's reflection to see that all these petitions are gospel-centered. These are gospel prayers. That is, they are prayers offered to advance the work of the gospel in the lives of the Philippian believers. And, by asking for gospel fruit in their lives, the ultimate purpose of these petitions is to bring glory to the God who redeemed them."

- **James Montgomery Boice**: "God Finishes What He Starts -- Philippians 1:6 is perhaps one of the three greatest verses in the Bible that teach the doctrine of the perseverance of the saints, the doctrine that no one whom God has brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ will ever be lost... Men lack perseverance. Men start things and drop them. As men and women you and I are always beginning things that we never actually find time to finish. But God is not like that. God never starts anything that He does not finish. God perseveres. Has God begun something in your life? Have you been born again by the Spirit of God? Then you need not fear that you will ever be lost. Your confidence should not be in yourself, neither in your faith nor in your spiritual successes in earlier days, but in God. It is He who calls us as Christians, He who leads us on in the Christian life, and He who most certainly will lead us home. cf. John 10:27,28 and Romans 8:38, 39"
""When I go to heaven..." were Jack Arnold's last words before dying instantly in the pulpit from a heart attack. The extraordinary event made international headlines (note).

- Acts 16:6-34 Introduction to Philippians
- Philippians 1:1-8 Participants or Spectators?
- Philippians 1:9-11 Paul's Prayer of Desire for the Philippians
- Philippians 1:12-18 Paul's Imprisonment Furthers the Gospel
- Philippians 1:19-26 Glorifying Christ in Life and Death
- Philippians 1:27-30 The Conflict of the Gospel
- Philippians 2:1-8 The Mind of Christ
- Philippians 2:9-13 Exaltation and Humiliation
- Philippians 2:14-16 Complaining and Arguing
- Philippians 2:17-30 The High Price of Service
- Philippians 3:1-7 God's Antidote for Legalism in Salvation
- Philippians 3:8-11 Christ, the Answer to Legalism in Sanctification
- Philippians 3:12-14 Legalism, Complacency and Maturity
- Philippians 3:15-21 The Subtlety of Error
- Philippians 4:1-3 The Way to Unity
- Philippians 4:4-5 Preventing Worry
- Philippians 4:6-7 Conquering Worry
- Philippians 4:8-9 The Power of Christ-like Thinking
- Philippians 4:10-13 Contentment
- Philippians 4:14-19 The Joy of Giving
- Philippians 4:20-23 Spiritual Relationships

**BACK TO THE BIBLE**

**Philippians Devotionals**

**PHILIPPIANS 1**

- Philippians 1:12-21 Seeing God in Your Circumstances - Theodore Epp
- Philippians 1:20 Being a Lens by Dr. Warren Wiersbe
- Philippians 1:20 Fashioned In The Fire by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman

**PHILIPPIANS 2**

- Philippians 2:2 Stars in a Dark World by Elisabeth Elliot
- Philippians 2:1-5 Unity, Not Uniformity - Theodore Epp
- Philippians 2:5-11 Christ, the Great Example by Theodore Epp
Philippians 2:5-8 Death is a Gateway to the Palace by Elisabeth Elliot (scroll down)
Philippians 2:7 A Chance to Die by Elisabeth Elliot
Philippians 2:9 What a Name! by Warren Wiersbe
Philippines 2:12-14 Hidden Work by Elisabeth Elliot
Philippians 2:12-14 Balanced-and Blessed! by Theodore Epp
Philippians 2:15-16 The Word Is Central by Theodore Epp

PHILIPPIANS 3

Philippians 3:1-11 Zeal Without Knowledge by Theodore Epp
Philippians 3:1 A Safeguard for the Soul by Elisabeth Elliot
Philippians 3:8 Counting the Cost by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman
Philippians 3:7 Heart's Sacrifice by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman
Philippians 3:10 No Comforters by Warren Wiersbe
Philippians 3:10 Does Christ Feel at Home in Your Heart? by Theodore Epp
Philippians 3:13 Spiritual Memory by Dr. Warren Wiersbe
Philippians 3:12-14 Dealing With Your Past by Theodore Epp
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Philippians 3:17-21 Citizens of Heaven! by Theodore Epp
Philippians 3:20 City of God by Warren Wiersbe

PHILIPPIANS 4

Philippians 4:1-7 Considerate Christians by Theodore Epp
Philippians 4:4 Your Song of Victory by Warren Wiersbe
Philippians 4:4 Rejoice Evermore by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman
Philippians 4:4 Rejoice by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman
Philippians 4:6,7 Do You Have 'Pet Cares'? by Theodore Epp
Philippians 4:7 Cushion of the Sea - Streams in the Desert
Philippians 4:8,9 The Renewed Mind by Theodore Epp
Philippians 4:10-13 Contentment, Not Complacency by Theodore Epp
Philippians 4:11 Contentment by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman
Philippians 4:13 We Can Do It Also by Theodore Epp
Philippians 4:13 Rejected but Strong by Theodore Epp
Philippians 4:13 The Key to the Treasury by Theodore Epp
Philippians 4:17-20 Can You Claim This Promise? by Theodore Epp
Philippians 4:18 Grow in the Gloom by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman
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FOLLOWING PHILIPPIANS DEVOTIONALS
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- Philippians 3:7 Heart's Sacrifice by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman
- Philippians 3:8 Costly Glory by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman
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- Philippians 3:13-14 Regrets by Elisabeth Elliot
- Philippians 3:13 Spiritual Memory by Warren Wiersbe

Philippians 4 Devotionals

- Philippians 4:6 In Everything - Streams in the Desert
- Philippians 4:6 Don't Fret (Mid Eng= devour. Fret, from Old Eng fretan = devour- so to gnaw into!!)
- Philippians 4:7 Perfect Peace by Woodrow Kroll
- Philippians 4:7 The Peace of God in Our Hearts by W. H. G. Thomas
- Philippians 4:7 Never Forsaken by Dr. Woodrow Kroll
- Philippians 4:10-13 Adversity and Prosperity
- Philippians 4:13 A Key to Future Victories by Theodore Epp
- Philippians 4:13 Strength for the Journey by Woodrow Kroll
- Philippians 4:13 Dust and Destiny by Dr. Warren Wiersbe
- Philippians 4:19 He Satisfies Our Soul from Streams in the Desert
- Philippians 4:19 From Rags to Riches by Dr. Woodrow Kroll

WILLIAM BARCLAY
Daily Study Bible
Commentary Notes on Philippians

Comment: Barclay frequently has very insightful comments on Greek words and the ancient culture, but he is not always conservative/orthodox. Be a Berean (Acts 17:11-note) Caveat lector! See The Enigmatic William Barclay
Frequent use of illustrations. Here are examples:

- **Philippians 1** - Kaufmann Kohler states in the Jewish Encyclopedia that no language has as many words for joy and rejoicing as does Hebrew. In the OT 13 Hebrew roots, found in 27 different words, are used primarily for some aspect of joy or joyful participation in religious worship.

- **Philippians 1** - Joy always under construction! Most of us have experienced what happens to motorists when one of those huge graders goes to work on a highway repair job. When the machine is operating on a busy road, traffic is halted and the cars lined up in opposite directions are allowed to proceed alternately. A veteran operator of one of those big machines decided one day to try to relieve the tension that inevitably results from such a traffic backup. Consequently on both the front and rear of his grader a sign now appears, declaring, “The Road to Happiness is Almost Always Under Construction.”

- **Philippians 1:19-30** - “Flower Mix-up”. A bank in Binghamton, NY had some flowers sent to a competitor who had recently moved into a new building. There was a mixup at the flower shop, and the card sent with the arrangement read, “With our deepest sympathy.” The florist, who was greatly embarrassed, apologized. But he was even more embarrassed when he realized that the card intended for the bank was attached to a floral arrangement sent to a funeral home in honor of a deceased person. That card read, “Congratulations on your new location!”

- **Philippians 1:29** - Two wonderful privileges: To believe/trust in Christ and to suffer for Christ. God is honored by both. God runs a costly school, for many of his lessons are learned through tears! Soon school will close for us, the end of our school term is closer everyday. Don't run
from difficult lessons; Don’t flinch from the rod of discipline. Cheerfully endure to the end, then we will graduate in glory. Paul’s life was a model of suffering. Suffering: confirms the believers faith; brings him/her in closer contact w/the Lord; and provides a vehicle for making commitment real and tangible. The worlds finest china is fired in ovens at least 3 times & some many more. The famous Dresden china is always fired 3 times. Why so many times with such intense heat? This makes the colors brighter, more beautiful, and permanently attached. Metal bends best when softened with fire. Marble take shape only under the splintering blows of a chisel. Wood, with the abrasive scrape of sandpaper. (Swindoll) We are fashioned after the same principle! The human trials of life are burned into us numerous times, and through God’s grace, beautiful colors are formed in us and made to shine forever!

- **Philippians 2:3-5** - Dr. Harry Ironside was once convicted about his lack of humility. A friend recommended as a remedy, that he march through the streets of Chicago wearing a sandwich board, shouting the scripture verses on the board for all to hear. Dr. Ironside agreed to this venture and when he returned to his study and removed the board, he said “I’ll bet there’s not another man in town who would do that.”

- **Philippians 2:14** - A man decided to join a monastery and one of the rules of the group was that you were only allowed to speak two words every 10 years. At the end of 10 years he said, "Bad food!" - 10 more years went by and he said, "Hard bed!" - Finally, on his 30th anniversary with the brothers, he thundered, "I quit!" - And the priest in charge responded, "You might as well. All you do is complain anyway!"

- **Philippians 4:1-3** - Shooting the Saints - Are you wasting your ammunition on the other saints? It is said that when the British and French were fighting in Canada in the 1750's, Admiral Phipps, commander of the British fleet, was told to anchor outside Quebec. He was given orders to wait for the British land forces to arrive, then support them when they attacked the city. Phipps’ navy arrived early. As the admiral waited, he became annoyed by the statues of the saints that adorned the towers of a nearby cathedral, so he commanded his men to shoot at them with the ships’ cannons. No one knows how many rounds were fired or how many statues were knocked out, but when the land forces arrived and the signal was given to attack, the admiral was of no help. He had used up all his ammunition shooting at the “saints.”

- **Philippians 4:8** - Holocaust survivor Viktor Frankl wrote, “Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms - to choose one’s attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one’s own way.” Memorize Phil. 4:8 Think of the mind like a bank that regularly receives deposits. By depositing the kinds of thoughts mentioned in Phil.4:8, we build up and draw on a rich account that will constantly yield a high dividend called joy!

