

Philippians: Having Joy in the Christian Life

A. Definition of true Joy

1. The prerequisite for true joy is having been _____ first (Psalm 35:9; 68:3)
2. Joy is a _____ of the _____ (Gal 5:22)
3. Needs to be appropriated by _____ (sound doctrine)(Phil 1:9) and _____ (Psalm 33:21; Rom 15:13)
4. Is hindered by _____ or _____ (Psalm 51:1-12)

B. Helpful information about the book of Philippians

1. Some key facts
2. Who wrote the book and who was it written to?
3. Why was it written?
 - I. Thank them for their _____ (4:15-17)
 - II. Tell them of his (Paul's) love for them and _____ them to live a lifestyle of joy (4:1-4)
 - a. To grow in love by knowledge and discernment (1:9)
 - b. To be humble (2:3-9)
 - c. To reject false teaching (3:1-3,9)
 - d. To be unified (4:1-2)
 - III. Encourage them in their _____ (1:27-28)
 - IV. Warn them of those who would _____ their _____ (3:2)

C. An application Outline

1. Chapter 1: For living joyfully we need the right model

Jesus Christ is to be our _____ (1:21, Gal 2:20)

2. Chapter 2: For serving with joy we need the right attitude

Not out of _____ (2:3)

Not with _____ and _____ (2:14)

Having the _____ of _____ (2:5)

3. Chapter 3: For sharing joy we need the right goal

Christ be _____ (3:12-14)

Furtherance of the _____ (1:12)

4. Chapter 4: for resting with joy we need the right release

Be _____ for nothing (4:6a)

But by _____ and _____ (4:6b)

By _____ on Godly things (4:8-9)

By remembering we can do _____ things through _____ who strengthens us (4:13)