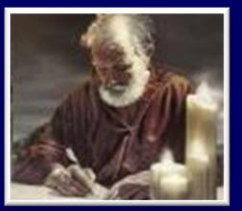
HOW TO FIND JOY IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE





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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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4 Positive Results of Imprisonment
(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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Thessalonica
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MYSIA
Troas
Aegean Sea
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PHRYGIA
GALATIA
Thyatira
Antioch
Sardis
LYCAONIA
Iconium
Athens
Corinth
Cenchrea
Ephesus
Lystra
Derbe
Miletus
PAMPHYLIA
Attalia
Perga
Tarsus
Rhodes
Seleucia
Antioch
SYRIA
CRETE
CYPRUS
Salamis
Paphos
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- Proverbs 11:24-25
- Luke 6:38
- Acts 20:7
- Hebrews 11:6



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Occasion

1. News of Paul's imprisonment reaches Philippi
2. Epaphroditus comes from Philippi to Rome
3. Word of Epaphroditus' sickness reaches Philippi
4. Some Philippians came to Rome to express concern over Epaphroditus' condition
5. Epaphroditus returns to Philippi



Spiritual Sacrifices

- Body – Rom. 12:1
- Praise – Heb. 13:15
- Good works – Phil. 2:17; 4:18
- Financial giving – Heb. 13:16



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Beersheba
Arad
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Migdol
WILDERNESS OF ZIN
Rameses
EGYPT
Tahpanhes
Pithom?
GOSHEN
Succoth?
WILDERNESS OF SHUR
Kadesh-barnea
Punon
WILDERNESS OF PARAN
On
Memphis
Marah?
Timna
Elath
SINAI
Jotbathah?
Ezion-geber?
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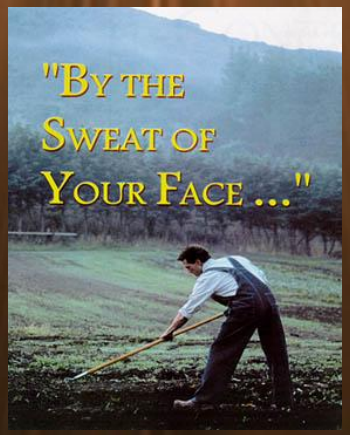
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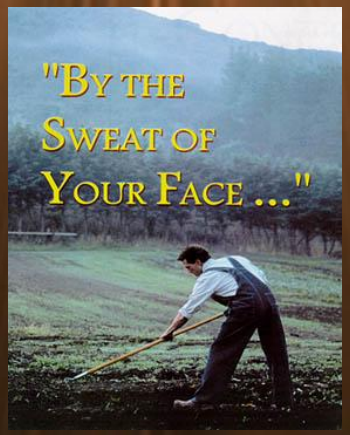
Genesis 3:19

"**By the sweat of your face You will eat bread**, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return."



2 Thessalonians 3:10

“For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.”



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1. The **consistent** use of a plain, normal, literal, grammatical-historical method of interpretation;
2. Which reveals that the **Church is distinct from Israel**;
3. God's overall purpose is to bring **glory to Himself** (Eph. 1:6, 12, 14).

