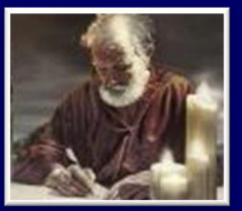
HOW TO FIND JOY IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE





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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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- Maturity (Phil. 3:15-16)
- Avoiding license (Phil. 3:17-19)
- Heavenly and eternal perspective (Phil. 3:20-21)
- **Unity (Phil. 4:1-3)**



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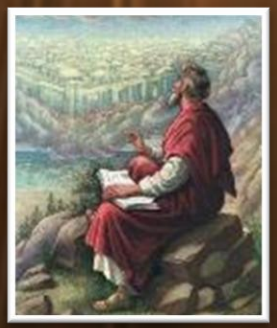
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John 20:30-31

“Therefore many other **signs** Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may **believe** that **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God**; and that **believing you may have life in His name**.”



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(Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)

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1 Cor. 9:24-27	**Incorruptible**	Gaining mastery over the flesh
1 Thess. 2:19-20	**Rejoicing**	Soul winning
Jas. 1:12; Rev. 2:10	**Life**	Enduring trials
1 Pet. 5:2-4	**Glory**	Shepherding God's people
2 Tim. 4:8	**Righteousness**	Longing for His appearing

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"Have this **attitude [*phroneō*]** in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus."



Philippians 2:7

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



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Galatians 5:19-21

19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are:
immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery,
enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger,
disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying,
drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of
which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you,
that those who practice such things will not inherit
the kingdom of God.

