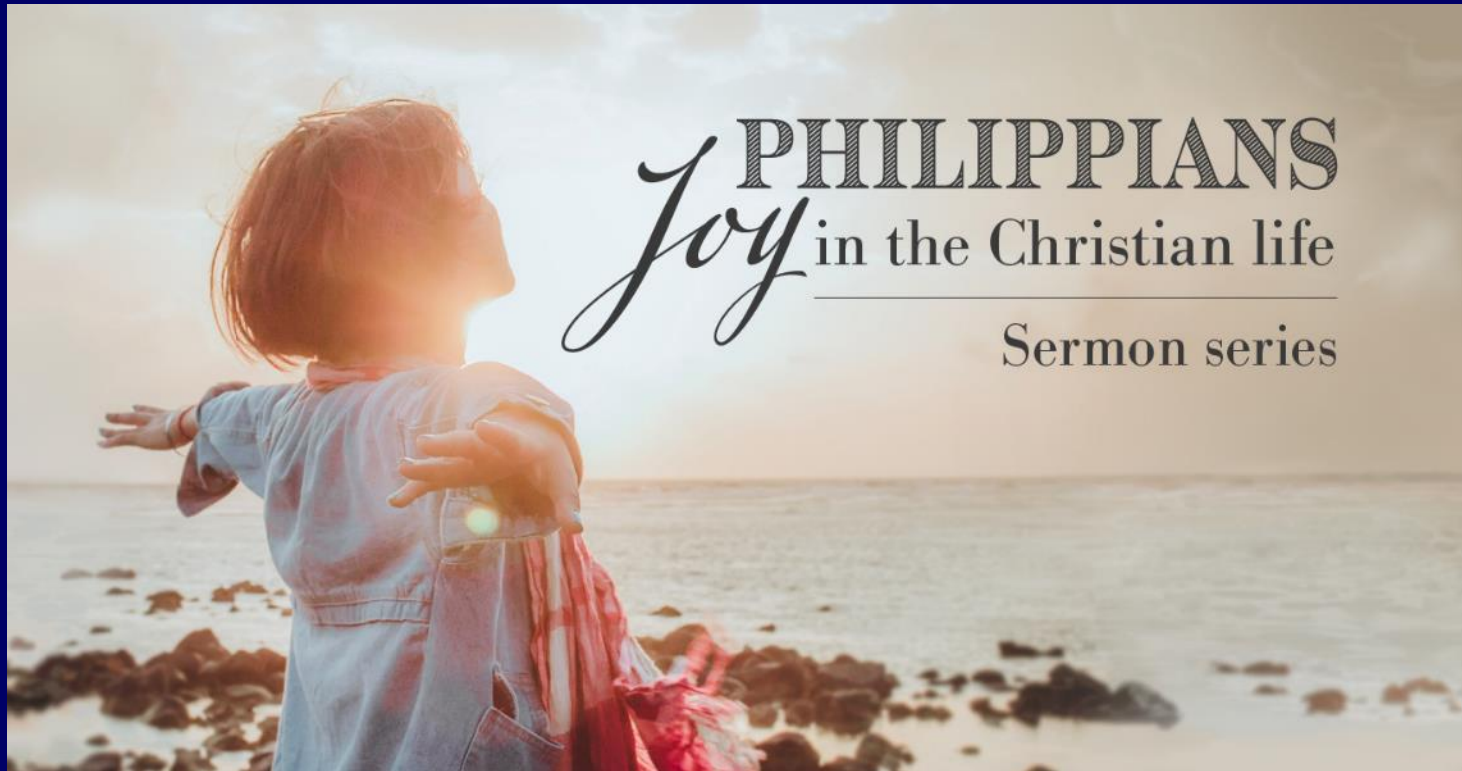


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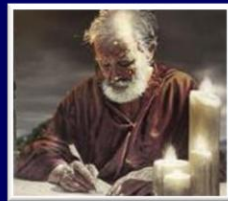


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Answering Ten Questions

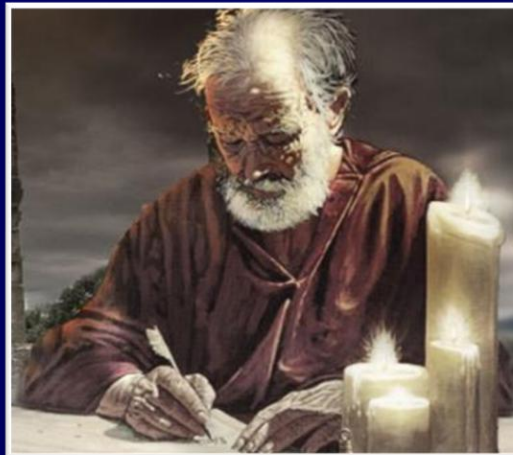
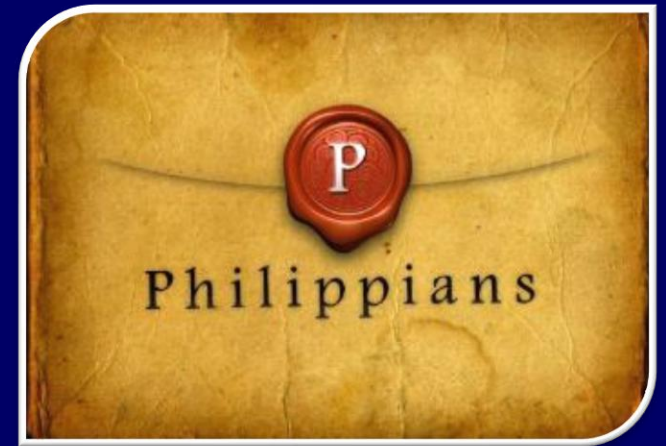