- **Philippians 4:8** - Quick Thinking: A man working in the produce department was asked by a lady if she could buy 1/2 a head of lettuce. He replied, “1/2 a head? Are you serious? God grows these in whole heads and that’s how we sell them!” “You mean,” she persisted, “that after all the years I’ve shopped here, you won’t sell me half-a-head of lettuce?” “Look,” he said, “If you like I’ll ask the manager.” She indicated that would be appreciated, so the young man marched to the front of the store. “You won’t believe this, but there’s a lame braided idiot of a lady back there who wants to know if she can buy 1/2-a-head of lettuce.” He noticed the manager gesturing, and turned around to see the lady standing behind him, obviously having followed him to the front of the store. “And this nice lady was wondering if she could buy the
other 1/2," he concluded. Later in the day the manager cornered the young man and said, "That was the finest example of thinking on your feet I've ever seen! Where did you learn that?" "I grew up in Grand Rapids, and if you know anything about Grand Rapids, you know that it's known for its great hockey teams & its ugly women." The manager's face flushed, & he interrupted, "My wife is from Grand Rapids!" "And which hockey team did she play for?"

- **Philippians 4:13** - He who made the little slave-baby the strong champion of the Exodus; & the shepherdlad the slayer of Goliath; & the captive Daniel prime minister of mighty Babylon; He who transformed Simon to Cephas, Saul into Paul, & has made 1000's of his humble followers spiritual giants, can enable you & me to "do all things" if we live in the secret of that little phrase, "**through Christ**"! (Ed: And in the Church Age, Christ's power is dispensed by the indwelling Holy Spirit. Are you daily surrendering to the Spirit, being filled with the Spirit [Eph 5:18], walking by the Spirit [Gal 3:3; 5:16, 17, 18, 24, 25]? cp Galatians 2:20, John 6:63, 2 Cor 3:5,6, Ro 7:6).

- Philippians 1:1-18  **I Have You In My Heart**
- Philippians 1:19-30  **To Live Is Christ**
- Philippians 2:1-11  **God With Meat**
- Philippians 2:12-30  **Practical Christianity**
- Philippians 3:1-11  **Rippin Religion**
- Philippians 3:12-21  **“Paul’s To-Do List”**
- Philippians 4:1-7  **Curing Worrying**
- Philippians 4:8-13  **Unleash Your Mind, Unleash Your Maturity**

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**JOHANN (JOHN) A BENDEL**  
*Philippians Commentary*  
*Gnomon of the New Testament*

C H Spurgeon wrote that Bengel's NT commentary "is the scholar’s delight. He selected the title as modest and appropriate, intending it in the sense of a pointer or indicator, like the sun-dial (see *gnomon*); his aim being to point out or indicate the full force and meaning of the words and sentences of the New Testament. He endeavors to let the text itself cast its shadow on his page, believing with Luther that “the science of theology is nothing else but grammar exercised on the words of the Holy Spirit..... Bengel condensed more matter into a line than can be extracted from pages of other writers."

John Wesley said of Bengel "I know of no commentator on the Bible equal to Bengel" and referred to him as "The great light of the Christian world."

James Rosscup writes "This work (Gnomon), originally issued in 1742, has considerable comment on the Greek, flavoring the effort with judicious details about the spiritual life. It has much that helps, but has been surpassed by many other commentaries since its day." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](https://www.logos.com/)) or [Logos](https://www.logos.com/)

- **Philippians 1 Commentary**
- **Philippians 2 Commentary**
- **Philippians 3 Commentary**
JOHANN (JOHN) BENGEL
Philippians Commentary
The Critical English Testament

Similar to above but less Greek

Charles Haddon Spurgeon -- "'A Critical New Testament, so compiled as to enable a reader, unacquainted with Greek, to ascertain the exact English force and meaning of the language of the New Testament, and to appreciate the latest results of modern criticism.' Such is the professed aim of this commentary, and the compilers have very fairly carried out their intentions. The whole of Bengel’s Gnomon is bodily transferred into the work, and as one hundred and twenty years have elapsed since the first issue of that book, it may be supposed that much has since been added to the wealth of Scripture exposition; the substance of this has been incorporated in brackets, so as to bring it down to the present advanced state of knowledge. We strongly advise the purchase of this book, as it is multum in parvo, and will well repay an attentive perusal. Tischendorf and Alford have contributed largely, with other German and English critics, to make this one of the most lucid and concise commentaries on the text and teachings of the New Testament" (Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries; Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle)

JOSEPH A. BEET
Commentary on Philippians

Joseph Agar Beet was an English Wesleyan, born at Sheffield on Sept. 27, 1840. He attended Wesley College, Sheffield (1851-56), and took up mining engineering, but afterward studied theology at the Wesleyan College, Richmond (1862-64). He was pastor 1864-85 and professor of systematic theology in Wesleyan College, Richmond, 1885-1905. He was also a member of the faculty of theology in the University of London 1901-05. He delivered the Fernley Lecture on The Credentials of the Gospels in 1889, and lectured in America in 1896.
CHRIS BENFIELD
PHILIPPIANS
SERMONS

- Introduction to Philippians
- Philippians 1:1-2 A Greeting of Grace
- Philippians 1:3-8 Partners in the Faith
- Philippians 1:8-11 Paul's Prayer for Philippi
- Philippians 1:9-11 A Prayer of Purpose
- Philippians 1:12-18 Committed to Promoting the Gospel
- Philippians 1:19-26 Torn between Two
- Philippians 1:27-30 Behavior becoming of Citizens
- Philippians 2:1-4, Conformed to Unity
- Philippians 2:5-11 Jesus Christ - the God-Man
- Philippians 2:12-18 Motivated to Follow
- Philippians 2:19-30 Men of Faith
- Philippians 3:1-6 Focused on the Faith
- Philippians 1:27-30 The Ambassador's Duty to the King
- Philippians 2:5-11 This Man Jesus
- Philippians 2:12-16 Our Obligations in Christ
- Philippians 2:12-18 Motivated to Follow
- Philippians 3:1-6 Focused on the Faith

BIBLE.ORG RESOURCES
Resources that Reference Philippians

Hint: Do a "control + find" when you open a "hit" and search only Philippians, as well as full name.
This may take some practice but is guaranteed to yield some "gems"!
Recommended Resource

- Philippians 1
- Philippians 2
- Philippians 3
- Philippians 4

BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR
Philippians
Joseph Exell, Editor

Over 350 pages of material!
Pastor Bill's sermons usually have frequent illustrations and practical applications. - Recommended

- Philippians:1:1-6 God Finishes What He Starts
- Philippians:1:7-11 Learning to Love Others
- Philippians 1:9-11 A Prayer for Love
- Philippians:1:12-18 Making the Most of Opportunities
- Philippians:1:19-26 You Win Either Way
- Philippians:1:27-30 Serving and Struggling Together
- Philippians 2:1-11 Developing an Others Orientation
- Philippians 2:1-5 The Real Worship Wars
- Philippians 2:6-11 The Name Above Every Name
- Philippians 2:12-18 Shining Like Stars
- Philippians 2:19-30 Finding Faithful Friends (J. Williams for Brian Bill)
- Philippians 3:1-11 Losing to Gain
- Philippians 3:12-4:1 Pressing On When the Pressures On
- Philippians 4:4 Journeying to Joy
- Philippians 4:4-9 To Rejoice is a Choice
- Philippians 4:10-13 Wanting What You Already Have
- Philippians 4:14-23 Giving God Your Best
Philippians 1:1-3 Thanks for the Memories
Philippians 1:6 Can We Be Sure Salvation Will Last?
Philippians 1:6 He's Still Working On Me
Philippians 1:11 The Ties That Bind
Philippians 1:11 Our Shared Experience
Philippians 1:23-26 Ready For Heaven, But Needed On Earth
Philippians 2:5-11 Jesus the Unique Savior
Philippians 2:5-11 There's Nobody Like Jesus
Philippians 2:5-11 The Glory Of That Name
Philippians 2:9-11 The Name Above Every Name
Philippians 2:12-16 A Call To New Testament Christianity
Philippians 2:12-16 The Expectations Of The Christian Life
Philippians 2:25-30 An Anatomy Of A Lovely Christian
Philippians 3:1-3 The Possessions Of A Covenant People
Philippians 3:7-11 How To Develop A Normal Christian Life
Philippians 3:12-16 Running For The Prize
Philippians 3:13-14 Three Looks Every Church Needs To Take
Philippians 4:4-8 How To Fortify Your Mind
Philippians 4:6-7 God's Word Concerning Your Worries
Philippians 4:10-13 The Secret Society Of The Satisfied
Philippians 4:10-20 My God Shall

RICH CATHERS
Philippians Sermon Notes

Calvary Chapel, Fullerton, Ca - Frequent Use of Illustrations

Philippians 1-2 Survey
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Philippians 1:7-9
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Philippians 3:8-14
Philippians 3:15-21
Philippians 4:1-9
Sermon Notes on Philippians

These sermons function like commentaries

- Acts 15:36-16:40 The Birth of the Church at Philippi
- Philippians 1:1-2 Paul’s Perspective as a Servant
- Philippians 1:3-11 Paul’s Perspective as a Prisoner
- Philippians 1:12-18 Paul’s Perspective on Pain and Pettiness
- Philippians 1:18b-26 Paul’s Perspective on Life and Death
- Philippians 1:27-2:2 Christian Citizenship: Living Out the Gospel
- Philippians 2:1-13 The Spirit of Christ
- Philippians 2:1-18 Implications of the Incarnation
- Philippians 2:5-18 Implications of the Incarnation
- Philippians 2:3-11 The Ultimate in Humility—Leaving the Comfort Zone
- Philippians 2:12-18 Fleshing Out Your Faith
- Philippians 2:19-30 A Few Good Men
- Philippians 3:1-11 Paul’s Perspective on Profit and Loss
- Philippians 3:12-21 Paul’s Perspective on Perfectionism
- Philippians 4:1-9 Stand Fast, Stand Together
- Philippians 4:10-20 Give and Take

JOHN EADIE
Commentary on Philippians

One of the better in depth commentaries. Helps to know some Greek

Spurgeon: "A standard work. Essential to the scholarly student."

Cyril Barber - An important reprint that provides excellent definitions of the meaning of Greek words, contains an extensive discussion of the kenosis passage and presents an evaluation of the opinions of leading writers on each crucial point. First published in 1859.

D Edmond Hiebert - A full exegetical commentary by a conservative Scottish scholar of the past century; presents the various views up to the time of the author. Contains excellent definitions of Greek words, also homiletical truths.

John Cereghin, Pastor - A thorough commentary on the Greek text. He gives excellent definitions of Greek words (19), stressing even the conjunctions (169). He denies that Christ emptied Himself of His deity (102), has a thorough discussion of the whole passage (2:5-11; pages 95-129). He urges men to serve Christ "without compromise" (238). He sometimes uses Latin or German without translation.

