



Proclaiming Christ with Joy &
Peace in all Circumstances

PHILIPPIANS

By the Power of the Resurrection

**Is the Grace of
the Lord Jesus
Christ with You?**

What do you experience without the Lord's grace?

Your guilt & shame will only lead to despair & death

You will hold onto anger, bitterness, & unforgiveness

You will often assume the worst of people you know & those you don't

The day-to-day circumstances will determine whether you experience any measure of joy or peace

Any pondering of the future will be filled with anxiety

Any way you decide to give will often be with the expectation of receiving as much or more in return

Your destiny is eternal destruction

Philippians 4:14-16 (ESV) ¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again.

While Paul was in chains, they were providing support as a small body of believers. Don't underestimate what God can do with a few of His faithful followers.

100 miles to Thessalonica may not seem like much in the 21st century, but each time, this was a multi-day trip for those from Philippi. This accentuates the care that they had for Paul.

By this time, Paul had many different churches he was tied to, but Philippi stood alone in this partnership of giving and receiving.

How do you show love to your brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need?

Philippians 4:17-19 (LSB) ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek the fruit which increases to your account. ¹⁸ But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I have been filled, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will fulfill all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

What Paul desired more than receiving gifts was knowing they were obedient in following the Lord Jesus in producing fruit

God's abundance is enough to take care of all our needs, and He regularly uses believers to provide for the needs of His family.

When we serve those in need in the body of Christ, we both please the Lord and store up treasures in the age to come

Do you rest in the truth that God will fulfill all your needs when you trust and serve Him?

Philippians 4:20-23 (HCSB) ²⁰ Now to our God and Father be glory

forever and ever. Amen. ²¹ Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. Those brothers who are with me greet you. ²² All the saints greet you, but especially those from Caesar's household.

²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

The glory God receives now will never cease to be received. The awe-inspiring praise and honor due Him will be provided by the heavenly host and us eternally.

The theme of the letter is found in the conclusion. When the grace of our Lord is with us, we can have joy, peace, and contentment regardless of circumstances.

This is a greeting to family. We ARE family in Christ. Note that even members of the emperor's household have chosen to follow Christ.

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