

## Bible Study – Outline

### PHILIPPIANS

<u>Author</u>	Paul
<u>Date Written</u>	Approx. 61AD from Rome during Paul's imprisonment
<u>Audience:</u>	The Church at Philippi

#### Major Theme(s)

Praise  
Confidence  
Humility  
Joy – the secret of joy is our relationship with Christ  
Encouragement

#### Key People

Paul, Timothy, Epaphroditus, Euodia, Syntyche

#### Philippians

<b>CHRIST OUR LIFE</b>	<b>1</b>
Paul's thankfulness that his afflictions serve to spread the Gospel	1:1-26
Paul encourages others who are afflicted	1:27-30
<b>CHRIST OUR EXAMPLE</b>	<b>2</b>
Christ, our example for humility	2:1-16
Paul's example of humility	2:17-18
Timothy's example of humility	2:19-24
Epaphroditus's example of humility	2:25-30
<b>CHRIST OUR CONFIDENCE</b>	<b>3</b>
Do not place confidence in the flesh	3:1-9
Christ is the source of our confidence	3:10-16
Do not live for the flesh	3:17-21
<b>CHRIST OUR SOURCE OF ENERGY</b>	<b>4</b>
Seek peace and unity in the strength of the Lord	4:1-3
Replace anxiety with rejoicing in the strength of the Lord	4:4-9
The secret of contentment: We can do all things through Christ who gives us strength	4:10-19
Conclusion	4:20-23

## Key Scriptures

Phil. 1:6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Phil. 1:9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,

Phil. 1:12 Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.

Phil. 2:5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Phil. 2:6

Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own  
advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my  
presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your  
salvation with fear and trembling,

13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good  
purpose.

Phil. 3:7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ 9. and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in<sup>a</sup> Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. 10. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11. and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. 12. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken

hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Phil. 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Phil. 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Phil. 4:8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Phil. 4:13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Phil. 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Phil. 4:22 All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.

## Discussion Questions

1. Why was Paul joyful about being in prison?
2. Phil. 2:1-11 what does it mean to be like minded?
3. What are we to put our confidence in? What gives us false values and a false confidence?
4. What does it mean to work out your own salvation?
5. How can we "rejoice in the Lord always"? Phil. 4:4
6. What are we to focus on? Phil. 4:8 What, therefore, should we not be focusing on?
7. How can we find joy in Christ?

## Resources Used

Adventuring Through the Bible by Ray Stedman  
Life Application Bible (NIV) - Zondervan and Tyndale House.  
Philippians – a 12 Week Study – Ryan Kelly  
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