- Philippians - Introduction — Philippians 1 Commentary
- Philippians 2 Commentary
- Philippians 3 Commentary
- Philippians 4 Commentary
EXPLORE THE BIBLE
Philippians Notes for Teaching

- Philippians 1:1-18a: Gospel Partners
- Philippians 1:18b-30: Mutual Encouragers
- Philippians 1:12-26 Link Up With Others
- Philippians 1:1-11 Keep Hope Alive
- Philippians 1:27 - 2:11
- Philippians 2:1-11: Like-Minded Believers
- Philippians 2:12-30: Christian Behavior
- Philippians 2:12-30 Light Up The World
- Philippians 2:12-30
- Philippians 3: Faithful Service
- Philippians 3:7-21
- Philippians 4: Caring Friends
- Philippians 4:1-9, 11-13, 15-19 April 10, 2011 Look Up To Heaven

EXPOSITOR'S BIBLE
Philippians (1900)
Robert Rainy

Recommended - Has an Attractive Devotional Quality

- Philippians 1:1,2 Introductory: The Salutation
- Philippians 1:3-11 The Apostle’s Mind About Philippians
- Philippians 1:12-20 How the Philippians Should Think of Paul at Rome
- Philippians 1:21-26 The Choice Between Living and Dying
- Philippians 1:27-30 Undaunted and United Steadfastness
- Philippians 2:1-4 The Mind of Christ
- Philippians 2:5-11 The Mind of Christ (Continued)
- Philippians 2:12-18 Warning and Shining
- Philippians 2:19-30 Timothy and Epaphroditus
- Philippians 3:1-8 No Confidence in the Flesh
- Philippians 3:8-11 The Knowledge of Christ
- Philippians 3:9 The Righteousness of Faith
- Philippians 3:10, 11 Resurrection Life and Daily Dying
- Philippians 3:12-17 Christian Life A Race
- Philippians 3:18, 19 Enemies of the Cross
- Philippians 3:20, 21 Our City and Our Coming King
- Philippians 4:2-7 Peace and Joy
- Philippians 4:8, 9 The Things to Fix Upon
- Philippians 4:10-23 Gifts and Sacrifices

GENE GETZ
James Rosscup (on Getz's commentary not the videos per se) - A provocative catalyst for personal study, application and growth, or group or family use, this is a well-organized little book. Each chapter has several parts: Something to Think About, A Look at Paul’s Letters, What Did Paul Say?, What Did Paul Mean?, Application, Life Response, and A Project. Each of the fourteen chapters takes a few verses, dealing briefly and simply with them.

Cyril Barber - First published a decade ago under the title A Profile of Christian Maturity. Covers Paul’s Philippian letter simply and directly. Getz shows the importance of facing life realistically.

- Philippians 1:1-2; **Leadership Development**: To produce mature and growing churches, we must make it a priority to mentor and develop qualified leaders. [Video]
- Philippians 1:3-8; **Expressing Appreciation**: Spiritual leaders should express sincere appreciation to those who partner with them in the ministry. [Video]
- Philippians 1:9-18; **The Pure Gospel**: When evaluating various ministers and ministries, we should first of all consider what is being taught regarding the deity of Jesus Christ and how to be saved. [Video]
- Philippians 1:18-26; **Eternal Values**: As those who are free to worship God and communicate the gospel, we should maintain an eternal perspective. [Video]
- Philippians 1:27-30; **Mutual Support**: When we face various challenges in life, we are to draw our strength not only from Christ's love and mercy, but from the love we have for one another. [Video]
- Philippians 2:1-8; **Imitating Christ**: To live worthy of the gospel, we must live in harmony with one another, demonstrating Christ's attitudes of unselfishness, humility, and self-sacrifice. [Video]
- Philippians 2:9-18; **Exemplifying the Incarnation**: To demonstrate to the world who Jesus Christ is, we are to work out our salvation. [Video]
- Philippians 2:19-30; **Christlike Examples**: To help Christians understand and imitate Christ's attitudes of unselfishness, humility, and self-sacrifice, we should expose them to spiritual leaders who model these qualities. [Video]
- Philippians 3:1-9; **Made Righteous by Faith**: To be faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ, we must never compromise the biblical teaching that we are made righteous by faith and faith alone. [Video]
- Philippians 3:10-21; **Progressive Sanctification**: To live in a manner worthy of the gospel, we must become more and more like the Lord Jesus Christ. [Video]
- Philippians 4:1-9; **Standing Firm**: No matter our circumstances in life, we are to stand firm in the Lord by being unified in our relationships, by seeking God's help though prayer, and by imitating Jesus Christ. [Video]
- Philippians 4:10-17; **Eternal Rewards**: Spiritual leaders whose material needs are being met by fellow Christians should serve Christ faithfully in order to add to their supporters' spiritual rewards in heaven. [Video]
Philippians 1:1-2: Prerequisites for Joy
Philippians 1:3-11: Characteristics of Christian Joy
Philippians 1:12-18: Joy in Difficult Times
Philippians 1:19-26: Joy in Difficult Times - 2
Philippians 1:27-30: A Proper Focus for Joyful Living
Philippians 2:1-4: God's... Formula for Joyful Living
Philippians 2:5-12: When God Became Man
Philippians 2:6-8: The Humble King (Isa 9:6-9)
Philippians 2:9-11: A Heavenly Inauguration
Philippians 2:12-13: Working Out Your Salvation
Philippians 2:14-18: Stars in the Night
Philippians 2:19-30: Servants and Friends
Philippians 3:1-11: Christ Alone
Philippians 3:12-14: The Focus of the Faithful
Philippians 3:15-19: Models: Good and Bad
Philippians 3:20-4:1: Something to Look Forward To
Philippians 4:2-4: Getting Along With Others in Church
Philippians 4:4: Learning to Rejoice
Philippians 4:5: Getting Rid of the Sharp Edges
Philippians 4:6-7: God's Antidote to Anxiety
Philippians 4:8-9: Taking Control of Our Thinking
Philippians 4:10-14: The Secrets of Being Content
- Philippians 3:7-11 The Journey Up the Mountain
- Philippians 3:7-11 The Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ
- Philippians 3:12-16 Hooked in the Heart
- Philippians 3:17-21 Heaven’s Pattern for Earthly Living
- Philippians 4:1-9 Conflict, Anxiety and Culture
- Philippians 4:10-13 Content in Christ, Free to Relate
- Philippians 4:14-23 The Gospel is Worth Everything You Can Give It

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Commentary Notes
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- Philippians 1 Commentary
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Commentary Notes
Philippians

- Introduction, Background, and Outline to Philippians
- Philippians 1:1-2 The Greeting
- Philippians 1:3-11 Thanksgiving and Prayer for the Philippian Church
- Philippians 1:12-18a Paul’s Circumstances Perspective, Joy & Mission in Life I
- Philippians 1:18b-26 Paul’s Circumstances Perspective, Joy & Mission in Life II
- Philippians 1:27-30 Exhortation to Unity-Part I
- Philippians 2:5-11 Exhortation to Unity-The Example of Christ
- Philippians 2:12-18 Exhortation to Unity-A Final Word Concerning Obedience
- Philippians 2:19-30 Timothy & Epaphroditus Two Examples of Humility & Unity
- Philippians 3:1-8 True Righteousness Study in Contrasts: Judaizers & Paul
- Philippians 3:9-11 True Righteousness (II) Study in Contrasts: Judaizers & Paul
- Philippians 3:12-16 Nature of Paul’s Pursuit of Christ: Living in the “Now/Not Yet”
- Philippians 3:17-21 The Exhortation to Imitate Good Examples
- Philippians 4:1-9 General Exhortations
- Philippians 4:10-23 Thanksgiving for the Philippian’s Gift and a Final Greeting

DAVID HOLWICK
Sermon Notes on Philippians

Frequent Illustrations

- Philippians 1:1-6 - Rejoice in the Lord!
Cyril Barber - IVP New Testament Commentary. An accurate explanation of the theme of this letter. Here is profound scholarship in the service of the believer.

James Rosscup on Fee's related longer commentary on NICNT - Philippians - This effort of 543 pp. with 497 on commentary replaces in the series J. J. Muller's 1955 work which also has Philemon. Fee's study is careful phrase by phrase, usually helpful, yet not as much an assist as O'Brien or Hawthorne, for example. Cf. Fee's shorter 204-pp. Philippians in the IVP NTC series (THE EDITION ONLINE BELOW), 1999. This longer attempt has a 26-pp. bibliography, and Fee reflects keen awareness of views, as in his careful assessment of efforts to divide the letter into three epistles, and Fee's reasons for unity (21–23). Another help is in giving five theological emphases (46-53). Hermeneutical factors receive attention, matters such as words, grammar, context, setting, customs.

- Philippians 1 Commentary
- Philippians 2 Commentary
- Philippians 3 Commentary
- Philippians 4 Commentary

GUY KING
Commentary on Philippians

D Edmond Hiebert - A devotional exposition of real merit in a rich homiletical style.

James Rosscup - This devotional commentary is rich in illustrations and sermonic material. Its style is vivid and interesting. It is a very good book to recommend to a layman and will do the preacher’s heart much good! It is so old it may only be available at some school libraries.

- Joy Way,1952 - online Pdf version
- Philippians 1:1-2 Salut D'Amor
- Philippians 1:3-8 The Good Companions
- Philippians 1:9-11 What A Happy Prayer!
- Philippians 1:12-26 The Happiness of a Humble Spirit
- Philippians 1:27-2:4 Happy Warriors
- Philippians 2:5-11 Rungs of Gladness
- Philippians 2:12-13 Now and How
- Philippians 2:14-18 Darkest Places Need the Brightest Lights
- Philippians 2:19-30 A Couple of Fine Specimens
**DAVID LEGGE**

**Sermons on Philippians**

- **Philippians 1:1-2** Introduction To Philippians
- **Philippians 1:3-8** A Pastor's Joy In His People - Part 1
- **Philippians 1:3-8** A Pastor's Joy In His People - Part 2
- **Philippians 1:3-8** A Pastor's Joy In His People - Part 3
- **Philippians 1:12-18** Suffering- The Catalyst Of The Gospel
- **Philippians 1:18-26** The Joy Of Suffering Service - Part 1
- **Philippians 1:18-26** The Joy Of Suffering Service - Part 2
- **Philippians 1:27-30** The Marks Of A Spiritual Church - Part 1
- **Philippians 1:27-30** The Marks Of A Spiritual Church - Part 2
- **Philippians 1:27-30** The Marks Of A Spiritual Church - Part 3
- **Philippians 2:1-12** The Majesty And Humility Of Christ - Part 1
- **Philippians 2:1-12** The Majesty And Humility Of Christ - Part 2
- **Philippians 2:12-13** The Christian Life Turned Inside Out
- **Philippians 2:14-16** Silent Lights
- **Philippians 2:17-30** Paul's Christ-Like Friends
- **Philippians 3:1-8** Secure Your Joy
- **Philippians 3:7-11** Big Appetites
- **Philippians 3:12-16** Progress In Purpose
- **Philippians 3:15-21** Orientating Our Obedience
- **Philippians 4:1-5** Happiness Needs Harmony
- **Philippians 4:6-7** The Path To Peace Of Mind - Part 1
- **Philippians 4:6-9** The Path To Peace Of Mind - Part 2
- **Philippians 4:10-13** The Secret Of Contentment
- **Philippians 4:14-23** The Conditions And Confidence Of God's Provision For Us

**JOHN MACARTHUR**

**PHILIPPIANS SERMONS**

Sermons function like commentaries. Highly Recommended

**James Rosscup** on MacArthur's commentary which is essentially a editorial reworking of the sermons below - One discovers a sensitive, adept expositional tracing of joy with pastoral alertness to giving light by which believers can make applications. MacArthur seeks to clarify each phrase.
Highlights differ for various readers. Some here are the detailed expositions of 2:13, 3:4–11, 3:12–16, 4:5 (Christ is “near” in sufficiency to help, Ps. 34:18); 4:13; 4:14–19. The work is of special use to pastors, Bible class leaders, students and lay Christians committed to patient absorbing and applying that fosters growth. This is one of the better expositions.