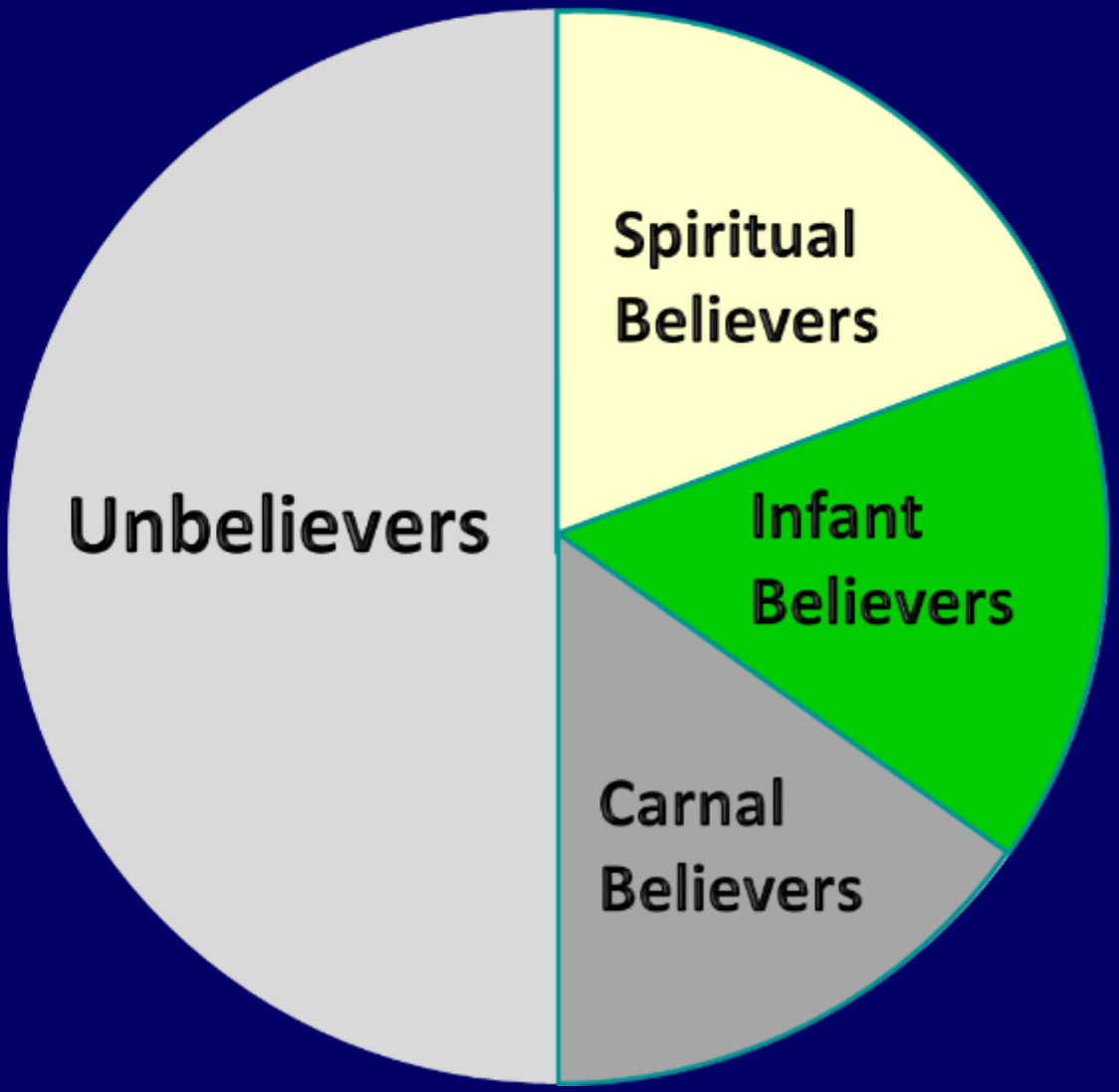


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Ephesians 2:14

For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall.



Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.



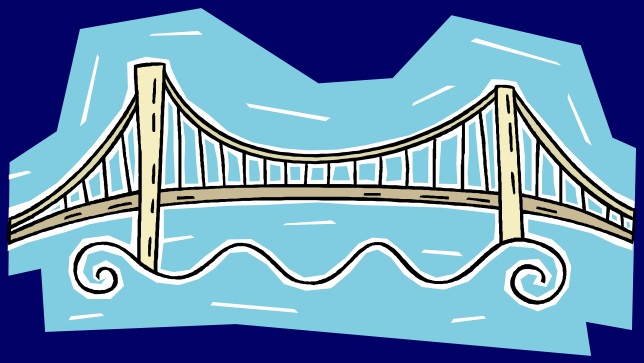
EPHESIANS: WHAT IS INSIDE?

1–3	4–6
Relationship	Responsibility
No imperatives	35 imperatives
