

The Joy of Faith

Philippians 1:25 *And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and **joy of faith**;*

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

Psalms 112:7 "I" shall not be afraid of evil tidings: my heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Philippians Chapter 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:

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

3. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,

4. Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,

5. For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;

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:

7. Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of my grace.

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

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

10. That you may approve things that are excellent; that you may be *sincere and without offence* till the day of Christ;

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

12. But I would you should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;

13. So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;

14. And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

15. Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:

16. The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:

17. But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.

18. What then? *notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth*, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

19. For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

20. According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

21. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

22. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.

23. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

24. Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.

25. And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;

26. That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.

27. Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

28. And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

29. For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, *not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake;*

30. Having the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

Phil Chapter 2

1. If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, 2. **Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.** 3. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. 5. **Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:** 6. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7. *But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant,* and was made in the likeness of men: 8. And being found in fashion as a man, *He humbled Himself,* and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: 10. **That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,** of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11. **And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,** to the glory of God the Father.

Confessions:

- I must not live on the basis of emotions. But I also must not ignore emotions - because emotions show what I am trusting. Whatever I desire the most, or worry about losing the most, is what I am trusting the most.

- I never need to settle for lack of joy in Christ. If I will prayerfully fight the fight of faith, the Holy Spirit will restore the joy of salvation.

- I must never settle for lack of joy in Christ - because lack of joy shows there's a problem with my faith. It either shows I am not trusting Jesus to satisfy me, or I am trusting something else to satisfy me.

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"Faith is the cause. Joy is the result." – Susanne Schuberth – Germany

2 Cor 1:24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith you stand.

Luke 6:22-23 Blessed are you, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice you in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make ALL GRACE ABOUND to you, so that in ALL things, at ALL times, having ALL that you need, you will ABOUND in EVERY good work.

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: