

# PHILIPPIANS - THE KEYS TO RELEASING OUR JOY

## Lesson 5

*Review: Paul exemplifies how our joy can be released even when we might feel imprisoned by our pain. It may be the pain of undeserved suffering, loss, or mistreatment. His joy was the result of using prayer and praise to gain a right perspective on his pain. This stabilized his feelings, settled his focus, strengthened his faith, and ultimately see others follow. We now examine the key to....*

### RESCUING OUR JOY FROM THE PRISON OF PRIDE - Phil. 2

#### I. PRIDE IMPEDES THE JOY OF GOD'S GRACE RELEASE - Phil. 2:1 / James 4:5-7

- A) The joy we receive from His ASSURANCE is a gift of grace
- B) The joy we receive from His AFFECTION is a gift of grace
- C) The joy we receive from His ACCEPTANCE is a gift of grace
- D) The joy we receive from His ATTENTION is a gift of grace

#### II. PRIDE INTERRUPTS THE JOY WE GAIN FROM RELATIONSHIPS - Phil. 2:2-4

- A) The proud are only inclined to their own ESTIMATIONS
- B) The proud are only interested in their own EXPECTATIONS
- C) The proud are only invested in their own EDIFICATION

#### III. PRIDE INHIBITS THE JOY OF GROWING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS - Phil. 2:12-16

- A) The proud perform with a wrong MOTIVES - Col. 3:22-24
- B) The proud judge progress with a wrong MEASURES
- C) The proud are prone to wicked MURMURINGS - vs. 14
- D) The proud will pervert the gospel MESSAGE - vs. 15-16

#### IV. PRIDE INTERFERES WITH THE JOY OF RECEIVING - Phil. 2:17-24

- A) The proud DISMISS those who may be younger
- B) The proud DISDAIN those of lesser experience
- C) The proud DESPISE those of less importance

#### V. PRIDE IMPRISONS THE JOY OF REJOICING - Phil. 2:25-30

- A) The proud see another's burden as an IMPOSITION
- B) The proud see another's blessing with INDIFFERENCE