Orthodoxy	Orthopraxy
Knowledge	Wisdom
Belief	Behavior
Position	Practice
Privileges	Responsibility

Ephesians 4:1

Therefore…

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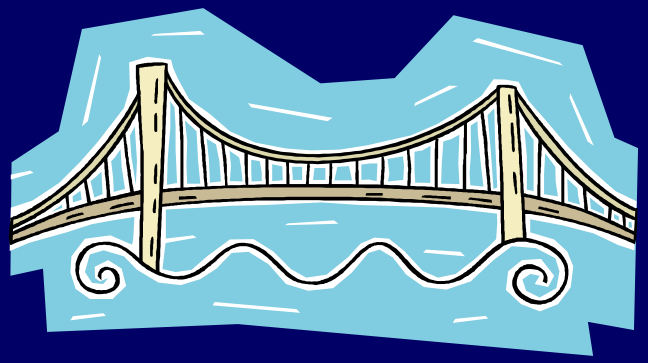


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Romans 12:1

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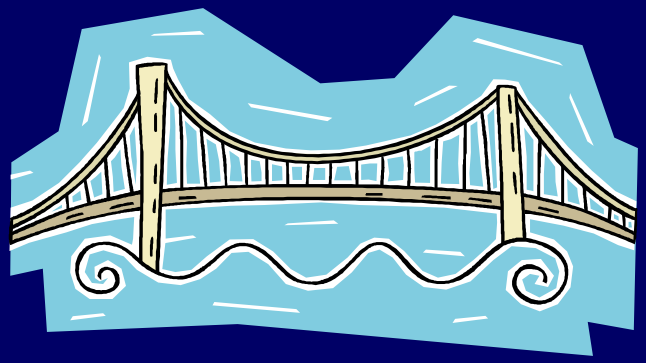


