

THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

JOY FOR EVERY SITUATION

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DISCOVERING THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND HIS JOY IN EVERY SITUATION

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Introduction to the Text:

Philippians 1:27-30

THE **RELEVANT** CHRISTIAN

1.) **Recognizing** what's under our skin

vs. 8-11

Philippians 1:9-10a

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, 10 that you may approve the things that are excellent,

2.) **Realizing** the centrality of our mission/lives

vs. 12-14

13 so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; 14 and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

3.) **Rejoicing** in the face of everything

vs. 15-21

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

4.) **Remaining** faithful to the end

vs. 22-26

23 For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. 24 Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you.

5.) **Resilient** against a lost world

vs. 27-30

Synonyms for the word Resilient

hardy, strong, **robust**, buoyant, **tough**, irrepressible, **resistant**, durable, - **relentless**.

Philippians 1:27-30

Only let your **conduct** be **worthy** of the Gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your **affairs**, that you **stand fast** in **one spirit**, with **one mind striving together** for the **faith of the gospel**, **28** and not in any way **terrified** by your **adversaries**, which is to them a proof of **perdition**, but to you of **salvation**, and that from God. **29** For to you it has been **granted** on **behalf** of Christ, not only to **believe** in Him, but also to **suffer** for His sake, **30** having the same **conflict** which you **saw** in me and now **hear** is in me.

The Nature of Resilient

Philippians 1:6

being **confident** of this very **thing**, that He who has begun a **good work** in **you** will **complete** it **until** the day of Jesus Christ;

Philippians 1:21

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

**THE RELEVANT CHRISTIAN
IS RESILIENT AGAINST A LOST WORLD**

5a.) **Resilient** against a world that has no answer

vs. 27

Philippians 1:27a

Only let your **conduct** be **worthy** of the **Gospel** of Christ,

The Roman Colony of Philippi

A Philippian Citizen Could Go Anywhere in the Empire

With the freedom, boldness and assurance that - - the weight of Rome was behind them.

Worthy grk αξιό ÷ ἄξιος **axios**, ax-ee ´-oce; a god worthy – honoring, an appropriate action. One that illustrates **what God is like**.

Why would our conduct matter as a Christian?

What difference does it make if I live for me and for Jesus when convenient?

(There are many reasons why but the main reason is that Jesus said we have an enemy whose target is your soul, your life, and your lifestyle, to rob, kill, then to destroy – in that order).

In a World that has no answers – **The Resilient Christian is a Walking-Living Billboard to The World about Who Jesus Is.**

1 John 4:17

And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.

Dr. Warren Weirsbe writes:

"The best weapon against the devil is a godly life".

He went on to say that -

"Any local church that behaves what it believes cannot be defeated by Satan."

1 Corinthians 9:19-21 NLT

Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ. **20** When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law. **21** When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ.

Philippians 1:27b

so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your **affairs**,

Affairs grk: peri ÷ **peri**, per-ee´; everything that is involved in living life. Nothing to big. Nothing to small. Everything in life **(like sparrows)**

- that you **stand fast (AT IT)**

stand fast grk: sth/kw **steko**, stay´-ko; statue-like, stationary, persevering. We would say today, hanging in there. It means to be immovable. set in position.

Philippians 1:27c

that you **(1) stand fast** in **one spirit**, with **one mind (2) striving together** for the **faith of the Gospel**

Standing & striving united together for the **faith of the Gospel**.

Ephesians 4:3

Endeavoring (sweat) to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Jude 3

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, **I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly** for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

Stop and Ask Yourself Right Now – Am I Contending, fighting for advancing the Good News of Jesus?

2 Corinthians 5:20

Now then, we are **ambassadors** for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

**THE RELEVANT CHRISTIAN
IS RESILIENT AGAINST A LOST WORLD**

5b.) **Resilient** against a world that is condemned

vs. 28

Philippians 1:28

and not in any way **terrified** by your **adversaries**, which is to them a **proof** of **perdition**, but to you of **salvation**, and that from God.

“and **not** in **any** way”

(!!! no, no way, not ever, not going to happen!!!)

Moved or scared by the world’s threats, attacks, influences, trends or policies.

Terrified grk: a word that describes the (**rare and unusual**) flinching or hesitation of a horse that is riding into battle. **Horses do not hesitate to enter the battle.**

The World is Condemned – But You Already Know That.
Like a dangerous disease or plague, invisible and silent, Sin, in This
World, *advances undetected until it’s too late.*

(Baxter / Edwards Life Sciences and HIV)

Adversaries grk: ajnti ÷ keimai **antikeimai**, *an-tik'-i-mahee*; from 473 and 2749; to organize in opposition against you. To be concealed with the intent to harm. To ambush. (**John 10:10**)

We are not only children of God & Brothers and Sisters,
we are more than that, we are fellow soldiers engaged in an epic battle.

vs. 28 which is to them a **proof** of **perdition**, but to you of **salvation**

Persecution is Here – It’s Hiding Right Now.
In the wicked and rebellious hearts of men – it’s waiting.

1 Peter 4:12-14

Beloved, do not think it strange (**rare and unusual**) concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange (**rare and unusual**) thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. (**We will have the scars to prove our battles**). 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

2 Timothy 3:12-13

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse,

Proof grk: e ¶ ndeixiβ **endeixis**, *en'-dike-sis*; a “declaring, present tense announcement. To be repeatedly announced, mindful. To be evidenced by the offender. To show the evidence of the crime.

is to them **an evident token** = **KVJ**

This is **a sign** to them – **NIV**

This is a **clear omen** to them – **RSV**

(All of these words mean the same thing = a resident, impending doom.)

Their destruction is hanging over their head.

Deuteronomy 32:35 NLT

I the Lord will take revenge; I will pay them back. **In due time their feet will slip.** Their day of disaster will arrive, and **their destiny will overtake them.**

I have to tell you something here in advance;

It's a much needed warning.

Battles for Righteousness are another Proof of Your Salvation.

vs. 28 your **adversaries**, which is to them a **proof** of **perdition**,

Perdition grk: ἀπώλεια **apoleia**, *ap-o'-li-a*; impending doom. Coming condemnation, damnation, destruction, a pernicious or malevolent end.

John 3:15-20

Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

I will prove it to you this morning, right now, right here!

Romans 1:26-32

For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. 27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

**THE RELEVANT CHRISTIAN
IS RESILIENT AGAINST A LOST WORLD**

5c.) **Resilient against a world that will hurt you**

vs. 29-30

Philippians 1:29-30

29 For to you it has been **granted** on **behalf** of Christ, not only to **believe** in Him, but also to **suffer** for His sake, 30 having the same **conflict** which you **saw** in me and now **hear** is in me.

“The presence of a conflict between good and evil is an honor.”

Hebrews 12:3

For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. 4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.

John 16:33

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

John 15:18-19a

“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19a If you were of the world, the world would love (you) its own.

The Battle you are in as a Christian against the wickedness of this world in our day is **proof, evidence, a confirmation**, that you are **a citizen of heaven.**

For each and every one of us this morning, we are here representing
a Worldview / a Lifestyle / a Code / a Reason / a Value / a World.

It's Time to Change the World You Live In.

————— *End of Study* —————

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