

PHILIPPIANS

Rejoicing in Christ

AUTHOR

Paul

- Writing from Rome near the end of his second year of imprisonment.
- He is sending Timothy and Epaphroditus.

DATE A.D. 62-63

To the church(es) at Philippi (1:1)

THEME “BOOK OF JOY IN JESUS CHRIST”

*This book is Paul’s love letter to the Philippians.

- It is informal, affectionate, and personal. (1:3-8; 4:1)

*This book is written to encourage believers to give Christ His proper place in life and so find joy in Him.

*Happiness is not the goal. Christ is the goal!

OUTLINE

- I. Christ our Life (Ch. 1)
 - 1:21
- II. Christ our Pattern (Ch. 2)
 - 2:5
- III. Christ our Goal (Ch. 3)
 - 3:8,10
- IV. Christ our Sufficiency (Ch. 4)

- 4:6-7, 13, 19

KEY WORDS

- *Rejoice* – 9 times
- *In Christ* – 8 times
- *Joy* – 6 times

KEY VERSE

Philippians 4:4

“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.”

SPECIAL FEATURES

1. No Old Testament quotes in this epistle.
2. No doctrine specifically dealt with.
3. Sixty-five vocabulary words used only in Philippians.
4. It is practical teaching, not a doctrinal treatise.
5. It is more personal than Ephesians.
6. It is more peaceful than Galatians.
7. Three famous stories attached to this book:
 - Lydia, seller of purple
 - Paul & Silas in prison
 - Conversion of Philippian jailor

CHRIST IN THE BOOK

1. The Servant (2:7)
2. The Highly Exalted One (2:9a)
3. The One with a name above every name (2:9b)