PHILIPPIANS 1

- Philippians 1:1-2-The Epistle of Joy
- Philippians 1:3-5-Elements of Joy Pt 1
- Philippians 1:6- Elements of Joy Pt 2
- Philippians 1:7-8-Elements of Joy Pt 3
- Philippians 1:9 Growth in Godliness 1
- Philippians 1:10-11 Growth in Godliness 2
- Philippians 1:11-11 Joy Rules click dropdown for 6 studies different than the sermons by same name
  1. The Epistle of Joy
  2. The Epistle of Joy
  3. The Epistle of Joy
  4. The Epistle of Joy
  5. The Essentials of Growth in Godliness - 1
  6. The Essentials of Growth in Godliness - 1
- Philippians 1:12-14-Joy in Spite of Trouble
- Philippians 1:12-26 To Live is Christ -click dropdown for 4 studies different than the sermons by same name
  1. Joy in Spite of Troubles
  2. Joy in Spite of Detractors
  3. Joy in Spite of Death
  4. Joy in Spite of the Flesh
- Philippians 1:15-18-Joy in Spite of Detractors
- Philippians 1:19-21-Joy in Spite of Death
- Philippians 1:22-26-Joy in Spite of the Flesh
- Philippians 1:27-30 Conduct Worthy of the Church

PHILIPPIANS 2

- Philippians 2:1-2 The Motives for Spiritual Unity
- Philippians 2:2 The Marks of Spiritual Unity
- Philippians 2:3-5 The Means to Spiritual Unity
- Philippians 2:5-8 The Model of Spiritual Unity
- Philippians 2:5-8 Humiliation of Christ
- Philippians 2:9 Exaltation of Christ- 1
- Philippians 2:5-11 Christ Humbled, Christ Exalted - click dropdown for 4 studies different than the sermons by same name
  1. The Humiliation of Christ
  2. The Exaltation of Christ - 1
  3. The Exaltation of Christ - 2
4. Jesus' Death Shows Us How to Live

- Philippians 2:10-11 Exaltation of Christ-- 2
- Philippians 2:6-11 Incarnation of Triune God
- Philippians 2:6-11 The Inside Story of the Incarnation
- Philippians 2:6-11 The Humility and Exaltation of Christ
- Philippians 2:12 God at Work in You - 1
- Philippians 2:12 God at Work in You - 2
- Philippians 2:13 God at Work in You - 3
- Philippians 2:14 Stop Complaining - 1
- Philippians 2:15-16 Stop Complaining - 2
- Philippians 2:17-18 Model Spiritual Servants: Paul
- Philippians 2:19-24 Model Spiritual Servants: Timothy
- Philippians 2:25-30 Model Spiritual Servants: Epaphroditus
- Philippians 2:19-24 Anti-Model of Leadership

PHILIPPIANS 3

- Philippians 3:1-3 Qualities of True Christian-1
- Philippians 3:1-3 Qualities of True Christian-2
- Philippians 3:1-3 Qualities of True Christian-3
- Philippians 3:1-3 Qualities of True Christian-4
- Philippians 3:4-8 Religious Credentials
- Philippians 3:4-11 Evaluating Your Relationship in Christ - 1
- Philippians 3:8-11 Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ
- Philippians 3:12-16 Evaluating Your Relationship to Christ - 2
- Philippians 3:12-16 Reaching for the Prize
- Philippians 3:17-21 Following Godly Examples
- Philippians 3:18-19 Fleeing from Enemies
- Philippians 3:20-21 Focusing on Expectations

PHILIPPIANS 4

- Philippians 4:1-9 Seven Steps of Spiritual Stability - Study Guide click dropdown, 2 studies different than the sermons by same name
  1. Spiritual Stability 1 - Introduction
  2. Spiritual Stability 2 - Harmony and Joy
- Philippians 4:1-9 Leave Me Alone; I Can't Cope
- Philippians 4:1-19 Contentment
- Philippians 4:1-19 Seven Keys to Contented Living
- Philippians 4:1 Spiritual Stability
- Philippians 4:2-4 Spiritual Stability - Harmony and Joy
- Philippians 4:5-6 Spiritual Stability - Humility and Faith
- Philippians 4:2-7 Spiritual Stability - Thankful Prayer
- Philippians 4:6-8 Spiritual Stability - Godly Thinking
- Philippians 4:9 Model of Spiritual Stability - Obedience
- Philippians 4:1 Spiritual Stability-Intro
- Philippians 4:2-4 Harmony & Joy
Philippians 4:5-6a Humility and Faith
Philippians 4:6b-7 Thankful Prayer
Philippians 4:8 Godly Thinking
Philippians 4:9 Obedience
Philippians 4:10-20 An Expression of Pastoral Gratitude
Philippians 4:10-12 Secret of Contentment 1
Philippians 4:13 Secret of Contentment - 2
Philippians 4:14-19 Secret of Contentment - 3
Philippians 4:20-23 The Saints of God

144 Library Resources on Grace to You that include mentions of Philippians

JOHN MACARTHUR'S QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON PHILIPPIANS

Philippians 1 Thankful Remembrances
Philippians 1 Is Salvation Ongoing?
Philippians 1 Living Worthy of the Gospel
Philippians 1:3 What Does True Thanksgiving Look Like?
Philippians 2 Work Out Your Salvation
Philippians 2:12 What Does It Mean to "Work Out Your Salvation"?
Philippians 4 Dealing with Personal Offenses
Philippians 4 Can You Really Do All Things?

ALEXANDER MACLAREN
Sermons on Philippians

Warm, eloquent, practical expositions. There are memorable expressions: "Life is to be as Christ, for Christ, by, in, and from Christ" - John Cereghin, Pastor

Philippians 1:1-8 Loving Greetings
Philippians 1:9-11 A Comprehensive Prayer
Philippians 1:12-20 A Prisoner's Triumph
Philippians 1:21-25 A Strait Betwixt Two
Philippians 1:27, 28 Citizens of Heaven
Philippians 2:1-4 A Plea for Unity
Philippians 2:5-8 The Descent of the Word
Philippians 2:9-11 The Ascent of Jesus
Philippians 2:12-13 Work out Your Own Salvation
Philippians 2:14-16 Copies of Jesus
Philippians 2:16-18 A Willing Sacrifice
Philippians 2:19-24 Paul and Timothy
Philippians 2:25-30 Paul and Epaphroditus
Philippians 3:1-3 Preparing to End
Philippians 3:4-8 The Loss of All
Philippians 3:8-9 The “Gain of Christ”
Philippians 3:10-11 Saving Knowledge
Philippians 3:12 Laid Hold of and Laying Hold
Philippians 3:13-14 The Race and the Goal
Philippians 3:15 The Soul’s Perfection
Philippians 3:16 The Rule of the Road
Philippians 3:17-21 Warnings and Hopes
Philippians 4:1 A Tender Exhortation
Philippians 4:3 A Names in the Book of Life
Philippians 4:6 How to Obey an Impossible Injunction
Philippians 4:7 The Warrior Peace
Philippians 4:8 Think of These Things
Philippians 4:10-14 How to Say "Thank You"
Philippians 4:15-19 Gifts Given, See Sown
Philippians 4:20-23 Farewell Words

F B MEYER
Devotionals on Philippians
Our Daily Walk
Our Daily Homily

James Rosscup - One of the famous English devotional writers and spiritual life speakers during the late 19th century and early 20th authored this perceptive and easy-flowing book. Lay persons as well as pastors and Bible teachers looking for a work that speaks to the heart and offers many insights into a deeper maturity in commitments of faith will find this a fresh breath. Meyer is known
well for his series on Bible characters—Abraham, Moses, Elijah, etc.

A warmly devotional exposition. He divides the epistle into 27 short sections, some of which are masterpieces of exposition. On Phil 2:5-8 he maintains the absolute deity as well as humanity of Christ (82-85): He empties Himself only of His glory. - John Cereghin, Pastor

- **Philippians 1:1-2** The Vestibule of the Epistle
- **Philippians 1:3-4** Prayer and Intercession
- **Philippians 1:5-11** The Grounds and Purposes of Prayer
- **Philippians 1:12-18** The Furtherance of the Gospel
- **Philippians 1:19-20** Good Out of Evil
- **Philippians 1:21-26** Whether to Live or to Die!
- **Philippians 1:27-30** The Manner of Life which becomes the Gospel
- **Philippians 2:1-4** The Entwining of Christian Hearts
- **Philippians 2:5-8** He Emptied Himself
- **Philippians 2:9-11** The Name of Names
- **Philippians 2:12-13** The Divine Energy in the Heart
- **Philippians 2:14-16** Stars to Shine: Voice to Speak
- **Philippians 2:17, 18** The Sacrificial Side of the Christian Life
- **Philippians 2:19-30** Not Sorrow Upon Sorrow
- **Philippians 3:1-3** The True Circumcision
- **Philippians 3:4-9** Selling All to Buy the Pearl
- **Philippians 3:10-11** The Soul's Quest
- **Philippians 3:12** Apprehended to Apprehend
- **Philippians 3:13-14** Onwards and Upwards
- **Philippians 3:15-16** The Attainments of the Christian Life
- **Philippians 3:17-21** The Burgesses of Heaven
- **Philippians 4:1-6** The Lord is At Hand
- **Philippians 4:2** Like-mindedness
- **Philippians 4:5** Forbearance
- **Philippians 4:7** Garrisoned in Christ
- **Philippians 4:7-8** The Sentinel of the Heart
- **Philippians 4:8-9** The Government of our Thoughts
- **Philippians 4:8-9** Six Sisters
- **Philippians 4:10-13** All Things are Possible to Him that Believes
- **Philippians 4:10-13** Three Conditions for the Grace of Contentment
- **Philippians 4:14-20** Filling and Being Filled
- **Philippians 4:21-23** Closing Salutations

