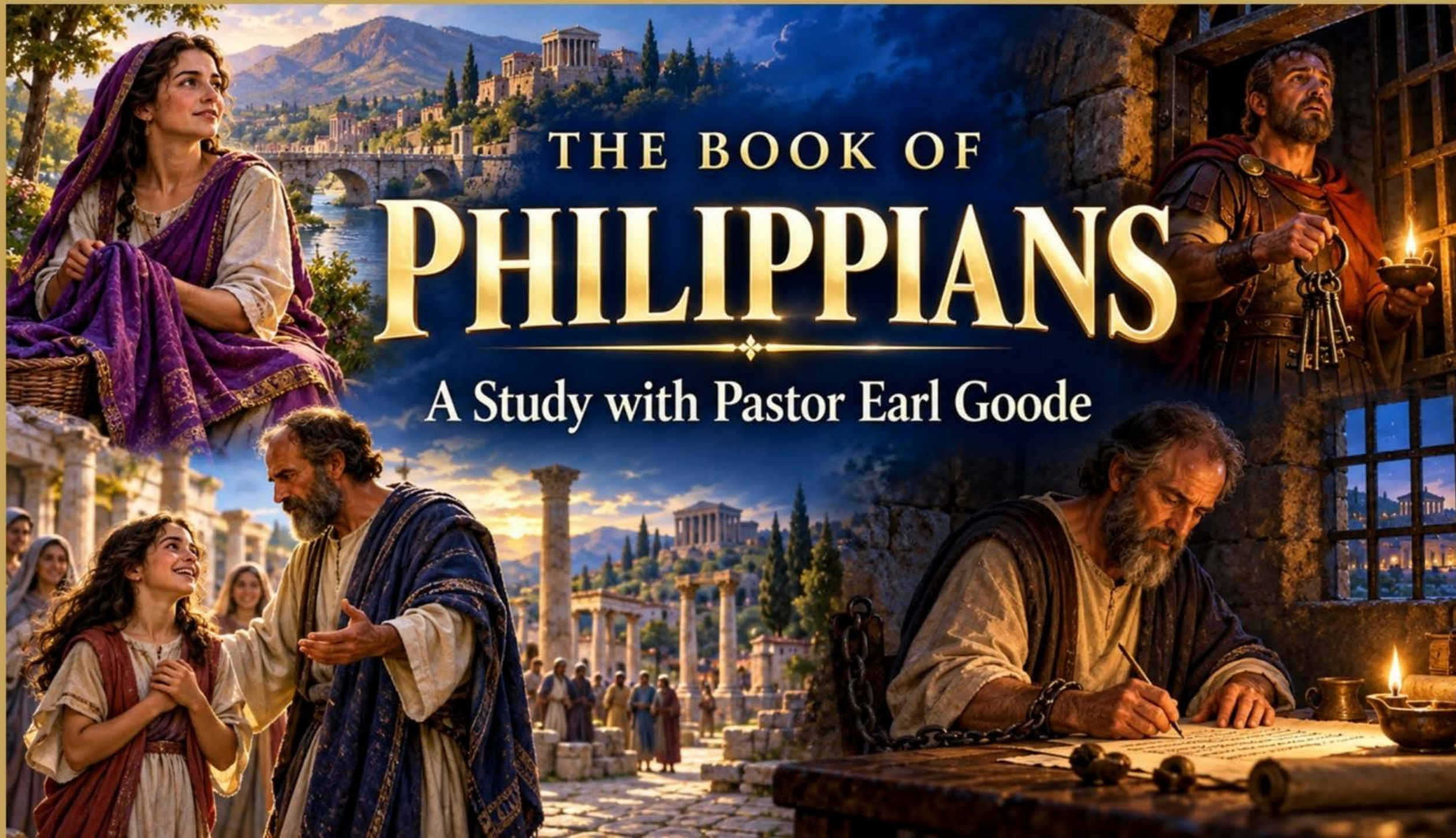

THE BOOK OF
PHILIPPIANS
A Study with Pastor Earl Goode

How to Increase Your Joy

Philippians 1:1–11

Christian joy grows as we share life together in Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:1

Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Philippians 1:2

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:3-4

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy,

Philippians 1:5-6

5 for your fellowship in the gospel
from the first day until now, being
confident of this very thing, that He
who has begun a good work in you
will complete *it* until the day of
Jesus Christ

Philippians 1:7

7 just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.

Philippians 1:8-9

For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment,

Philippians 1:10-11

That you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Paul was a prisoner, yet his letter overflows with thanksgiving, love, and confidence in the Lord.

The Church at Philippi

Acts 16
Paul's second missionary journey

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- The jailer’s household believed.

Before Paul wrote about having joy, he demonstrated real joy by singing and praying while he was in their prison.

Philippians 1:5

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Thing That We Have In Common

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We share one Saviour,

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We share one Saviour,
We share one gospel,
We share one purpose.

I. I Have You in My Mind

Philippians 1:3–6

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I thank my God upon every **remembrance** of you,

1. Be thankful for the people God has placed in your life.

Paul remembered changed lives and experiences they had shared.

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The church: a ministry established.

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- A church member with you.

1. Be thankful for the people God has placed in your life.

2. Be thankful for the partnership God has established

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- Some encourage and pray.

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Forget your Agenda.

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

1. Be thankful for the people God has placed in your life.

2. Be thankful for the partnership God has established

3. Be thankful for the progress God is making in your life.

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Completion: standing in Christ's presence.

II. I Have You in My Heart

Philippians 1:7–8

Philippians 1:7 • first part

Even as it is meet (fitting) for me to think this of you all, because I have **you in my heart**;

Philippians 1:7 • continued

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Paul loved the church at Philippi across all age groups, different background, personality, and ability.

Christian love must extend beyond the people who are easiest for us to enjoy.

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2. A love that shares burdens

- Who needs **encouragement**?

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- Who needs a **visit or a meal**?
- Who needs **help with a burden**?

Philippians 1:8

For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels (deepest feelings) of Jesus Christ.

1 John 3:18

My little children, let us not
love in word, neither in tongue;
but in deed and in truth.

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III. I Have You in My Prayers

Philippians 1:9–11

Philippians 1:9

And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;

1. Pray For Your Love To Grow.

Pray For Calvary Church

- Compassion for the hurting.
- Patience with one another.
- Concern for the lost.
- Generosity in giving.

Philippians 1:10

That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

1. Pray For Growing Love

2. Pray For Godly Discernment

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3. Pray for good character

Our conduct should agree with our confession.

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Philippians 1:11

Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

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3. Pray for good character

4. Pray for fruitful lives

- Christ like character matters.

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- Being a faithful witness matters.

Remember the lesson

1. I have you in my Mind.
2. I have you in my Meart.
3. I have you in my Prayers.

Our response today

Whom will you thank God for?
Whom will you show love to this week?
Whom will you pray for faithfully?

How might I have this type of fellowship?

How might I have this type of fellowship?

This kind of fellowship begins with knowing Jesus Christ as your Savior.