

# THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

JOY FOR EVERY SITUATION

## PHILIPPIANS CHAPTER 1:1-7

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### “THANK YOU GOD” – PART 2

DISCOVERING THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND HIS JOY IN EVERY SITUATION

#### Philippians 1:1-7

**Paul and Timothy, bondservants** of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus **who** are in **Philippi**, with the **bishops** and **deacons** **2 Grace** to you and **peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **3 I thank** my God upon every **remembrance of you**, **4 always** in **every** prayer of mine **making request** for **you all** with **joy**, **5 for your fellowship** in the **gospel** from the first day **until** now, **6 being confident** of this **very thing**, that He who has **begun a good work in you** will **complete** it **until** the day of Jesus Christ; **7 just as it is right** for me to think this of **you all**, because I have **you in my heart**, inasmuch as both in **my chains** and in **the defense** and **confirmation of the gospel**, **you all** are **partakers** with me of **grace**.

### THANK YOU GOD

1.)	For this new family	vs. 1
1a.)	Designed by God Himself	vs. 1a
1b.)	Made up of all who believe	vs. 1b
1c.)	Wherever the Gospel is preached	vs. 1c

### THANK YOU GOD

2.)	For all that we have been given	vs. 2
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**2 Grace** to you and **peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2a.)	We have been favored by God	vs. 2a
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**2a Grace** to you

**Grace**      **caꝛiḅ charis**, khar´-ece; God’s sovereign, divine influence upon a human heart, a God-ordained undeserved “acceptability”, the greatest of benefit, His favour, His pleasure.

**Paul didn’t see himself limited because he was in prison, he saw himself being on a divine mission.**

## ...and this attitude of Joy is Paul's, while Imprisoned!

### Philippians 1:12-14

But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out **for the furtherance of the gospel**, 13 so that it has become evident to the **whole palace guard**, and to all the rest, that **my chains are in Christ**; 14 and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become **confident by my chains**, are **much more bold** to speak the word **without fear**.

### What's Implied Here is That...

God has singled you out to make you the object of His Affection, Generosity and Favor.

Here's what separates true biblical joy from the worry, strife and stress of this world...

**The Christian who Understands that whatever "life" he or she has**, it has been given to them by the grace of God.

When we live for God's desires -- we live to please Him, when that happens in your life you can be sure of this -- you will have a **Grace-Based-Liberating-Joy!**

### The Great Olympic Runner – Eric Liddell

"I believe God made me for a purpose, but he also made me fast. And when I run I feel His pleasure."

Eric Liddell, having devoted himself to God recognized that the position he had in life was for the glory of God and knowing that level of grace resulted in great liberty and joy in his life.

**This is what the Power of Grace looks like when it's at work in your life...**

### Philippians 4:11-13

Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: 12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

### THANK YOU GOD

## FOR ALL THAT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

2b.) We have been comforted by God

vs. 2b

**2b and peace** (to you)

**(1) You must first experience the "peace with God",**

that is, I must first become a follower of Jesus Christ. By trusting Him and having Him as my object of faith, I then become a child of God and so have peace with God. **(2) Then and only then can I have the "peace of God"**. This is the peace that God gives to His children – it's one of the family blessings!

### Philippians 4:6-7 NLT

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

**With All Due Respect to "Knowledge",**

**You can know all of what the Bible has to say but until you apply it – you will never experience the power of Gods peace in your life.**

**You and I will experience His peace so long as** we are in the pursuit of God. We can only experience His peace when it's needed the most.

**Paul focused on the Grandeur of His God. Paul recognized that this world not only owed him nothing - it was sure to rob him of everything if he were to go with it.**

**peace**      **eijrh/nh eirene, this is the** {i-ray'-nay} of God. the word means to be joined or linked to another to benefit (this is the "peace-of") or to bring "quietness of soul to" one's life.

**The peace "of" God is not (1) an emotional sensation or (2) the result of wishful thinking. The peace "of" God is not known through what friends say or do not say.**

**The peace "of" God is only experienced through a one on one personal, encounter with God Himself.**

**God reveals Himself to us "in those familiar patterns of personality." God is a person and possesses personality and it is through personality to personality that we can experience Him.**

**Philippians 3:10-11**

I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, **11** so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

**THANK YOU GOD  
FOR ALL THAT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN**

**2c.) We have been entreated by God**

**vs. 2c**

**Entreated**      To be "strongly asked for". to be requested or firmly solicited; to be prevailed upon by an urgent solicitor.

**2c FROM God our Father AND the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Bible teaches that God is Father and Lord.  
The Bible teaches that Jesus is Lord and Christ.**

**Father**      **path/r pater, pat-ayr'**; the **parent, father**

**Lord**      **ku/rioß kurios, koo'-ree-os**; from **kuvroß kuros** the supreme authority, the **Master** as describing God

**Jesus**      **Δhsouvß iesous, ee-ay-sooce'**; Ye'ho'shua in Hebrew, Savior

**Christ**      **Cristo/ß Christos, khris-tos'**; from The Anointed One, The Messiah, - - **"Christ" appears 18 times in chapter 1 alone!!!**

**THANK YOU GOD**

**3.) For our future that is certain**

**vs. 3-7**

**3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,**

**4 always** in every prayer of mine **making request** for you all with joy,

3a.) Our glorification is assured

vs. 3-4

**3 I thank** my God upon every remembrance of you,

**Notice here that;**

When Paul looks back in time regarding them, He sets his recollection on the good – He remembers such great and wonderful things.

Q: - Was the church at Philippi sinless, perfect and without drama? Of course not, so how could Paul say this?

Because A: It's what he determined to keep his heart and mind focused on.