**MISCELLANEOUS RESOURCES**

**Conservative, Evangelical Philippians**

**THEOLOGICAL ARTICLES FREE ONLINE...**

- Bateman, Herbert W. “Were the Opponents at Philippi Necessarily Jewish?”
- McClain, Alva J. “Doctrine of the Kenosis in Philippians 2:5-8,”
- Murray, George W. "Paul's Corporate Witness in Philippians."
- Swift, Robert C. "The Theme and Structure of Philippians
- Philippians 2:5-11 Hymn or Exalted Pauline Prose: Gordon D Fee
- Giving and Receiving in Paul's Epistles - Gerald Peterman
- Further Reflections on Philippians 2:5-11 - C F D Moule
- Fulfilling The Gospel: The Scope Of The Pauline Mission - Paul Bowers
- To What End Exegesis? Reflections on Exegesis and Spirituality in Philippians 4:10-20 - Gordon D Fee
- Epaphroditus' Sickness and the Letter to the Philippians - Colin O Buchanan
- The Interpretation of Philippians 2:5 - A T Hanson
- Philippians 2:5-11 An Early Christian Confession - R P Martin
- A Further Note on Philippians 2:5 - Michael Hollis
- The Meaning Of harpagmos In Philippians 2:6 - An Overlooked Datum For Functional Inequality Within The Godhead - Dennis Burk
- The Epistle to the Philippians - An Expanded Paraphrase - F F Bruce
- Philippians 3:11 - If By Any Means... - Donald L Norbie
- The Kenosis Question - Thomas A Thomas
- The Role Of Suffering In The Mission Of Paul And The Mission Of The Church - Robert L. Plummer
- Paul and Christian Unity: A Formal Analysis of Philippians 2:1-4 - David Alan Black
- Philippians 3:11- Attaining the Resurrection (Problem Texts) - F F Bruce
- On the Articular Infinitive in Philippians 2:6 - Denny Burk
- Sending Letters in the Ancient World: Paul and the Philippians - Stephen R Llewelyn
- Partnership in the Gospel: The Role of Women in the Church at Philippi - A Boyd Luter
- Some Reflections on New Testament Hymns - Ralph P Martin
- Philippians: From People to the Letter - Peter Oakes
- The Pattern of Christ's Sufferings: Colossians 1:24 and Philippians 3:10-11 - Andrew Perriman
- Paul's Letter to the Philippians in Light of the Disunity in the Church - Davorin Peterlin
- Thankless Thanks: The Epistolary Social Convention in Philippians 4:10-20 Gerald W Peterman
- Caesarea, Rome, and the Captivity Epistles - Bo Reicke
- Philippians 3:6 - Blameless Before God" - Alan Thompson
- He Emptied Himself - Robert E Wilson
- Christian Identity and Christian Worship in Philippians 3:3 - Andrew V Snider
- Self-Emptying (Philippians 2:5-8) T V PHILIP
- The Mind of Christ (Philippians 2:3-11) T V PHILIP

BEST COMMENTARIES

- Best Commentaries on Philippians - Tim Challies
- Top 5 Commentaries on the Book of Philippians by Keith Mathison

CYRIL BARBER - The Minister's Library Volume 2, The Minister's Library Volume 3

- Briscoe, D. Stuart. Philippians: Happiness Beyond Our Happenings. Wheaton, IL: Harold Shaw Publishers, 1993. First published in 1975 and reprinted in 1984. Comprises a lay person’s commentary on Philippians that is plain and practical, and explains how believers may endure suffering while at the same time meeting their problems with faith and courage. The result is
the ability to live consistently for the Lord. Recommended.

- Cradock, Fred B. Philippians. Interpretation. Atlanta: John Knox Press, 1985. This commentary deals with the text as a letter giving us a window on a relationship between a pastor and a church. The purpose is to inform as well as inspire those in the church. The implications of this letter are evident. Cradock uses this as a vehicle for communicating the essence of Paul's epistle to the Philippians. Down-to-earth and helpful.


- Fee, Gordon D. Paul's Letter to the Philippians. New International Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995. This is a most valuable contribution to the literature on this prison epistle. Fee is a premier NT scholar. His handling of the Greek text is superb. Pastors will find this study of Philippians to be of inestimable help in the preparation of their expository messages.


- Foulkes, Francis. The Letter of Paul to the Philippians: An Introduction and Commentary. Tyndale New Testament Commentary. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1991. One of the best works in this series. The introduction is extensive and up-to-date. The comments on the text are apropos. Behind the writer’s exposition there lies vast learning in a variety of disciplines. Each of these is used to illustrate or highlight aspects of the Biblical text.


- Govett, Robert. Govett on Philippians. Miami Springs, Fla.: Conley and Schoettle Publishing Co., 1985. The late Wilbur M. Smith said, "Govett summarizes what most commentators have attempted to say." He was in the best sense of the word a doctrinal preacher. His handling of the theme of this epistle is weak, but his presentation of its theology is excellent.


- *Hutchinson, John. Exposition of Paul's Epistle to the Philippians. Minneapolis: Klock & Klock Christian Publishers, 1985. This expositional commentary traces with care the unfolding of Paul's thought and applies the principles that are laid bare to the needs of believers. Hutchinson deals deftly with the apostle's varying moods and shows how these provide a pattern for the Christian's own growth. This is an excellent volume, perspicuous and practical.


Moule, Handley Carr Glyn. The Epistle to the Philippians. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1981. First published in 1897 as a part of the Cambridge Greek Testament, this insightful study treats the key words and phrases of this prison epistle.


Pentecost, John Dwight. The Joy of Living. A Study of Philippians. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1973. This series of expository messages not only does justice to the apostle's stated purpose but also edifies and enriches the reader as he is led by this master of the pulpit to understand the theme of this epistle. Recommended.


Phillips, John. Exploring Philippians. Neptune, NJ: Loizeaux Brothers, 1995. Phillips is well-known for his alliterative outlines of the books of the Bible that are a part of his growing list of expositions. Here he treats Paul’s imprisonments (in Phillipi and Rome), his concern for those whom he had won to Christ, and his exhortation to right conduct. Greek word studies are interspersed throughout, but not in a way that detracts from the devotional tone of the book. Recommended.

Silva, Moises. Philippians. Wycliffe Exegetical Commentary. Chicago: Moody Press, 1988. Based upon the Greek text, this very thorough, readable commentary ably elucidates the message of Paul's letter. Silva's scholarship is evident, but he does not bore his readers with technical trivia. Instead, there is a fine blend of scholarship and devotion.


*Vaughan, Charles John. Epistle to the Philippians. Minneapolis: Klock & Klock Christian Publishers, 1984. First published in 1872. These expository studies should be in the library of every pastor. They provide vivid and lasting impressions of the theme of this epistle and of the message Paul intended to convey to his readers. Excellent.

GOTQUESTIONS.ORG

- Questions about Philippians
- Book of Philippians - Bible Survey
- What are the prison epistles?
- How can I experience joy in my Christian life?
- Philippians 1:21 What does it mean “to live is Christ”?
- What does it mean that “to die is gain” (Philippians 1:21)?
- Philippians 2:3 What does it mean to do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit?
- Philippians 2:3-4 What does the Bible say about selfishness?
- Philippians 2:5 What does the Bible say about attitude? (humility?)
- Philippians 2:10-11 What does it mean and when will it happen that every knee shall bow?
- Philippians 2:12 What does it mean to work out salvation with fear and trembling?
- Philippians 2:12-13 What is progressive sanctification?
- Philippians 2:25-30 Who was Epaphroditus in the Bible?
- Philippians 4:7 What is the peace that passes all understanding?
- Philippians 4:7 What is the peace of God, and how can I experience it?
- Philippians 4:13 Can I really do all things through Christ?

HOLMAN PUBLISHING

- Holman Christian Standard Bible Study Bible - Well done conservative notes. Includes access to Holman NT Commentary on each Gospel (see Library in left gutter).

RICHARD PATTERSON

- Christians As Athletes - discusses athletic metaphor as used by Paul in Corinthians and Philippians epistles and - Here is an excerpt related to Philippians -

**IN PHILIPPIANS** - Paul also discusses the historical fact of Christ’s resurrection and its crucial importance to living a full and enjoyable Christian life in his Epistle to the Philippians. Thus in Philippians 3:9-11 Paul assumes the historical validity of Christ’s literal, bodily resurrection from the grave. This is a truth he affirms distinctly elsewhere. Indeed, Paul gave formal testimony to having personally met the risen Lord Jesus (Acts 22:6-11; 24:15, 21; 26:15-23). He made Christ’s Resurrection the central theme of many of his sermons (e.g., Acts 13:29-33; 17:29-31). He explained to the early Christians that Christ’s resurrection was not only a historical fact but integral to the believer’s salvation (Ro 5:8-10; 1 Cor. 15:1-19).

Elsewhere Paul taught that Christ’s resurrection is the full proof and assurance of the believer’s own resurrection (Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 15:20-51). And not only that, but Paul declared that the risen Christ has taken up His abode in the believer in vital, spiritual, organic union with him (Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:18-20, 27-28). Accordingly, the believer has a ready source for living an abundant life in Christ with great power and personal godliness (Ro 6:5-14). Like Paul, Christians should
also have a deep concern that all may come to know the crucified and risen Christ as Savior and Lord (2 Cor. 5:14-21).

