

The Gift

Philippians 1:19-30



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**What Would You Do If
You Have The Most
Incredible Gift That Can
Literally Change
Someone's Life?**



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Philippians 1:18b–30

Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

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Philippians 1:18b–30

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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From God vs. 19-22

Rejoice

- Paul's testimony
- Evidence of the church
- Evidence of disciples
- ruh·joys – root word “JOY”
 - Joy is a fruit of the spirit – Galatians 5:22-26



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Galatians 5:22–26

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.



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- "ruh·joys" – root word "JOY"
 - Joy is a fruit of the spirit – Galatians 5:22-26
 - Joy is not the same as happiness
 - Joy cannot be faked
 - Joy is a reflection of the work of God in your life



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From God vs. 19-22

Rejoice

Prayer

- The foundation not the reaction for believers
- Constant communication with God
- Church praying for Paul
- Work of the Holy Spirit
- Hope secure through prayer
- Continual help by the Holy Spirit
- Deliverance –
 - Earthly free to go
 - Heavenly – free for sin and effects of sin



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From God vs. 19-22

Rejoice

Prayer

Hope

- Eager expectation of the reality of hope
- Not a wishful thinking about but a firm certainty
- Not ashamed BUT FULL courage anchored in Jesus



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From God vs. 19-22

Rejoice

Prayer

Hope

Honor Christ

- In our body – the temple (dwelling place) of the Holy Spirit
- By life – visual reflection of Christ working
- By death – continual effects of testimony lived for Christ



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From God vs. 19-22

Rejoice

Prayer

Hope

Honor Christ

To Live – Christ

- Following the commands of Christ
- Bearing testimony
- Being part of the earthly body of Christ – the church
- “It is all about Jesus”



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From God vs. 19-22

Rejoice

Prayer

Hope

Honor Christ

To Live – Christ

To Die - Gain

- Faith made sight
- Absence from the strain of sin and sinful nature
- Presence of God forever



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From God vs. 19-22

Rejoice

Prayer

Hope

Honor Christ

To Live – Christ

To Die – Gain

Greater Impact

- Live out Christ for other
- Live out Christ in the church
- Depend on God's timing not ours



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To You vs. 23-26

Greater Impact

- Live out Christ for other
- Live out Christ in the church
- Depend



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To You vs. 23-26

Greater Impact

The Body Of Christ Now

- Our command is to proclaim the gospel
- Fellowship with believers and encourage each other
- Worship God
- Make multiplying disciples



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To You vs. 23-26

Greater Impact

The Body Of Christ Now

Church Is To Grow

- Spiritual growth
- Physical growth
- Growth reflected through joy in the faith
- Celebration of the Body of Christ glorifies God



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For Others vs. 27-29

Living Testimony

- Your actions, attitude, and words all matter
- The life of a believer must reflect Christ
- “Worthy” – remember the cost of your salvation
- The testimony of the local body as many members live out their testimony together



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For Others vs. 27-29

Living Testimony

The Oneness Of The Church

- Standing firm – remember our rock... Jesus
- The root of the church’s identity must be the gospel of Jesus Christ
- One spirit
- One mind – loving God... loving others
- Striving together for the sake of the gospel ... love of others



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For Others vs. 27-29

Living Testimony

The Oneness Of The Church

Assurance Of The Victory

- Unity in the Church is a reminder of the defeated enemy
- Our salvation is secure
- All as a gift from God



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For Others vs. 27-29

Living Testimony

The Oneness Of The Church

Assurance Of The Victory

Believe And Suffer

- Not for our own pity, but for Christ's sake
- Suffering trials builds faith in God and the character of the believer to reflect the work ongoing work of the Holy Spirit
- Remember the context – Philippi suffered conflict from the very beginning and continued to conflicts



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**The Gift... The Gospel
Received?
Sharing?
Why Not?**

