

# THE SUMMER OF JOY 06

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## SERVE WITH JOY

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JESUS IS OUR MODEL

*Philippians 2:6–8 (NASB95)*

*6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,*

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

*8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

**BUT THEN IN THE MIDDLE OF TALKING ABOUT THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF JESUS  
PAUL MAKES A POWERFUL TRANSITION TO THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF JESUS.**

*Philippians 2:9–11 (NASB95)*

*9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the NAME WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY NAME,*

*10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,*

*11 and that EVERY TONGUE WILL CONFESS that JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, to the glory of God the Father.*

**THIS CHANGE IN \_\_\_\_\_ ABOUT JESUS AFFECTS A CHANGE IN  
\_\_\_\_\_ ABOUT HOW WE RESPOND TO HIM.**

*Philippians 2:12 (NASB95)*

**SO THEN, ...**

**HERE'S THE QUESTION. "WHICH PART OF WHAT HE JUST SAID IS HE REFERRING TO?"**

WAS HE REFERRING TO THE JESUS BEING \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE POINT OF DEATH ON THE CROSS?

*Philippians 2:8 (NASB95)*

*Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

IF SO HE DESERVES MY SERVICE BECAUSE OF \_\_\_\_\_ HE HAS \_\_\_\_\_.

*1 Corinthians 15:55–57 (NLT)*

*55 O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"*

*56 For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power.*

*57 But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

HIS WIN IS MY WIN. I'M ON THE WINNING TEAM.

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS LIFE. I'VE ALREADY WON BECAUSE JESUS WON THE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR ME.

WAS HE REFERRING TO JESUS CHRIST BEING \_\_\_\_\_.

IF SO HE DESERVES MY SERVICE - NOT SO MUCH BECAUSE OF WHAT HE DID - BUT BECAUSE OF \_\_\_\_\_ HE IS.

*Philippians 2:12 (NASB95)*

*So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;*

DON'T GET SO COMFORTABLE WITH GRACE THAT YOU FORGET THE TERROR OF THE HOLY.

*This is a vital aspect of reverence.*

\_\_\_\_\_ IS REALLY REVERENCE.

2 Peter 1:6 (NASB95)

and in your perseverance, **GODLINESS**,

A GODLY PERSON IS A PERSON WHO WALKS IN \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE HOLINESS OF GOD.

WHAT GOD HAS DONE \_\_\_\_\_ US IS ALSO WHAT HE DEMANDS  
\_\_\_\_\_ US.

## I. I PURSUE HIS \_\_\_\_\_

*Philippians 2:13 (NASB95)*

*for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*

*Psalms 19:14 (NASB95)*

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be ACCEPTABLE in  
Your sight ...*

*Colossians 1:19 (NASB95)*

*For it was the Father's GOOD PLEASURE for all the fullness to dwell in Him,*

**EVERYTHING ABOUT OUR SERVICE TO GOD IS FOR HIS PLEASURE. AND SINCE HIS PLEASURE IS OUR PLEASURE MY SERVICE SHOULD ALWAYS SAY, "MY PLEASURE!"**

## II. I GUARD MY \_\_\_\_\_

*Philippians 2:14 (NASB95)*

*Do all things without grumbling or disputing;*

*If you can't serve with joy then stop serving.*

### III. I CREATE A \_\_\_\_\_

*Philippians 2:15 (NASB95)*

*so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,*

### IV. I \_\_\_\_\_ THE WORD

*Philippians 2:16 (NASB95)*

*holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.*

*WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A record-low 20% of Americans now say the Bible is the literal word of God, down from 24% the last time the question was asked in 2017, and half of what it was at its high points in 1980 and 1984. Meanwhile, a new high of 29% say the Bible is a collection of "fables, legends, history and moral precepts recorded by man." This marks the first time significantly more Americans have viewed the Bible as not divinely inspired than as the literal word of God.<sup>1</sup>*

### V. I SPREAD THE \_\_\_\_\_!

*Philippians 2:17–18 (NASB95)*

*17But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all.*

*18You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.*

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<sup>1</sup> FRANK NEWPORT *Fewer in U.S. Now See Bible as Literal Word of God* Gallup. July 6, 2022. <https://news.gallup.com/poll/394262/fewer-bible-literal-word-god.aspx>