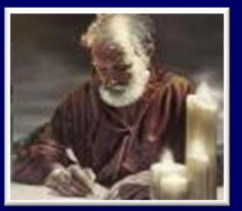
# HOW TO FIND JOY IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE






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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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(Phil. 1:12-30)

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- Church's boldness in preaching (Phil. 1:14-18)
- Greater prayer (Phil. 1:19)
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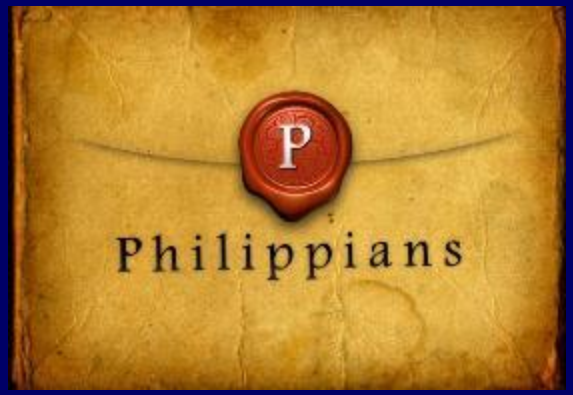
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“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*. [22] Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ [23] And then I will declare to them, ‘I never **knew** [***ginōskō***] you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’”



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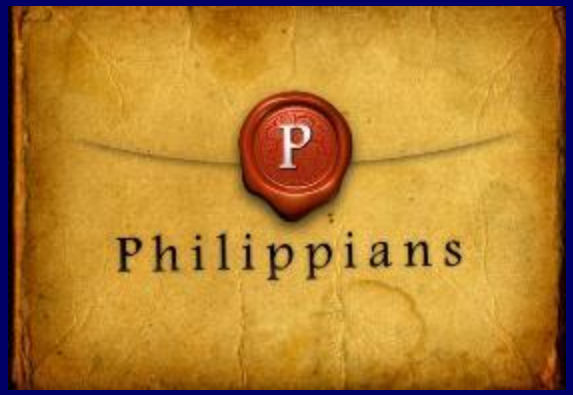
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# “Believe” Defined

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W. E. Vine, Merrill F. Unger, and William White, *Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of the Old and New Testament Words* (Nashville: Nelson, 1996), 61.



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"This vital newness of mind is a part of believing, after all, and therefore it may be and is used as a synonym for believing at times (cf. Acts 17:30; 20:21; 26:20; Rom. 2:4; 2Tim. 2:25; 2 Pet. 3:9). Repentance nevertheless cannot be added to believing as a condition of salvation, because **upwards of 150 passages of Scripture condition salvation upon believing only (cf. John 3:16; Acts 16:31)**."

# Romans 4:4-5

" Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. **But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him** who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness."



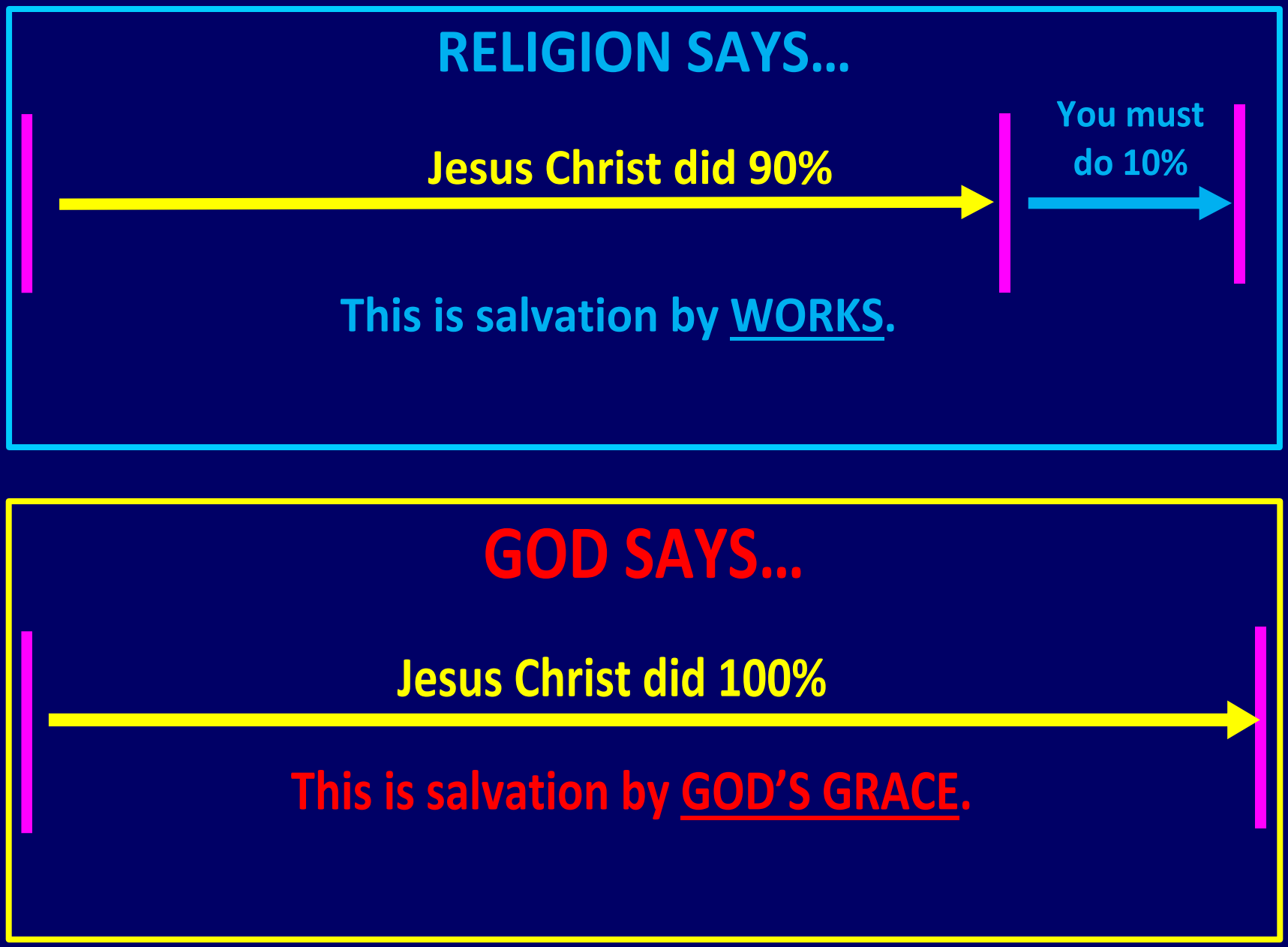


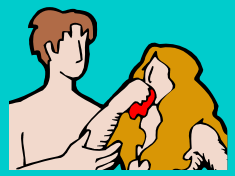

Chart courtesy of Thomas Stegall

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# Three Transfers / Imputations

| Adam's Sin to All Humanity | Humanity's Sin to Jesus Christ | Christ's Righteousness to Believers |
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# 1 Corinthians 15:20-23

“[20] But now **Christ** has been raised from the dead, **the first fruits** of those who are asleep. [21]-For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. [22] For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. [23] But each in his own order: **Christ the first fruits**, after that those who are Christ’s at His coming.”



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# Philippians 3:14

"I press on toward the goal for the **prize [*brabeion*]** of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."



# 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the **prize [*brabeion*]**? 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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