Dr. Charles Ryrie, *Dispensationalism*, pp. 38-41

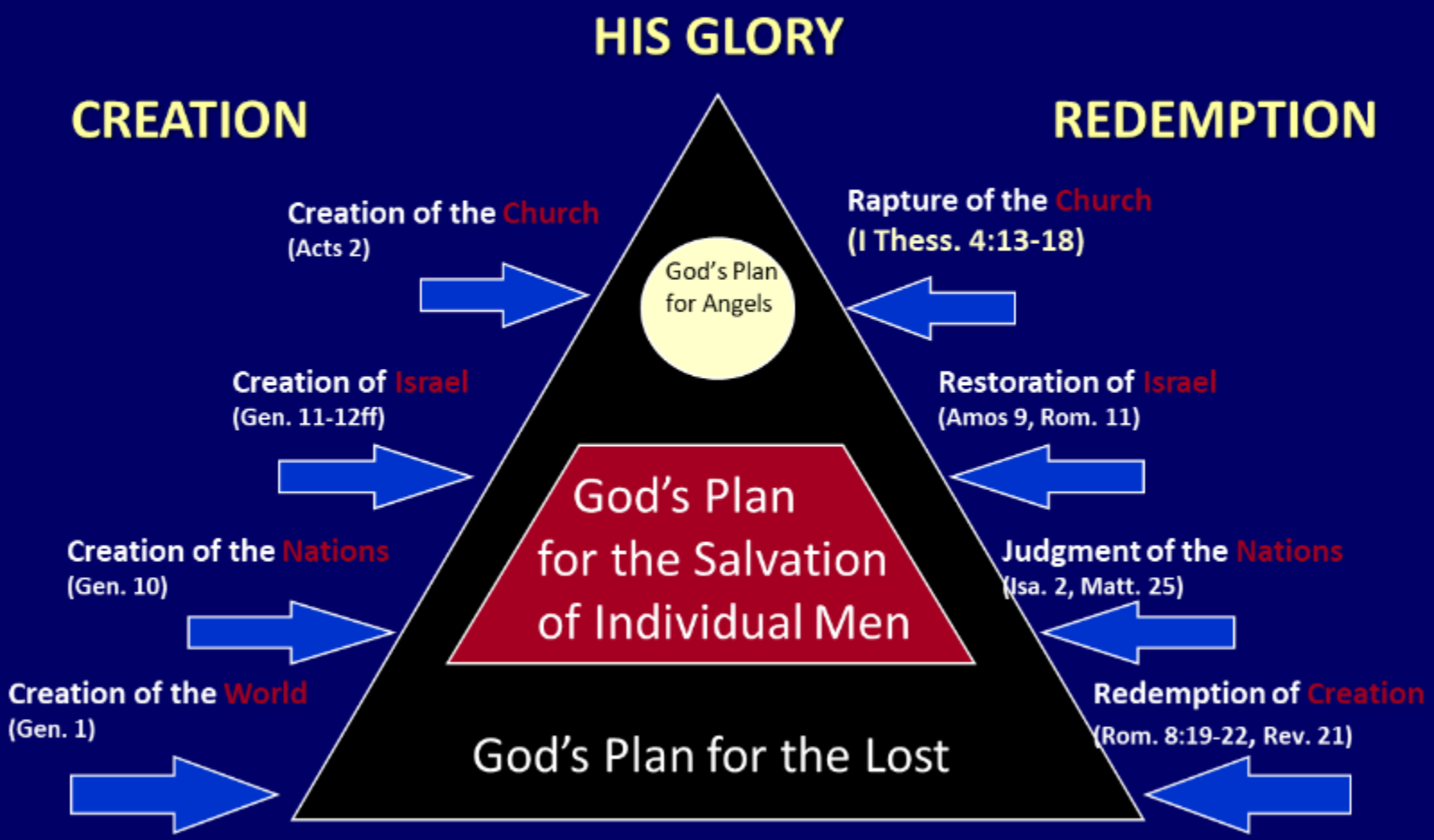
Doxological Purpose

A. God's ultimate purpose for the ages is to glorify Himself. Scripture is not human-centered, as though salvation were the principle point, but God-centered, because His glory is at the center.

B. The glory of God is the primary principle that unifies all dispensations, the program of salvation being just one of the means by which God glorifies Himself. Each successive revelation of God's plan for the ages, as well as His dealing with the elect, non-elect, angels, and nations all manifest His glory.

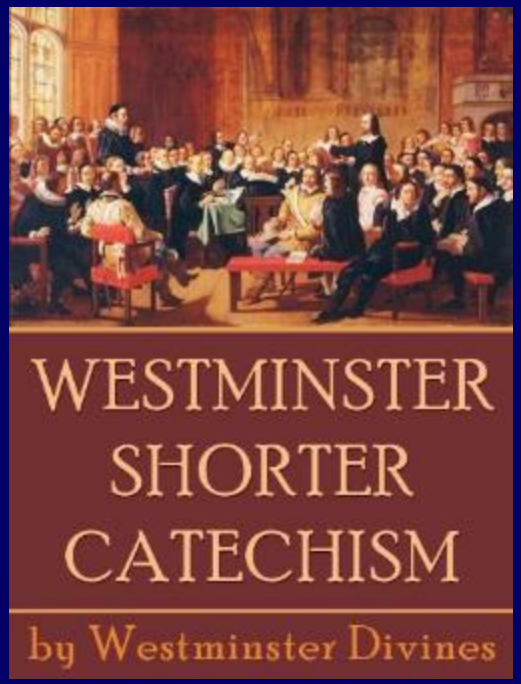
Dictionary of Premillennial Theology, Charles Ryrie, p. 94

THE FOCUS ON THE GLORY OF GOD IN DISPENSATIONALISM



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Westminster Shorter Catechism



Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

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Message

Joy in the midst of adverse circumstances is possible as believers understand that God uses adversity to bring about positive results, follow Christ's example of servanthood, avoid legalism, and draw upon divine resources for daily life



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