All of these truths, taught so clearly elsewhere by Paul, are in view in Philippians 3. With an impassioned eloquence Paul moves from the mention of Christ’s resurrection after His suffering at the cross (Phil. 3:10) to the reality of the believer’s new life here and now as he awaits his own resurrection with the saints to a glorified life hereafter Phil 3:11): (Click for full lengthy discussion)
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- Philippians 1:1-11  Philippians - The Joyful Letter
- Philippians 1:6  Ephesians 2:10;  Bridging the Gap
- Philippians 1:12-26  What Trials and Tribulations Can and Cannot Do
- Philippians 1:27-30  Being A Christian in a Non-Christian World
- Philippians 2:1-11  Following His Example
- Philippians 2:3-11  The Way Up Is Down
- Philippians 2:5  Created to Become Like Christ
- Philippians 2:5-11  All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
- Philippians 2:12-18  Whine or Shine
- Philippians 2:19-30  Kindred Spirits
- Philippians 3:1-11  Learning How to Count
- Philippians 3:12-21  Running to Win
- Philippians 4:1-9  A Word for the Worrier
- Philippians 4:6-7; 1 Peter 5:7  I Must Tell Jesus
- Philippians 4:8-9  Psalm 1:1-3  The Energizing Impact of Scripture
- Philippians 4:10-23  Marks of Maturity
- Philippians 4:19, Romans 8:32  All You Want for Christmas

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- Philippians 2:5-11  An Eternal View of Christmas
- Philippians 2:5-11  Condescending Love
- Philippians 2:14-16  Our Witness in Attitude
- Philippians 3:17-4:1  Living On Earth As If in Heaven
- Philippians 4:6-7  God's Cure for Our Anxieties
- Philippians 4:10-14  From Christ to Contentment

DON ANDERSON

- Philippians - Q & A Format

WILLIAM BARRICK

- The Joy Way--Philippians  -42 pages
- The Joy Way--Philippians Handout
BRIAN BILL

- Philippians 2:1-5 The Real Worship Wars
- Philippians 2:6-11 The Name Above Every Name
- Philippians 4:4 Journeying to Joy
- Philippians 4:6-9 Partaking of Peace

JIM BOMKAMP

- Philippians 1:1-18
- Philippians 1:19-30
- Philippians 2:1-8
- Philippians 2:9-30
- Philippians 3:1-9
- Philippians 3:10-21
- Philippians 4:1-8
- Philippians 4:9-23

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- Philippians 1:1 - To the Saints of Philippi
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- Philippians 2:6-8 Communion Service
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- Philippians 2:12-13 God Worketh in You
- Philippians 2:15 Faith of Our Fathers
Philippians 2:19-20  The God-Man, Christ Jesus
Philippians 2:25-30 Gambling Your Life on God
Philippians 2:25-30 He Gambled His Life on God
Philippians 2:25-30 Gambling Your Life on God -1992
Philippians 3:4-10 That We Might Win Christ
Philippians 3:4-15 That I May Win Christ
Philippians 3:10 The Power Of His Resurrection
Philippians 3:14 The State of the Church
Philippians 3:12-14 The Golden Tomorrow
Philippians 3:12-14 We Begin Our Fortieth Year
Philippians 3:12-14 The State of the Church
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Philippians 3:12 The Best Years of Our Life
Philippians 3:12-14 Pressing Toward the Prize
Philippians 3:12-21 Our Golden Tomorrow (37th Anniversary)
Philippians 3:12-14 Advantages and Disadvantages of a Long Pastorate
Philippians 3:13-14 Pressing Toward the Prize
Philippians 3:13-14 The Year Past and Before Us
Philippians 3:13-14 Pressing Toward the Prize
Philippians 3:14 Goal of the New Year
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Philippians 3:20 Colonies of Heaven
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Philippians 4:3 The Savage Meets The Savior
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Philippians 1:6 He Finishes What He Starts
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Here is an excerpt from Chapter XI "Working Out One's Salvation" (Php 2:12-13) -

"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation" (Phil. 2:12, 13). And that introductory word “wherefore” dares to link our little life with the glorious life of our exalted Lord. The Apostle fixes his wondering gaze upon the humility of the Lord Jesus as He moves from the throne to the footstool, and enters into human lot, and stepping into our coldest needs touches even the chills and the darkness of death. “Wherefore,” with this silent-compelling glory of the Lord before our eyes, “work out your own salvation.” And indeed the way of sacrifice is the only appointed road of salvation. It is only by descending into another man's lot, and lifting him out of his difficulty, that we can possibly raise ourselves. In the Christian life it is pre-eminently true that to stoop is to conquer. The heavenly road seems to go down, but the descent is the secret of ascension. We “take root downward,” but only in order that we may “bear fruit upward.” “No man, by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature,” but this is precisely what he can do if only he is “taking thought” for others. If we take upon us “the form of a servant,” we shall most assuredly acquire the mien and majesty of
the monarch. Wondrous things emerge in our own character while we seek to serve and beautify our brother. All strength which is consecrated to the service of others reacts upon our own powers, and incites and develops them. Our spiritual powers are like bulbs which are ours as the gifts of God’s grace, but in multitudes of lives they remain like bulbs in the florist’s window, unopened and unrevealed. They are not “worked out,” and this because we have not brought the right ministry to bear upon them—we have not provided the requisite conditions. The man who never descends into the lot of others, among the sorrow-stricken, or the fallen, deprives himself of the very elements which he needs for the fertilisation of his own powers. If we are to “work out” ourselves, it is absolutely essential that we should be workers for others. We can never share in the exaltation of our Lord unless in our own degree we share the pain and weariness of His humiliation. “Now this that He ascended, what is it but that He first of all descended? “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. And this is the mood in which we are to do our service, but we may at once assure ourselves that it is not the cringing, fearful mood of the slave. Our Father does not want slaves about His feet; He seeks sons and daughters, moving in “the glorious liberty of the children of God.” He does not wish us to creep in fear along life’s way, as though at any moment we might feel the lash about our shoulders. “Henceforth I call you not bond-servants but friends.” But there is the fear of the lover as well as the fear of the slave, and this is a fear which only heightens and clarifies our joy. The lover is tremblingly sensitive to his loved one’s presence. He knows the wish of the dear one before it is uttered. The birth of the desire marks the beginning of his service. He is like a most delicate “receiver” which trembles at the impact of the faintest vibration and registers its approach. And such is to be our sensitiveness to the presence and will of our God. We are to be so delicately sensitive towards Him as to discern the faintest indication of His purpose. We are to be like aspen leaves in the light breath of a summer’s morning; we are to be sensible of His breathings. We are not to work among our fellows and lose the “love-touch” with our God. We are to keep ourselves tremblingly alert to the Eternal, in order that in any and in every moment we may receive the message of the Eternal mind. And so it is not the servility of the slave which is enjoined in the words “with fear and trembling.” It is the exquisite responsiveness of the devoted lover.

“For it is God which worketh in you.” Amid all our working God is not passive. He is no mere spectator; He is a fellow-labourer with the saints. We are called upon to be tremblingly alert because our God is ever about and within us in wonder-working ministry. It is only possible for us to “work out” in proportion as He “works in.” He worketh in us “to will.” The initial impulse is of His creation. No decree is born which is not the offspring of His brooding ovet us. Every holy initiative springs from Him, and from Him alone. But holy impulse might only mock us if we were denied the requisite power for its maturity. Desire would only add to our burden if there were no possibility of attainment. Far better be without the impulse if we can never reach the goal. But our God worketh in us, “to will and to do,” He “inspires the earliest impulse,” He “directs the final achievement.” He creates the
desire, and provides the resource for its accomplishment. He creates the hunger, and He supplies the bread. He conveys to us, by the ministry of His good Spirit, the power to do, the power to become, the power to realise the amazing purposes of "His good pleasure." This is a word abounding in inspiration. It offers both life and light for our ministry in the service of others. The Valley of Humility is an exceedingly gracious place if we walk it in the fear of the Lord. It is not a stony waste, but a garden full of fair and fragrant flowers, with the birds singing on every side. Let us descend its slopes, and we shall not have taken many steps before we shall find some of the sweet "lilies of peace" growing about our feet.

**WILLIAM KELLY**

Spurgeon: "Much that is excellent placed in "darkness visible.""

- Philippians 1 Commentary
- Philippians 2 Commentary
- Philippians 3 Commentary
- Philippians 4 Commentary

**H A A KENNEDY**

- The Epistle to the Philippians Expositor's Greek Testament Commentary
- Philippians 1 Commentary
- Philippians 2 Commentary
- Philippians 3 Commentary
- Philippians 4 Commentary

**PAUL KRETZMANN - Popular Commentary**

- Introduction
- Philippians 1 Commentary
- Philippians 2 Commentary
- Philippians 3 Commentary
- Philippians 4 Commentary

**LANGE COMMENTARY**

Spurgeon: These volumes are not all of equal value, but as a whole, they are a grand addition to our stores. The American translators have added considerably to the German work, and in some cases these additions are more valuable than the original matter. For homiletical purposes these volumes are so many hills of gold, but, alas, there is dross also, for Baptismal Regeneration and other grave errors occur.

John Cereghin, Pastor - Braune, Karl, Philippians in Lange's Commentary on the Holy Scriptures, n.d. (first American edition 1870), 76 pages. A conservative Lutheran exposition. He has thorough comments based on the Greek text, argues for the unity of the book and its Pauline authorship (5), describes the subjective mediation of Christ (17). On 2:5-11 he teaches the pre-existence of Christ (32) and His deity (33); he denies that He emptied Himself of His deity...
J B LIGHTFOOT

James Rosscup - This 1879 work is outstanding in Greek exegesis and thus is valuable to have. Other commentaries like Carson, Hendriksen, King, Lloyd-Jones, MacArthur, Meyer, Pentecost, Robertson and Rees will have to supply the devotional aspect.

John Cereghin - The most thorough and helpful commentary on the Greek text. He discusses every grammatical and interpretative problem in the book and has extended notes on special subjects (see on "bishop" and "presbyter" 95-99). He defends the pre-existence and deity of Christ, holding that He emptied Himself "not of His divine nature, for this was impossible, but of the glories, the prerogatives, of Deity. This He did by taking upon Him the form of a servant" (112). There are also extended dissertations of "The Christian Ministry" and "St. Paul and Seneca."

D Edmond Hiebert - Greek text. A standard commentary; deals thoroughly with grammatical and interpretative problems of the epistle. Contains an elaborate introduction and two lengthy dissertations (half of the volume) on "The Christian Ministry" and "Saint Paul and Seneca."

HENRY MAHAN

PG MATTHEW - sermons

(35).
**Philippians 4:19 A New Year Blessing**
**Philippians 4:4-7 Renewing the Covenant: Don’t Worry?**

**J VERNON MCGEE - Thru the Bible Commentary**
- **Philippians Commentary (all chapters on one page)**
- **Philippians 1 Commentary**
- **Philippians 2 Commentary**
- **Philippians 3 Commentary**
- **Philippians 4 Commentary**

**F B MEYER Through the Bible Commentary**
- **Philippians Introduction**
- **Philippians 1 Commentary**
- **Philippians 2 Commentary**
- **Philippians 3 Commentary**
- **Philippians 4 Commentary**

**H A W MEYER**

**John Cereghin, Pastor** - No doubt wonderfully learned, but we cannot get on with it. Quotations from heretics we have happily never heard of before are of no great use to simple believers like ourselves. -

**G CAMPBELL MORGAN (Brief overview)**
- **Philippians 1 Commentary**
- **Philippians 2 Commentary**
- **Philippians 3 Commentary**
- **Philippians 4 Commentary**

**HENRY NEWLAND (1860)**
- **Introduction**
- **Philippians 1 Commentary**
- **Philippians 2 Commentary**
- **Philippians 3 Commentary**
- **Philippians 4 Commentary**

**ROBERT NEIGHBOUR - Living Water Commentary**
- **Philippians 1 Commentary**
- **Philippians 2 Commentary**
- **Philippians 3 Commentary**
JAMES NISBET
- Introduction to the Church Pulpit Commentary
- Philippians 1 Commentary
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WILLIAM NIVEN
- Philippians - Family Readings (1873)

FREDERICK A NOBLE
- Philippians - Discourses (1896)

ARTHUR PEAKE
- Philippians 1 Commentary
- Philippians 2 Commentary
- Philippians 3 Commentary
- Philippians 4 Commentary

J B GOUGH PIDGE
- Commentary on the epistle to the Philippians (1890)

PETER PETT
- Philippians 1 Commentary
- Philippians 2 Commentary
- Philippians 3 Commentary
- Philippians 4 Commentary

ALFRED PLUMMER (1919)
- Introduction
- Philippians 1 Commentary
- Philippians 2 Commentary
- Philippians 3 Commentary
- Philippians 4 Commentary

MATTHEW POOLE
- Introduction
- Philippians 1 Commentary
- Philippians 2 Commentary
A T Robertson (1917)

**Rosscup** - Though he discusses Philippians in his Word Pictures, Robertson here devotes an entire detailed book on the epistle. He is rich in word studies and in the explanation of the text.

