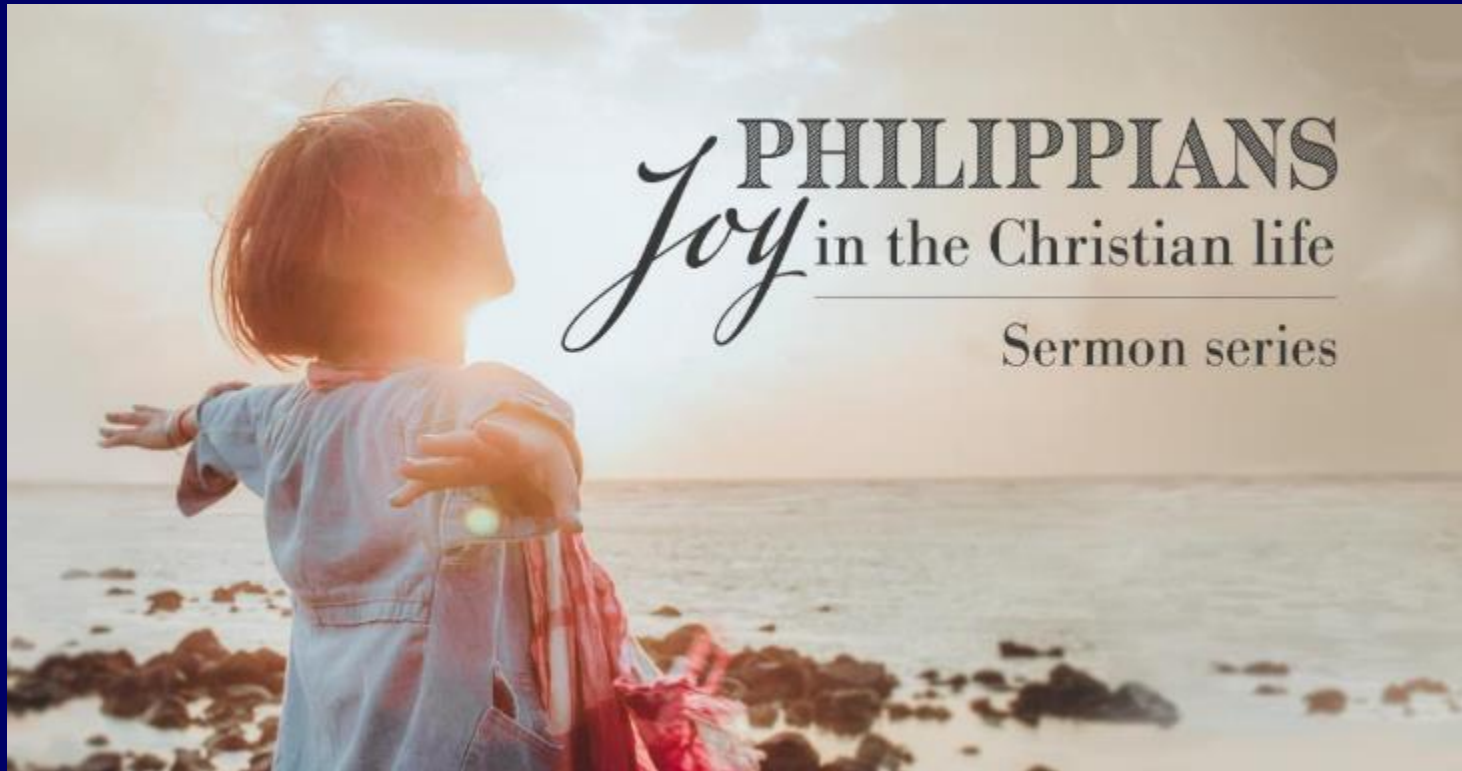


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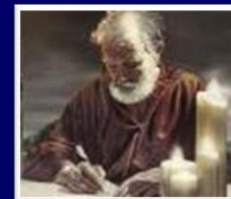


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Answering Ten Questions



- 1) Who wrote it? – Paul
- 2) To Whom was it written? – The Believers at Philippi
- 3) Where was it written from? – Rome
- 4) When was it written? – A.D. 62
- 5) What was the book's occasion? – Five contacts
- 6) Who are the opponents? – Four opponents threatening joy
- 7) What is the book's purpose? – To give joy during adversity
- 8) How is it organized (outline)? – Four- part outline
- 9) What is it about? – Joy during adverstiy
- 10) What makes the book different? – Personal & informal

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(Phil. 1:12-30)

1. Captive audience (Phil. 1:12-13)
2. Church's boldness in preaching (Phil. 1:14-18)
3. Greater prayer (Phil. 1:19)
4. Protection from martyrdom (Phil. 1:20-26)



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4 Examples of Humble Service

(Phil. 2)

1. Christ (Phil. 2:5-16)
2. Paul (Phil. 2:17-18)
3. Timothy (Phil. 2:19-24)
4. Epaphroditus (Phil. 2:25-30)



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Avoid Legalism

(Phil. 3)

1. Legalists vs. true believers (Phil. 3:1-3)
2. Paul's transition away from legalism (Phil. 3:4-14)
3. Other items to embrace in lieu of legalism (Phil. 3:15-4:3)



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- II. Presence of Peace (Phil. 4:7)
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(Phil. 4:4–6)

- A. Joy (Phil. 4:4)
- B. Gentleness (Phil. 4:5a)
- C. Awareness of God's nearness (Phil. 4:5b)
- D. Prayer (6)



III. Protection of Peace

(Phil. 4:8–9)

- A. Content of a Disciplined Thought Life (Phil. 4:8)
- B. Practice of a Disciplined Thought Life (Phil. 4:9)



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Revelation 2:9

“I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.”



2 Corinthians 8:2-3

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“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (NIV)