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Galatians 5:1

Therefore…

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Romans 15:7 Accept others as they are

Romans 16:16 Greet warmly with enthusiasm

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate

2 Corinthians 13:11 Agree, live in peace

Romans 15:7 Welcome, Salute, Greet, embrace

Galatians 6:2 help, carry, bear each others burdens

1 Corinthians 7:5 Do not deprive each other

1 Peter 1:22 love earnestly, with a pure heart fervently

James 5:16 tell, confess your sins, wrong doings

Ephesians 5:19 Speak godly words

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Encourage

Hebrews 10:24 Spur others on

1 Peter 4:10 minister

Romans 14:19 Building up

1 Corinthians 12:25 Wait for

Romans 15:5 same mind

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Colossians 3:9 Do not lie

Romans 15:14 instruct

John 13:14 Wash the feet

Galatians 5:15 Don't bite and devour

Galatians 5:13 Serve in love

Ephesians 5:21 Submit, subject

1 Peter 4:9 Offer Hospitality

Romans 12;10 Honor others above yourself

1 Peter 5:5 Clothe yourself with humility

Acts 7:26 Don't hurt each other

1 John 3:18 love in word and deed

Mark 8:16 Discuss and reason, confer

James 4:11 Avoid Slander

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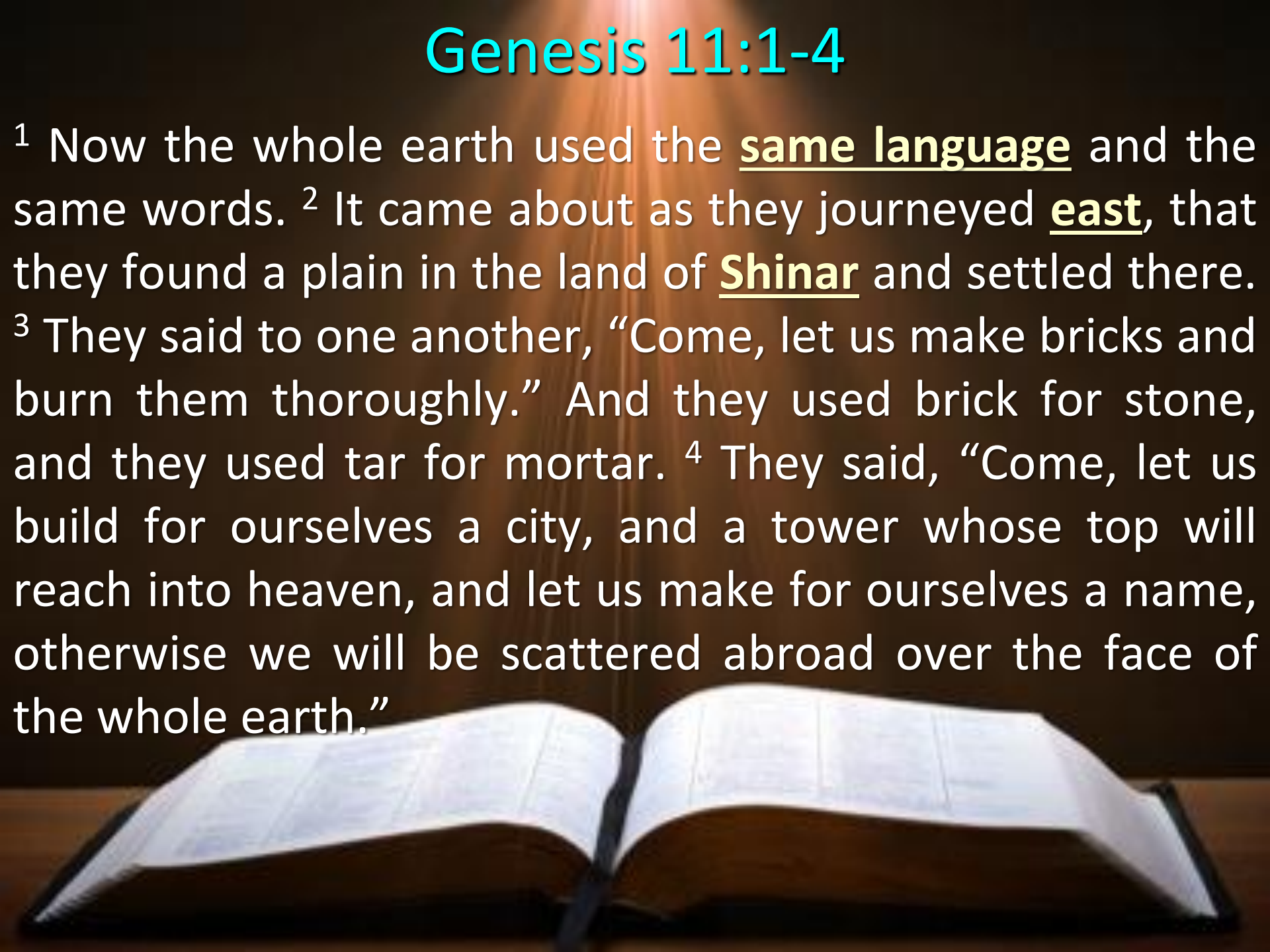
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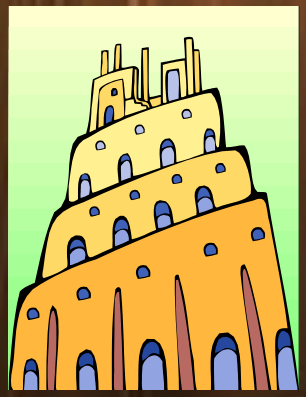
Genesis 11:1-4