**Serving Jesus exposes you to people. Jesus loves people.**

The more you expose yourself to **ministry-stuff**, the more you are **“connected” to others** who serve Jesus too.

It is possible to be on the Roll of church membership.

It's possible to be involved in ministry or active in your church.

It's possible to just sit right next to somebody and yet still not have Biblical Christian fellowship, because fellowship takes time and is an investment. Tragically today far too many Christians are drowning in the waters of loneliness and are being held captive by the tyrant urgency.

**Colossians 2:5**

For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

**4 always** in every prayer of mine **making request** FOR you all with joy,

Paul is continuously **thinking** of them, (*what a witness they must have been to him*). His thoughts of them naturally flowed into a **prayer** for them – prayer for them flowed into a **supplication**, (*fervent requests that are presented to God*) **on their behalf** (*joyfully offered up*).

...with joy,

*cara* chara, *khar-ah'*; a cheerfulness, a calm delight, a deep seated gladness.

(There is a powerful implication here, to pray with a smile)

I was in Colorado Springs this week at Focus On The Family and I was so humbled by people who came up to me and said “stuff” like “we are praying for you and the church at Chino Hills regularly.”

And then, just the other night, a family from this church said that their “83 year old mother in Hate’zeg, Romania prays for me and my family and this church daily.

Prayer is not only stopping to bow the knee, head and heart - - it is an attitude, an awareness, a literal mind-set (set in heaven)

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

**If you were to stop and ask me if I pray enough I would have to answer by saying “no way”. The truth is “I never feel that I pray enough.” But if you ask me “are you always mindful of God and in conversation with Him?” O’ yes to that!”**

**THANK YOU GOD  
FOR OUR FUTURE THAT IS CERTAIN**

3b.) Our sanctification is complete vs. 5-6

for **your FELLOWSHIP** in the **gospel** from the first day **until** now,

**Fellowship** koinwni+a koinonia, koy-nohn-ee´-ah; union, communicate, partnership, - social intercourse, communion, distribution – unlike the “Dead Sea” which connects to no other bodies of water and thus is dead and lifeless.

**Fellowship is an Unconscious Act of the Christian!**  
a Christian must, must seek out other Christians

**It was the birthmark of the early church.**

**Acts 2:42**

And they continued **steadfastly** in the apostles’ **doctrine** and FELLOWSHIP, in the breaking of **bread**, and in **prayers**.

**It was the preoccupation of the early church.**

**1 Corinthians 1:9**

God is faithful, **by whom** you were called **into the FELLOWSHIP of His Son**, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Without Fellowship, You will become Self-Centered.**

People who are self-centered are unhappy, joyless – always thinking about themselves and when that happens they become lonely, isolated, detached - *separation from the church is not a virtue my friend.*

**Christian, Do you want to grow as a believer?**

(1) then you’re going to have to be around other Christians. (2) Christian interaction will (a)supernaturally build you up and (b)suck the “you” right out of you. = which will require “you” to get alone with God to fellowship with Him.

**Joyful Christian Fellowship Flows Out of Alone-Time with God.**

**Show me a Christian who is stumbling and tripping and defeated all the time – and I will show you a Christian who has no real fellowship (Alone-Time) with God.**

## Verse 6

(1) **being confident** of this **very thing**,  
that (2) **He** who has **begun** a **good work** in you (3) will **complete** it **until** the day of Jesus Christ

### **confidence gives birth to comfort**

(1) Being confident of this very thing – (God-dependent) – Galatians 4:19

(2) He who has begun – (a God origin) – Romans 8:15

(3) A good work - (a God work) - Philippians 2:13

(4) In you - (a God core) – John 14:17

(5) Will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ - (finished) – Jude 24

### **Having “begun” means He’s not yet done.**

Having begun means He’s at work in you and He will not stop until you’re done. That is the silver lining to our physical death. What He has been working on inside of us - is what is finally set free into eternity!

### **The Ultimate Growth of the Christian - Remember This;**

That when a Christian gets sick or is injured, the body hurts and suffers, but the Christian part of you isn’t sick or injured. It is an awesome thing to look into the eyes of a departing saint knowing that his spirit is not sick. He’s about to be set free from what is!

### **THANK YOU GOD FOR OUR FUTURE THAT IS CERTAIN**

3c.) Our identification is in Christ

vs. 7

just as it is right for me to think this of you all, (think what Paul?) because I have you (#1) in my heart, (#2) inasmuch as both in my chains and (#3) in the defense and (#4) confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of GRACE.

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### **The Philippians were on Paul’s Mind, Heart & Prayers**

(we need to be more careful about making sure that people are more on our hearts than on our nerves)

**Paul would soon be condemned and sentenced to beheading by the Roman Empire.**

**(his crime is my crime, it’s your crime, that is – that we worship and obey Jesus Christ and no other, not even President Caesar)**

### **Galatians 5:22-23**

But the fruit (definite article, singular) of the Spirit is love, (the manifestation of love is) joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control.

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8**

**Love (Jesus)** suffers long and is kind; **Love (Jesus)** does not envy; **Love (Jesus)** does not parade itself, **Love (Jesus)** is not puffed up; **5 Love (Jesus)** does not behave rudely, **Love (Jesus)** does not seek its own, **Love (Jesus)** is not provoked, **Love (Jesus)** thinks no evil; **6 Love (Jesus)** does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; **7 Love (Jesus)** bears all things, **Love (Jesus)** believes all things, **Love (Jesus)** hopes all things, **Love (Jesus)** endures all things. **:8 Love (Jesus)** never fails.

**FOR THIS NEW FAMILY**

**FOR ALL THAT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN**

**FOR THE FUTURE THAT IS CERTAIN**

**Jesus Died On The Cross – Jesus Rose From The Dead**

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