

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE

PHILIPPIANS

TO LIVE CHRIST

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TO DIE GAIN!

Philippians 1:1-2

Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Knowing Jesus = Knowing Joy!

*I have the joy joy joy joy
Down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart
I have the joy joy joy joy
Down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart to stay*

*And I'm so happy so very happy
I have the love of Jesus in my heart
(Down in my heart)*

*And I'm so happy so very happy
I have the love of Jesus in my heart*

I have the love of Jesus love of Jesus

Down in my heart (where?)

Down in my heart (where?)

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I have the love of Jesus love of Jesus

Down in my heart (where?)

Down in my heart to stay

*And I'm so happy so very happy
I have the love of Jesus in my heart
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*And I'm so happy so very happy
I have the love of Jesus in my heart*

*I've got the peace that passes
understanding*

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*I've got the peace that passes
understanding*

Down in my heart (where?)

Down in my heart to stay

*And I'm so happy so very happy
I have the love of Jesus in my heart
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*And I'm so happy so very happy
I have the love of Jesus in my heart*

And if the devil doesn't like it he can sit on a tack

Sit on a tack

Sit on a tack

Sit on a tack

And if the devil doesn't like it he can sit on a tack

sit on a tack to stay

*And I'm so happy so very happy
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The equation is actually simple:

No Jesus = No joy nor peace.

Know Jesus = Know joy and peace.

The Recipe For True Joy

Philippians 1:3-8

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, 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; 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. For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.





- **Recollection (verse 3)**
- **Intercession (verse 4)**
- **Participation (verse 5)**
- **Anticipation (verse 6)**
- **Affection (verses 7–8)**

A Healthy Scoop Of Recollection!

Philippians 1:3

I thank my God upon every remembrance of
you,









A Cup Of Intercession

Philippians 1:4

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



- Jesus

- Others

- Yourself



Let's test ourselves . . .

Are we self-centered?

Are we selfish?

Are we vengeful towards certain people?

Do we talk bad about others?

Do we lack concern for the blessing of others?

ARE WE MISSING OUT ON TRUE JOY?!

A Handful Of Participation

Philippians 1:5

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

Philippians 1:5

NIV:

Philippians 1:5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,

NASB:

Philippians 1:5 in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.



**EVERYONE MUST BE AN EQUAL
PARTNER!!!**

**EVERYONE MUST BE
PARTICIPATING!!!**

**EVERYONE MUST BE
CONTRIBUTING!!!**

“Being a Christian is not a spectator sport . . . So get in the game!”

Dr. Charles Ware



We should be each others strength.

We should be each others encouragement.

We should be each others support.

We should be each others comfort.

And we should be each others help.



A Spoonful Of Anticipation

Philippians 1:6

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;

Life is uncertain.

Life is difficult.

**BUT ONE DAY EVERYTHING WILL
BE CERTAIN AND GLORIOUS AND
PERFECT!!!**

CHRIST WAS SACRIFICED ONCE
TO TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF MANY