1 Now the whole earth used the **same language** and the
same words. 2 It came about as they journeyed **east**, that
they found a plain in the land of **Shinar** and settled there.
3 They said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and
burn them thoroughly.” And they used brick for stone,
and they used tar for mortar. 4 They said, “Come, let us
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otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of
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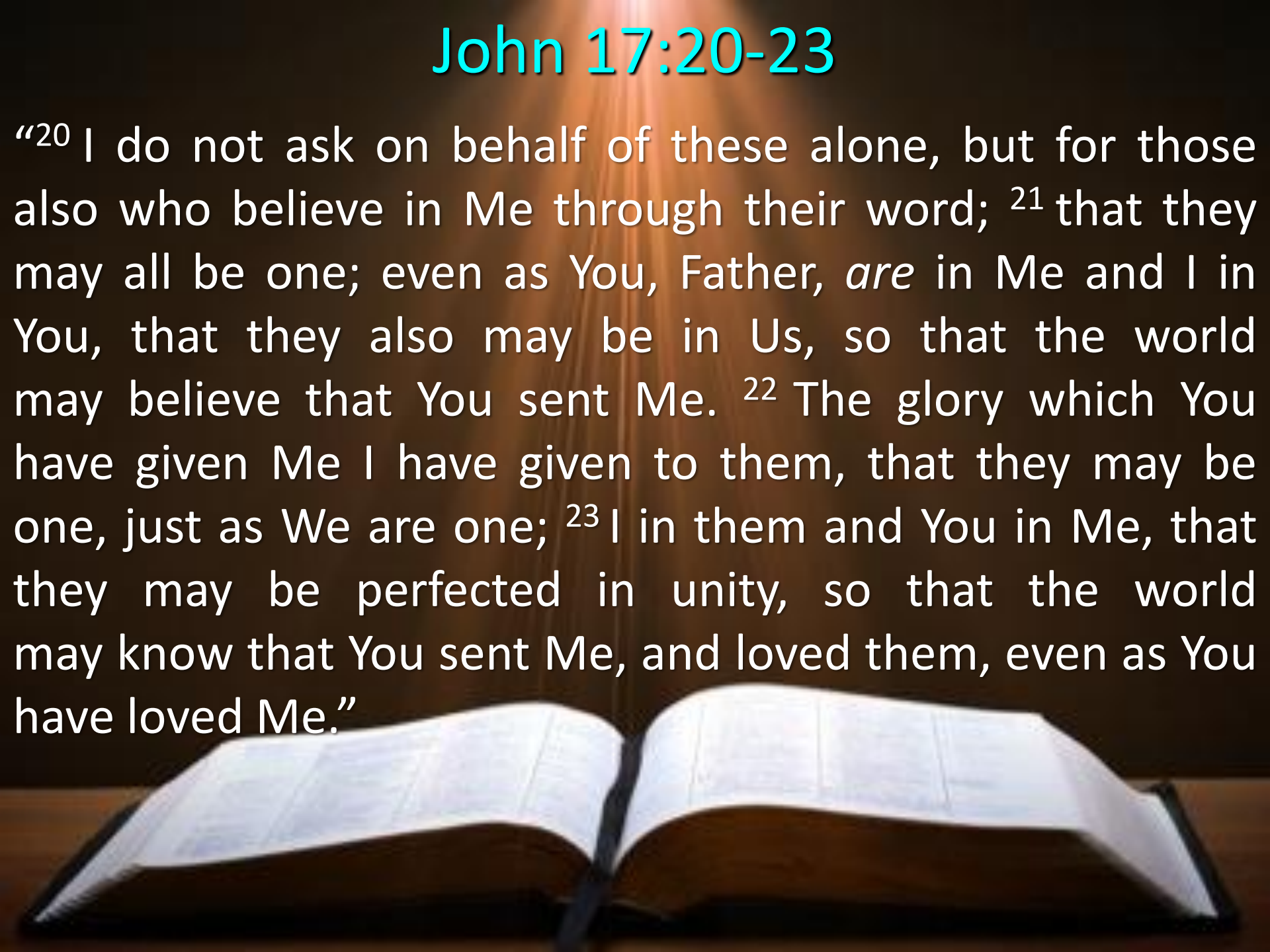
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The Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and ***now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them****."*