**John Cereghin, Pastor** - Expository messages based on the Greek text of Philippians. They are warm-hearted and genuinely helpful. He gives the exact vocabulary meaning of words, as well as the interpretation of passages. On Phil 2:1-11 he affirms the full humanity and deity of Christ (130). His exaltation is "the taking up of the humanity of Jesus into His deity with new glory" (140).
JOHNNY SANDERS

- [Philippians Commentary (150 pages)] - published 2005

RAYMOND SAXE - sermon notes

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JOHN SCHULTZ

- Philippians Commentary

SERMON BIBLE

- Philippians 1 Commentary
- Philippians 2 Commentary
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CHUCK SMITH

- Philippians 1 Commentary
- Philippians 2 Commentary
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- Philippians 4 Commentary
- Sermon Notes for Philippians 1
- Sermon Notes for Philippians 1:21
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- Sermon Notes for Philippians 3
- Sermon Notes for Philippians 3:7-14
- Sermon Notes for Philippians 3:9
- Sermon Notes for Philippians 4
- Sermon Notes for Philippians 4:6

HAMILTON SMITH

- The Epistle to the Philippians

SPEAKER’S COMMENTARY

Spurgeon: Speaker's in general "contains much which tends to illustrate the text; but if you had it you would not turn to it for spiritual food, or for fruitful suggestion, or if you did so, you would be disappointed. The object of the work is to help the general reader to know what the Scriptures really say and mean, and to remove some of the difficulties. It keeps to its design and in a measure accomplishes it."

- Philippians 1 Commentary
- Philippians 2 Commentary
- Philippians 3 Commentary
- Philippians 4 Commentary

JOSEPH SUTCLIFFE

- Philippians Introduction
Spurgeon - Trapp will be most valuable to men of discernment, to thoughtful men, to men who only want a start in a line of thought, and are then able to run alone. Trapp excels in witty stories on the one hand, and learned allusions on the other. You will not thoroughly enjoy him unless you can turn to the original, and yet a mere dunce at classics will prize him. His writings remind me of himself: he was a pastor, hence his holy practical remarks; he was the head of a public school, and everywhere we see his profound scholarship; he was for some time amid the guns and drums of a parliamentary garrison, and he gossips and tells queer anecdotes like a man used to soldier-life; yet withal, he comments as if he had been nothing else but a commentator all his days. Some of his remarks are far-fetched, and like the far fetched rarities of Solomon’s Tarshish, there is much gold and silver, but there are also apes and peacocks. His criticisms would some of them be the cause of amusement in these days of greater scholarship; but for all that, he who shall excel Trapp had need rise very early in the morning. Trapp is my especial companion and treasure; I can read him when I am too weary for anything else. Trapp is salt, pepper, mustard, vinegar, and all the other condiments. Put him on the table when you study, and when you have your dish ready, use him by way of spicing the whole thing. Yes, gentlemen, read Trapp certainly, and if you catch the infection of his consecrated humor, so much the better for your hearers. (Lectures to My Students: Volume 4: Commenting on Commentaries)
Spurgeon: Deservedly esteemed. Dr. Vaughan gives a literal translation of his text from the original Greek, and then expounds it, believing it, as he says, “to be the duty of every Christian teacher to assist his congregation in drinking not of the stream only, but at the spring of revealed truth.” St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians - commentary (1885)

- St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians - Lectures (1862)

THOMAS WALKER

- The Epistle to the Philippians (1919)

DANIEL WHEDON

- Philippians 1 Commentary
- Philippians 2 Commentary
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MARVIN VINCENT

- Philippians Introduction
- Philippians 1 Commentary
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- Philippians 3 Commentary
- Philippians 4 Commentary

G C WILLIS

John Cereghin, Pastor - Devotional meditations on Philippians by a missionary. He gives the theme verse of the book (Phil 1:21); stresses the recognizing, not appointment, of elders; gives many illustrations from Chinese missions; distinguishes between Greek words; shows 7 steps down in Christ's humiliation and 7 up in exaltation provides insight from the papyri; holds that "work out" means "cultivate"; teaches the Pre-tribulation Rapture; warns about the ease with which misunderstandings arise between believers.

- Philippians Commentary - Sacrifices of Joy
- Philippians 1 Commentary
- Philippians 2 Commentary
- Philippians 3 Commentary
- Philippians 4 Commentary

KENNETH WUEST - recommended resource - 53 pages - online.

D Edmond Hiebert - A simplified commentary on the Greek for the benefit of
the English reader; seeks to convey the meaning of the original by means of an expanded translation with exegetical comments and word studies.

- Philippians Commentary - Verse by Verse Comments

**PHILIPPIANS 1**

**J R MILLER**

- Philippians 1:3 Devotional
- Philippians 1:21 Devotional

**THOMAS WATSON**

- Philippians 1:1-11 The Trees of Righteousness Blossoming and Bringing Forth Fruit

**JOHN KITTO**

- Philippians 1:8 The Heart of Flesh - 45th Week

**OCTAVIUS WINSLOW**

- Philippians 1:11 Devotional - go to October 14

**A W PINK**

- Philippians 1:9-11 Prayer for Discerning Love
- Philippians 1:11 Prayer for Fruits of Righteousness

**ROBERT MORGAN**

- Philippians 1:12 Insignificance Into Influence (Ro 8:28)

**WILLIAM GRAHAM SCROGGIE**

- Philippians 1:9-11 Prayer for Discerning Love

**D MARTYN LLOYD JONES**

- Philippians 1:21 He and He Alone

**PAUL TAYLOR**

- Philippians 1:27-30, Philippians 2:1-4 Stand As One
- Philippians 1:1-11 A Model of Love

**ALAN REDPATH**
Except - The most important effect of any adversity is not its outcome on the world or upon other Christians, but its outcome in your own life. We are not saved in order to be a blessing to other people--you will be that inevitably--but primarily we are saved in order to be conformed to the likeness of Jesus Christ, God's Son. In order to fulfil that purpose, God will put His children through any fire if only He may mould and fashion them and make them what He wants them to be--like Jesus. Everyone of us, without exception, as we apply these words to our own lives, would support the statement I have made because what you have gone through has either hardened you or melted you. (Read more >)

C H SPURGEON

- Philippians 1:21 For Me to Live is Christ

JAMES HASTINGS

- Philippians 1:21 Paul's Ruling Passion

OCTAVIUS WINSLOW

- Philippians 1:21 Devotional - see Dec 23
- Philippians 1:29 Devotional - see Feb 6

THOMAS WATSON

- Philippians 1:21 The Death of the Righteous
- Philippians 1:23 The Saint's Desire to be with Christ

H C G MOULE

- Philippians 1:20-21 Homesick for Heaven

SERMON CENTRAL - Be discerning - these are of variable quality.

- Philippians 1 Sermons  - 760
- Philippians 2 Sermons  - 1040
- Philippians 3 Sermons  - 989
- Philippians 4 Sermons  - 1042

PHILIPPIANS 2

BOB DEFFINBAUGH

- Philippians 2:1-18 Implications of the Incarnation
- Philippians 2:5-18 Personal Implications of the Incarnation

J H JOWETT
Philippians 2:3 Strife and Vain Glory

KENNETH BOA

- Philippians 2 - Humility

JAMES SMITH

- Philippians 2:5-11 The Self-Humbled But God-Exalted Christ
- THE SELF-HUMBLED BUT GOD-EXALTED CHRIST. Philippians 2:5-11

JOHN WALVOORD

- Philippians 2:5-11 The Humiliation of the Son of God

TRACIE WALLACE

- Philippians 2:5-11 The incarnation of Christ

G CAMPBELL MORGAN

- Philippians 2:5 The Life of the Christian - Its Consciousness

WIL POUNDS

- Philippians 2:5 The Attitude of Christ

JOHN OWEN

- Philippians 2:5-8 The Humiliation and Condescension of Christ

GORDON FEE

- Philippians 2:5-11 Hymn or Exalted Pauline Prose?

GENE BROOKS

- Philippians 2:5-11 Get an Attitude

MARTIN LUTHER

- Philippians 2:5-11 Threefold Righteousness

PAUL TAYLOR

- Philippians 2:5-8 Becoming Nothing
- Philippians 2:19-24 Kingdom Companions
- Philippians 2:5-11 Imitating the Impossible
- Philippians 2:1-30 Kingdom Power
But, then, what is the manner in which we do this (WORK OUT OUR SALVATION)? The Apostle says that we are to do it 'with fear and trembling'. Here again we must define our terms. He does not mean that we must do it in fear of losing our salvation. You will find that in the New Testament these words never carry that implication. When Paul wrote to the Corinthians 'I was with you ... in fear, and in much trembling' (1 Cor 2:3), he did not mean that he was afraid that he would lose his soul. Neither is it a kind of craven fear, one of self torment. It means humility and a holy reverence, or, if you like, a holy vigilance and circumspection. It means that as I work out my salvation, I should realise the tremendous seriousness of what I am doing. I wonder whether this is not the thing which needs to be emphasised most at the present time, not least in the ranks of evangelical people? I wonder why it is that the whole idea of the godly man has somehow or other got lost amongst us? Why is it that Christian people are not described as 'god-fearing' people? Why is it that there is such a difference between us and the Christian of a hundred or two hundred years ago, or the Puritan of the seventeenth century? They were truly Christian. 'Methodist', too, was a kind of nickname given to people because of their methodical life. I wonder why it is that somehow or other we have lost this particular sense of the Christian life? I have no doubt but that the explanation is that it is an overreaction on our part from the pure legalism that was so common at the turn of the century when many people had lost the true spirit of the New Testament. They imposed a certain kind of life upon themselves and upon their children; they laid down rules and regulations; and people then reacted and said, 'That is pure legalism, not Christianity.' But now we are so much like everybody else because we have forgotten this about 'fear and trembling', vigilance and circumspection. Sometimes I am afraid we have been so anxious not to give the impression that to be Christian means being miserable, that we have imagined that we must be smiling and laughing all the time and we have believed in this so-called 'muscular' Christianity. Now I
suggest that that is somewhat of a denial of what is taught here. The Christian must of necessity be a serious and sober man. 'With fear and trembling' means a holy reverence and awe of God. I must realise that the God with whom I am concerned is 'the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning' (Jas. 1: 17), that 'God is light, and in him is no darkness at all' (1 John 1:5). If he is in the light, I must walk in the light (v.7). Also, I should have a fear of the world in the sense that I realise that the world is opposed to me, that it is there to drag me down and away from God. I should have a healthy respect for it. I should also fear myself. A man who knows his own heart is a man who cannot be light and carefree and flippant. He knows that in his flesh there 'dwelleth no good thing'. The Christian is one who works out his own salvation with fear and trembling; fear lest he should fail or falter, lest he should not discern the subtlety of the world, the power of sin and his own weakness, and the holiness of God. So he walks with gravity lest he should be unworthy of this great salvation. (Read more>