- 1) Who wrote it? – Paul
- 2) To Whom was it written? – The Believers at Philippi
- 3) Where was it written from? – Rome
- 4) When was it written? – A.D. 62
- 5) What was the book's occasion? – Five contacts
- 6) Who are the opponents? – Four opponents threatening joy
- 7) What is the book's purpose? – 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. 1:1-11

- I. Salutation (1:1-2)
- II. Thanksgiving (1:3-8)
- III. Prayer (1:9-11)



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Positive Results of Imprisonment

(Phil. 1:12-30)

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



Applying Paul's Paradigm

(Phil. 1:27–30)

- Walk worthy of your calling (Phil. 1:27)
- Do not fear your persecutors (Phil. 1:28-29)
- Suffering is normal (Phil. 1:30)



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■ Isaiah 14:12-15

◆ 5 “I will” statements

- Ascend to heaven (13)
- Raise my throne above the stars of God (13)
- Sit enthroned on the Mt. of the Assembly (13)
- Ascend above the tops of the clouds (14)
- Make myself like the Most High (14)



Ezekiel 28:17

“Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor.”



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Philippians 2:7

“⁷ but emptied [*kenoō*] Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.”

KENOSIS





John Walvoord

Jesus Christ Our Lord, 143-44

“The act of *kenosis* as stated in Philippians 2 may therefore be properly understood to mean that Christ surrendered no attribute of deity, but that He did voluntarily restrict their independent use in keeping with His purpose of living among men and their limitations.”

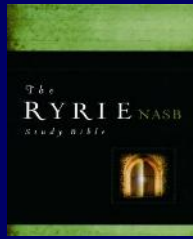
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Charles Ryrie

The Ryrie Study Bible



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Emergent Preaching

“At Solomon’s porch, *sermons are not primarily about my extracting truth from the Bible to apply to people’s lives*...So our sermons are not lessons *that precisely define belief* so much as they are stories that welcome our hopes and ideas and participation” (Italics added).



Doug Pagitt, cited in Oakland, 41-42.

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“It isn't about clever apologetics or careful exegetical or expository preaching...Emerging generations are hungry to experience God in worship” (Italics added).



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“A spiritual Tsunami has hit postmodern culture. The wave will build without breaking for decades to come. The wave is this: People want to *know* God. They want *less to know about God* ...they want new experiences, especially new experiences of the divine” (Italics added).



Leonard Sweet, *Soul Tsunami*, 420.

Emergent Doctrine



“...something beyond a belief system or doctrinal array or even a practice. I mean an attitude—an attitude toward God and our neighbor and our mission that is *passionate*.”



“Don’t give me doctrine, just give me Jesus.”



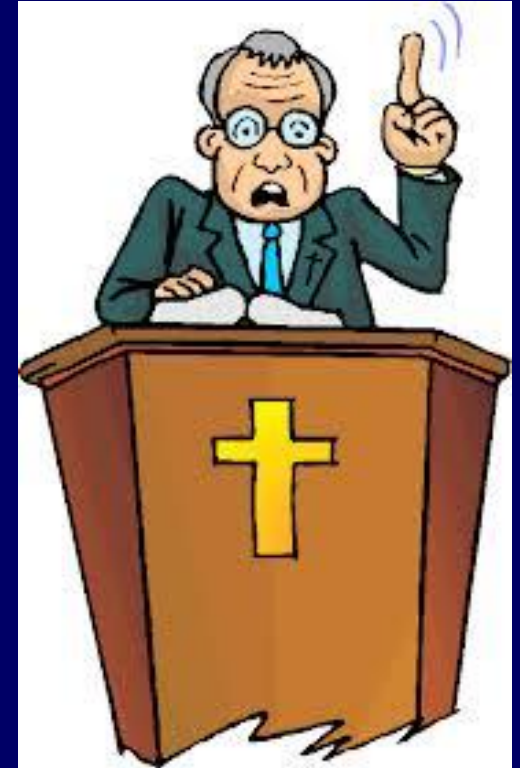
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“Devotion is important and not doctrine.”



“What counts is our behavior, and not our beliefs.”



Most of these slogans were originally accumulated in Henry Holloman, “Prolegomena, Bibliology, and Theology (Part 1)” (unpublished class notes in TTH511 Theology I, Talbot Theological Seminary, Spring 1998), 9.

Rick Warren

Purpose Driven Life 34, 124, 183



- “God won’t ask you about your religious background or doctrinal views.”
- “Jesus said our *love for each other - not our doctrinal beliefs* - is our greatest witness to the world.”
- “Today many assume that spiritual maturity is measured by the amount of biblical information and doctrine you know.”

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Purpose Driven Life 186, 231; *Purpose Driven Church* 300



- “The Bible is far **more than a doctrinal guidebook.**”
- “The **last thing** many believers need today is to go to another **Bible study.** They already know far more than they are putting into practice.”
- “My pastor has been in Daniel’s seventy weeks longer than Daniel was!”

Acts 2:41-47

“...⁴² They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer...”



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“Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?”



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1 Corinthians 9:24-27

“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ **Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air;** ²⁷ but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.”



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Galatians 4:13-14

“¹³ but you know that it was because of a **bodily illness** that I preached the gospel to you the first time; ¹⁴ and that which was a trial to you in **my bodily condition** you did not despise or loathe, but you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus *Himself*.”



Romans 8:19-22

¹⁹ For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.



1 Timothy 5:23

“No longer drink water *exclusively*, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.”



2 Timothy 4:20

“Erastus remained at Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus.”



Revelation 21:4

“and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”



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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)