John 17:20-23

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John 17:17, 19, 20-23

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"Thoughtless and absurd is the modern notion that Christ was praying that denominations which exist in this remote time and in a country then unknown might become organically united in one, and therefore it is the duty of all sects to unite and thus help to answer this prayer. As indicated before, this unity is sought at the hand of the Father, indicating that it is a divine undertaking. It is that, and it results in a unity as organic and vital as that between the Father and the Son. **This prayer began to be . . .**



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Acts 2:41-47

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Acts 2:41-47

. . . possessions and were **sharing** them with all, as anyone might have need. [46] Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals **together** with gladness and sincerity of heart, [47] praising God and having **favor with all the people**. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved."



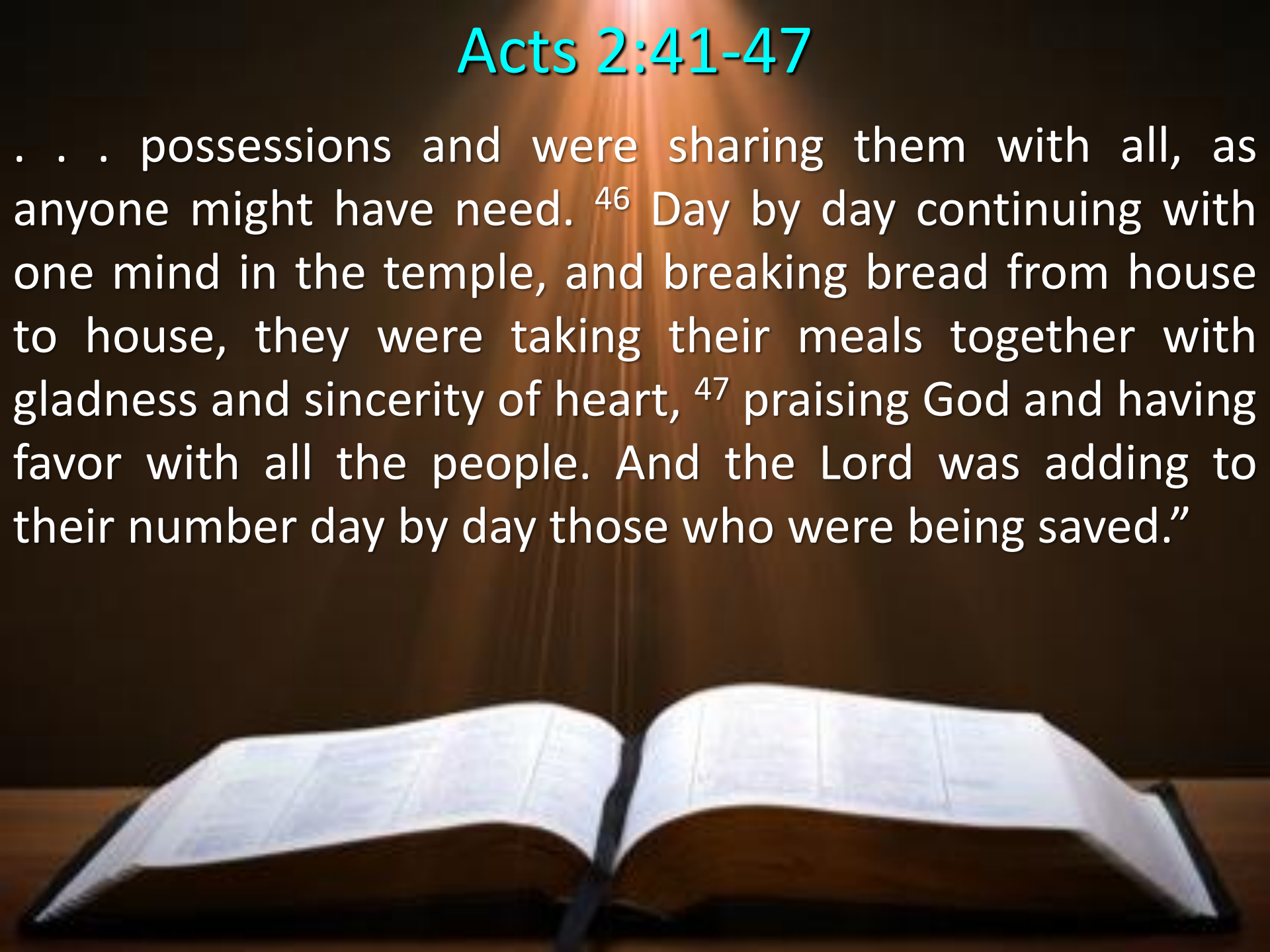
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Acts 2:41-47

. . . possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. [46] Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, [47] praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.”



Conclusion

Other Items to Embrace in Lieu of Legalism
(Phil. 3:15–4:3)

- Maturity (Phil. 3:15-16)
- Avoiding license (Phil. 3:17-19)
- Heavenly and eternal perspective (Phil. 3:20-21)
- **Unity (Phil. 4:1-3)**



Four Observations on Unity

1. Believers can return to the sin nature and jeopardize fellowship
2. Believers are exhorted to live consistently with their position
3. When believers fail to do so the church's witness is blunted
4. There is a difference between true and false unity





"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)