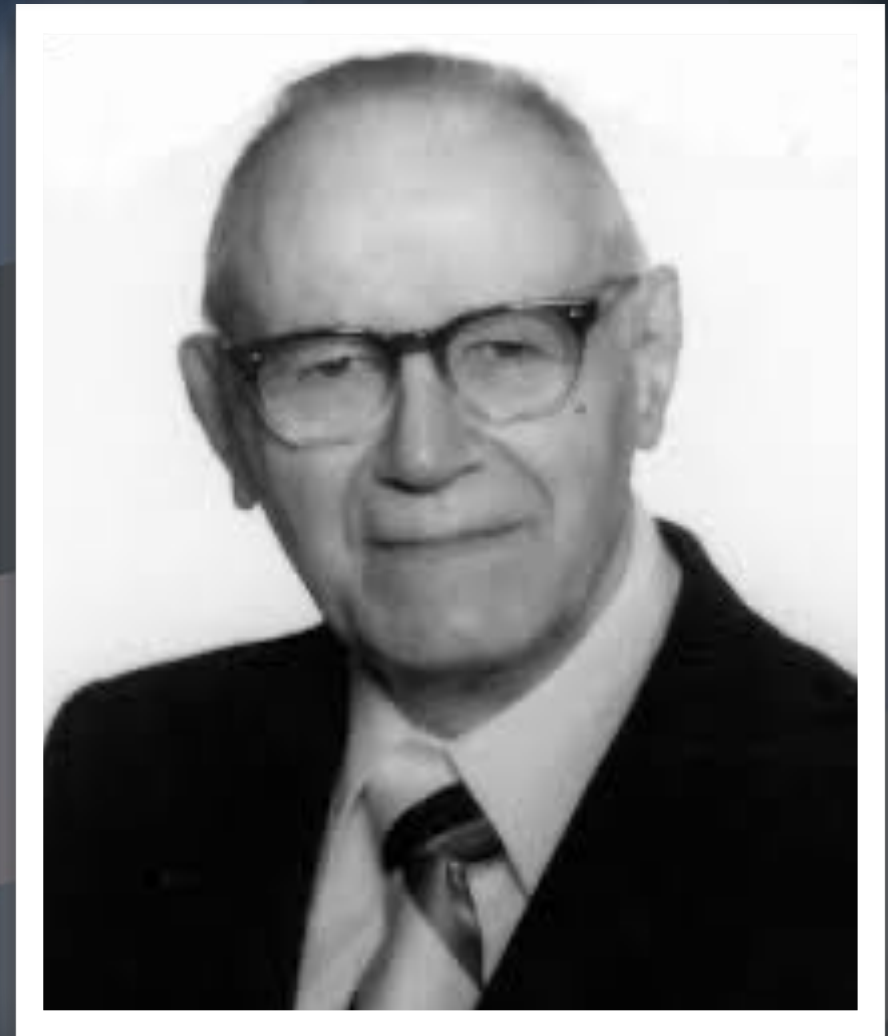
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“God . . . is not like men. Men conduct experiments, but God carries out a plan. God never does anything by halves.”

William Hendriksen



John 6:37

**All that the Father gives Me will come to Me,
and the one who comes to Me I will by no
means cast out.**

The background is an abstract geometric pattern composed of numerous triangles in various shades of brown, tan, and beige. The triangles are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth and movement, with some appearing to recede and others to come forward. The overall effect is a textured, mosaic-like surface.

A Sprinkle Of Affection

Philippians 1:7-8

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. For God is my
witness, how greatly I long for you all with the
affection of Jesus Christ.



**But in order to have true joy we must
be prayerful . . .**

As Long As The Gospel Is Preached

Philippians 1:9-11

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

“We have to remember that the purpose of prayer is not to get man’s will done in heaven, but to get God’s will done on earth.”

Warren Wiersbe



He prayed for love in the Philippians.

**And he prayed for excellence in the
Philippians.**

Luke 10:30-37

Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.

Luke 10:30-37 continued

So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, “Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?”

And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”