WIL POUNDS

- Philippians 2:12-18 Work out Your Salvation

G CAMPBELL MORGAN - 15 page article

- Philippians 2:12-16 The Life of the Christian - Its Value (Pdf allows copy and paste)

Excerpt - Many years ago, before the Christian Mission had become the Salvation Army, and before its evangelists became officers, wearing uniforms, William Booth was one day travelling in a railway carriage, when three men stepped in at a wayside station, and as the train proceeded, engaged in conversation concerning the fact that they had procured for certain premises a license for the sale of strong drink. They spoke of the advantages of the situation, and of the great success that was assured to them in the conduct of the business. William Booth sat and listened until his soul burned within him, and then turning to them, he told them that he had listened to their conversation with interest, that he had heard all they had said about the advantages of the property and the certainty of great financial success. But, he continued, that there were things of which he had not heard them say one word, that would invariably be connected with the conduct of their business. He told them they had said nothing about ruined homes and broken hearts and degraded womanhood and blighted children and damned souls. "All these things, gentlemen," said he, "will result from your successful business." Of course, an argument ensued, until at last one man, feeling the force of the passionate words of the earnest man, said in self-defence, "But, Sir, I must live, and I have no other means of livelihood." The reply of the Christian came clear and sharp, "My dear sir, there is no necessity that you should live at all. The one thing necessary is that you should be pure, and if to keep your purity you must die, then you had better die." That is undoubtedly a superlative illustration, and yet it is a true illustration of the Christian's attitude toward evil. Evil is never necessary, and under no circumstances need it be chosen. Sin is utterly useless to men for the fulfillment of the highest possibilities of their lives, and consequently is always unnecessary. There can come no occasion when it is needful to choose even what may be spoken of as a "less evil!" Death is for ever preferable to wrongdoing. That is surely the meaning of the whole story of the martyrs and confessors of the past, and surely also it is the testimony that Christians should constantly bear in the present age, and, in deed, the testimony which they must bear, if in them and through them Christ lives and works. The value of the life of the Christian is that it, and it alone, bears unequivocal and uncompromising testimony against sin. (Read on>
ED COMMENT - The preceding excerpt reminds me of the definition of the word compromise. Compromise means to give up some demands and agree on something less than what was originally wanted. Compromise is an adjustment of opposing principles, systems, etc. by modifying some aspects of each. Finally, and especially relevant to a Christian's life and its value, compromise is exposure, as of one's reputation, to danger, suspicion, or disrepute, a weakening, as of one's principles! Beware when you begin to compromise dear brother or sister. As they say compromise is a "slippery slope!"

JOHN WESLEY

- Philippians 2:12-13 On Working Out Our Own Salvation
- Philippians 2:12-13 On Working Out Our Own Salvation

THOMAS WATSON

- Philippians 2:12-13 The One Thing Necessary

ROBERT MORGAN

- Philippians 2:5-7 God in Three Persons Blessed Trinity
- Philippians 2:12-13 We're Made to Bring God Pleasure

DAVID L KENNARD

- Philippians 2:9-11 The Exaltation of Christ

RUSSELL SMITH

- Philippians 2:12-18 Rejoice, God is At Work in You!

JOHN ANGELL JAMES

- Philippians 2:15 A chameleon kind of religion

G. CAMPBELL MORGAN

- Philippians 2:15 Holiness: A Present Possibility

GREG HERRICK

- Philippians 2:19-30 Timothy and Epaphroditus: Two Examples of Humility and Unity

J R MILLER

- Philippians 2:29 Devotional

JOHN STEVENSON
PHILIPPIANS 3

BOB DEFFINBAUGH

- Philippians 3 - Paul, A Disciple to Imitate

JOSEPH PARKER

- Philippians 3:1 Religious Joys

ROBERT MORGAN

- Philippians 3:1-15 One Thing I Do

JAMES HASTINGS

- Philippians 3:7-9 The Excellent Exchange
- Philippians 3:10-11 The Power of His Resurrection

J R MILLER

- Philippians 3:13 Devotional
- Philippians 3:14 Devotional
- Philippians 3:12-14 Go Forward!

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- Philippians 3:8 Devotional - July 22
- Philippians 3:12 Devotional - May 18
- Philippians 3:20 Devotional - April 8

JAMES SMITH

- Philippians 3:7-14 Holy Aspirations
- Philippians 3:20-21; Philippians 4:5-6 The Believer's Position Expectation And Preparation

JOHN MACDUFF

- Philippians 3:8 Imputed Righteousness

GEORGE MACDONALD

- Philippians 3:8, 9 Righteousness

GEORGE WHITEFIELD
Philippians 3:10 Power of Christ's Resurrection

JOHN OWEN
- Philippians 3:10 Discourse 12

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- Philippians 3:12-21 Running to Win

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- Philippians 3:13 One Thing I Do!

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- Philippians 3:13-14 Pressing On
- Philippians 3:20-21 Citizenship in Heave

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- Philippians 3:20 Looking for Jesus

 MARTIN LUTHER
- Philippians 3:17-21 Enemies of the Cross

JONATHAN EDWARDS
- Philippians 3:17: Character of Paul

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JAMES HASTINGS
- Philippians 4:4 Christian Joy
- Philippians 4:6 The Antidote for Anxiety

C.R. BIGGS
- Philippians 4:8-20 The Long Winter of Our Discontent

WIL POUNDS
Philippians 4:4 Rejoice and again I say Rejoice!

JOHN BROADUS

- Philippians 4:4 Christian Joy

BRUCE HURT

- Christian Contentment
- Christian Contentment - More in depth discussion

MIKE ANDRUS

- Acts 15:36-41; Philippians 4:2, 3 When Personality and Perspective Clash

C.R. BIGGS

- Philippians 4:8-20 The Long Winter of Our Discontent

C H SPURGEON

- Philippians 4:4 Joy a Duty - Sermon Notes

J R MILLER

- Philippians 4:1-13 Cheerful Counsel for Christians
- Philippians 4:4 Joy of the Lord
- Philippians 4:5 A Gentle Heart
- Philippians 4:6 Devotional

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- Philippians 4:6 Devotional - July 8

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- Philippians 4:6-7 The Answer to Anxiety

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- Philippians 4:6-7 Persevering Prayer

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- Philippians 4:4-9 God's Alternative to Worry
- Philippians 4:4-9 Exposition
- Philippians 4:4-9 The Practice of Gentleness
- Philippians 4:4-9 The Practice of Nearness
- Philippians 4:4-9 The Practice of Prayer
- Philippians 4:4-9 The Practice of Mentoring
- Philippians 4:8 What's Wrong with Entertainment?
- Philippians 4:13 Strength

JAMES MEIKLE
- Philippians 4:6-7 On casting our care on God

JOHN NEWTON
- Philippians 4:8 Blemishes in Christian character

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- Philippians 4:7 Garrisoned in Christ
- Philippians 4:7 The Sentinel of the Heart
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- Philippians 4:10-13 All Things are Possible to Him that Believes
- Philippians 4:10-13 Three Conditions for the Grace of Contentment
- Philippians 4:14-20 Filling and Being Filled
- Philippians 4:21-23 Closing Salutations

THOMAS WATSON
- Philippians 4:11 Art of Divine Contentment: An Exposition of Philippians 4:11 – This is essentially an entire Book on this one verse!

WILLIAM S PLUMER
- Philippians 4:11-13 Vital Godliness: A Treatise on Experimental and Practical Piety - CONTENTMENT

PAUL TAYLOR
- Philippians 4:1-9 Facing the Elephant In The Room

JOHN ANGELL JAMES
- Philippians 4:11-13 The Christian in Adversity

J R MILLER
- Philippians 4:11-13 Taking Cheerful Views

MARK ADAMS
- Philippians 4:10-23 Marks of Maturity
LEHMAN STRAUSS

- Philippians 4:19 All You Need

F B MEYER

- Philippians 4:21-23 Closing Salutations

HENRY MORRIS
DEFENDER'S STUDY BIBLE NOTES
PHILIPPIANS

Excellent, conservative, literal notes from leading Creationist

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- Philippians 1:6 will perform it day of Jesus Christ
- Philippians 1:7 defence
- Philippians 1:12 furtherance of the gospel
- Philippians 1:17 defence of the gospel
- Philippians 1:18 rejoice
- Philippians 1:21 gain
- Philippians 1:27 conversation becometh
- Philippians 1:29 given
- Philippians 2:1 bowels
- Philippians 2:3 esteem other
- Philippians 2:5 this mind
- Philippians 2:6 form of God not robbery
- Philippians 2:7 no reputation
- Philippians 2:8 humbled himself
- Philippians 2:9 highly exalted him a name
- Philippians 2:10 name of Jesus
- Philippians 2:11 confess
- Philippians 2:12 work out your own salvation
- Philippians 2:14 murmurings
- Philippians 2:16 word of life day of Christ
- Philippians 2:21 seek their own
- Philippians 2:25 messenger
- Philippians 2:26 heaviness
- Philippians 3:2 dogs concison
- Philippians 3:6 persecuting the church blameless
- Philippians 3:7 loss
- Philippians 3:8 excellency dung win Christ
- Philippians 3:9 faith of Christ of God by faith
- Philippians 3:10 know him
- Philippians 3:11 resurrection
- Philippians 3:13 one thing I do
Philippians 3:14 press toward mark prize high calling
Philippians 3:17 of me
Philippians 3:20 conversation
Philippians 3:21 his glorious body working
Philippians 4:2 Syntyche
Philippians 4:3 yokefellow book of life
Philippians 4:4 Rejoice
Philippians 4:5 at hand
Philippians 4:6 in every thing
Philippians 4:7 peace of God
Philippians 4:8 virtue these things
Philippians 4:9 do God of peace
Philippians 4:14 communicate
Philippians 4:17 fruit account
Philippians 4:19 your need

John Cereghin - A warmly devotional, yet scholarship exposition. He has a paraphrase of all the epistle and most helpful explanations. He also has helpful comments on the names of Christ used in Philippians.

This work is different from Moule's commentaries in the Cambridge Greek Testament and the Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.

- Philippians Studies Preface and Introduction
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