**“People don’t care what you know,
until they know that you care.”**

Howard Hendricks



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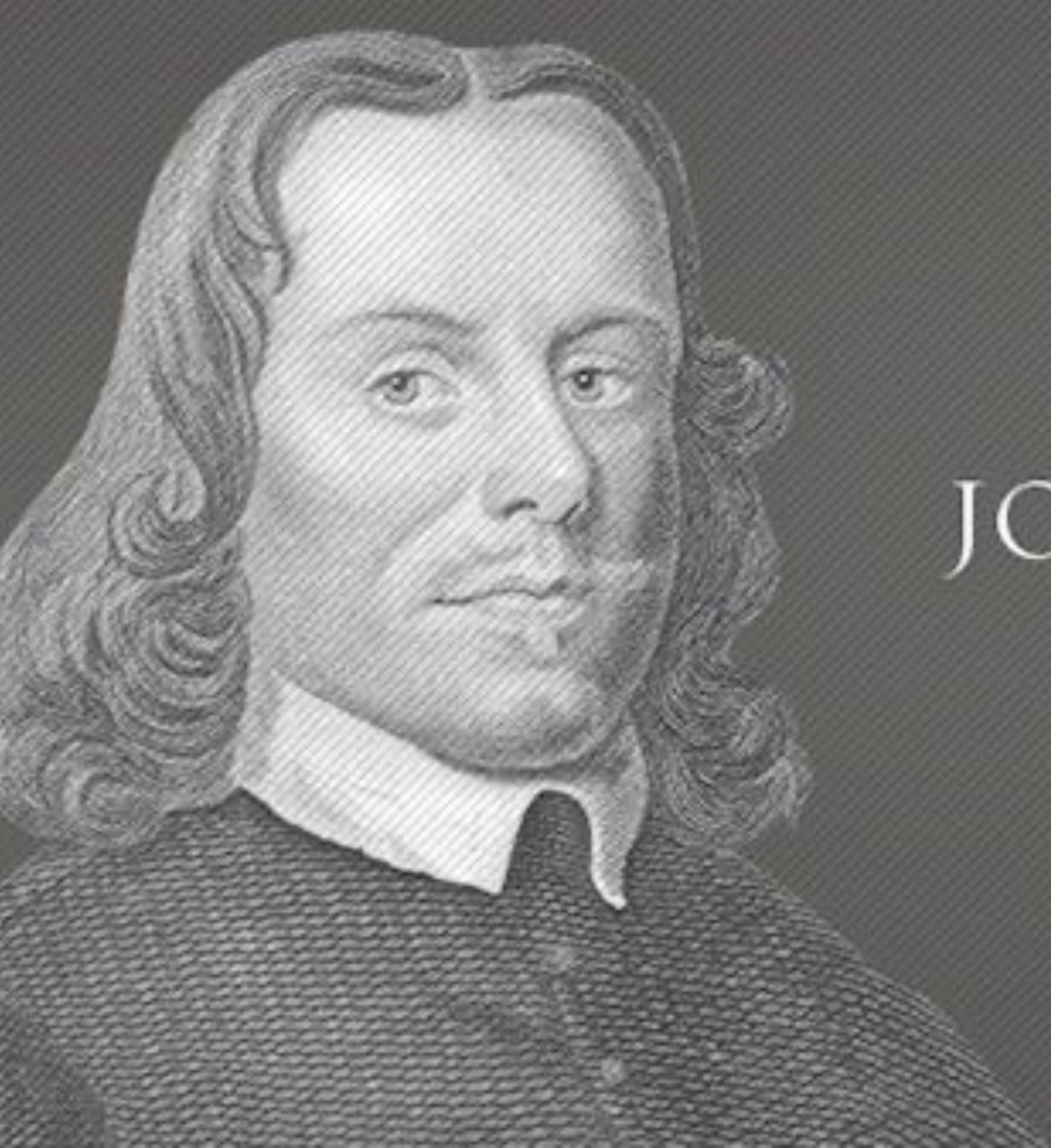
But how can we do that when there are so many problems in the church?

As Long As The Gospel Is Preached

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, so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.





JOHN BUNYAN

1628–1688

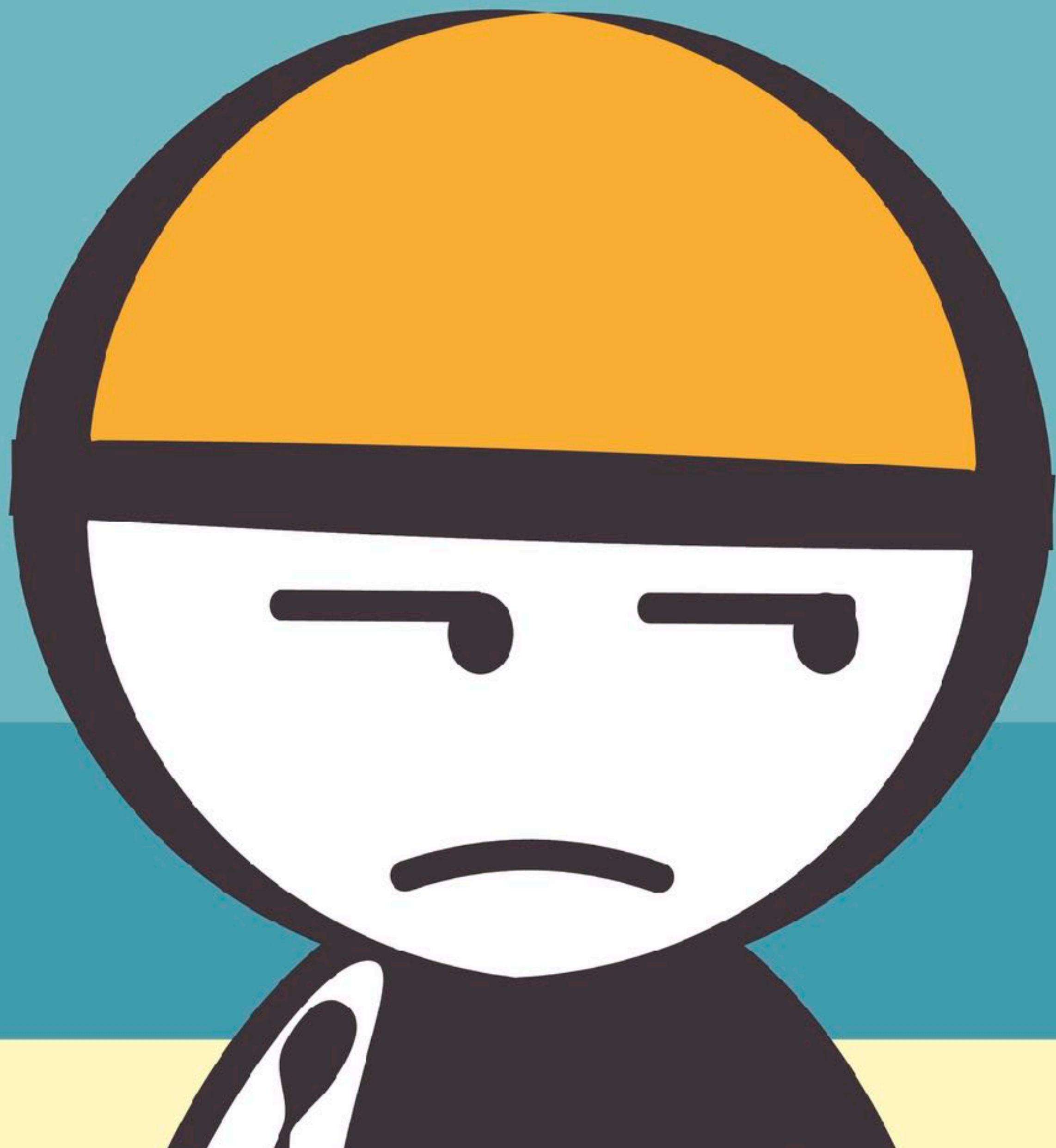




Pretense And Truth Make A Difference

Philippians 1:15-18

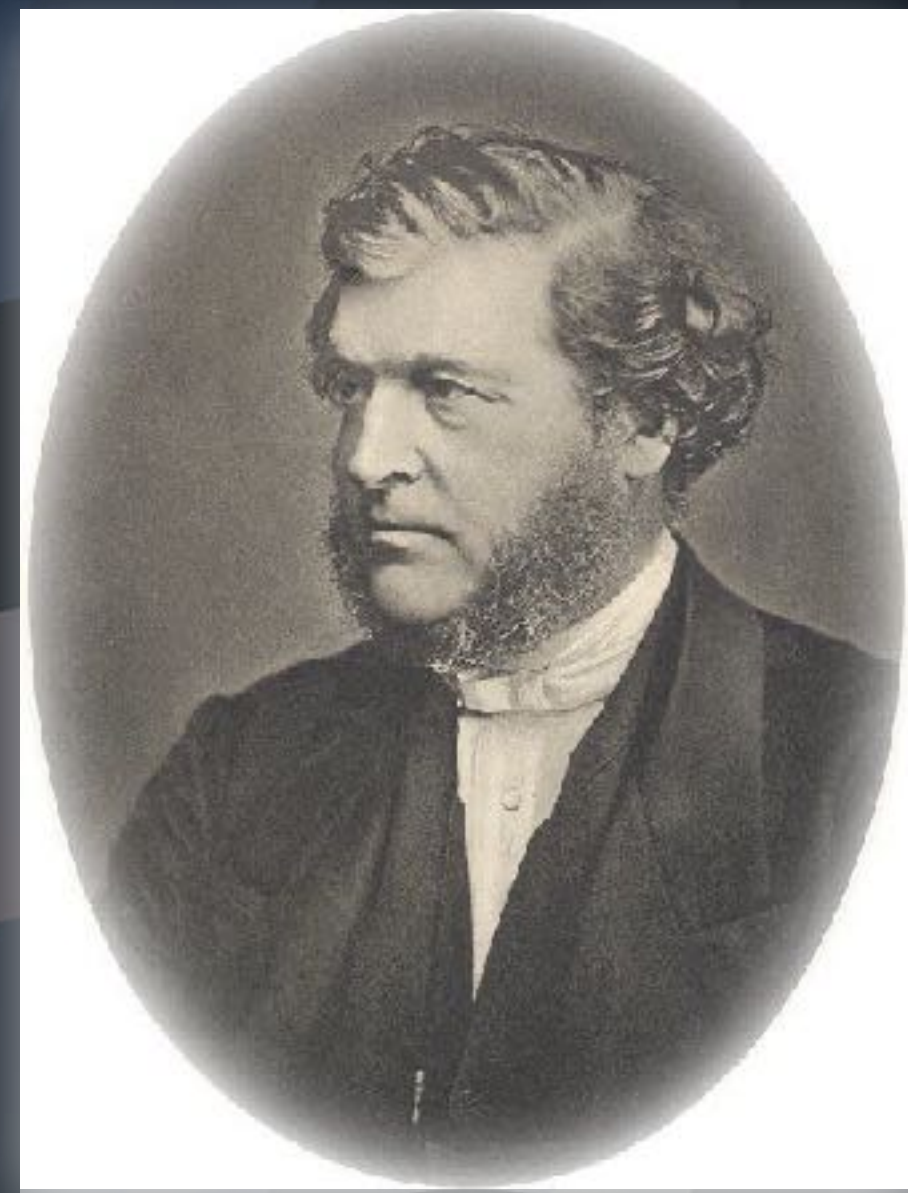
Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill: The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains; but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel. What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.





“The virtue lies in the gospel, not in the gospeller; in the exposition, and not in the expounder.”

John Eadie



***But what if loyalty to the gospel
means our death?***

To Die Is Gain

Philippians 1:19-21

For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

The promises of the Lord

The Prayers of the Saints

The Power of the Spirit

The Person of Christ

The Plan of God

Something to notice is that the Greek phrase rendered “to live is Christ and to die is gain” contains no verb . . .

*It literally reads
“To live Christ, to die gain.”*

TO LIVE CHRIST

then

TO DIE GAIN!



As Long As The Church Is Blessed

Philippians 1:22-26

But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you. And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again.



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Philippians 1:23

**For I am hard-pressed between the two,
having a desire to depart and be with Christ,
which is far better.**





**“Things aren’t out of hand at all; The
are just in His hands, not ours.”**

Chuck Swindoll

**But once again, all of these truths
need to come out in our actions . . .**

The Gospeler Living Out The Gospel

Philippians 1:27-30

Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God. For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear is in me.

Conduct = *Politeuomai* =

A persons deportment or mode.

A person's life style.

This includes actions and conversations.









**WE HAVE TO STAND FOR GOD, AND WE
HAVE TO STAND AGAINST SATAN!!!**

**WE HAVE TO STAND FOR TRUTH, AND WE
HAVE TO STAND AGAINST FALSEHOOD!!!**

**WE HAVE TO STAND FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS,
AND WE HAVE TO STAND AGAINST SIN!!!**



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