

# THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

JOY FOR EVERY SITUATION

## PHILIPPIANS CHAPTER 2:14-18

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### **“FAITH ON FIRE” – PART 3** **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A CHRISTIAN BURNS**

DISCOVERING THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND HIS JOY IN EVERY SITUATION

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Discipleship, Salvation, Power, Comfort, Growth, Living**

**Introduction to the Text;      [Philippians 2:14-18](#)**

**The Dominant Themes of the Epistle to the Philippians -**  
**Attitude, Deity of Christ, Fellowship, The Gospel,**  
**The Day of Christ, and It's Overriding Theme, Joy**

Paul's hope and confidence for the Philippian believers  
is centered around and in the person and work of Jesus Christ –  
*and so it is for us who believe !*

#### **Philippians 1:6**

Paul expressed his **faith** in God's faithfulness to perform...

“Be”-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;

#### **Hebrews 11:1-2**

Now **faith** is the **substance** of things hoped for, the **evidence (proof)** of things not seen.  
**2** For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.

**Substance:** uJpo/stasiß **hupostasis**, hoop-os´-tas-is; **the** confidence, **the** essence, or **the** assurance. This “confidence” is all predicated upon **God's ability to do what He has said He would do.**

The Directive; “**By Faith**”  
is mentioned 17 times Just in Chapter 11 alone.

### Hebrews 11:3

**By faith we understand** that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible (seen – that is - God spoke into existence what is – from nothing.)

### Hebrews 11:8

**By faith Abraham obeyed** when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

### Hebrews 11:21

**By faith** Jacob, when he was dying, **blessed each of the sons** of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.

### Hebrews 11:24

**By faith** Moses, when he became of age, **refused** to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,

### Hebrews 11:29

**By faith** they **passed through the Red Sea** as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned.

### Hebrew 11:30-31

**By faith the walls of Jericho fell down** after they were encircled for seven days. **31 By faith** the harlot **Rahab did not perish** with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.

### Hebrews 11:32-34

And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.

### Hebrews 10:38

Now the just shall live **By faith**; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.”

The Christian's "Faith Target" is not faith itself –  
Faith is Exercised Everyday by all of us.

But is that object - - that person, or place or thing that your faith is being placed in, that "Faith Target" able to deliver you in the day of trouble !

Mark 11:22

(in response to Israel's faithlessness)

So Jesus answered and said to them,  
"Have faith in God.

## FAITH ON FIRE

1.) **Is a faith that cannot be hidden** vs. 14-15

2.) **Is a faith that cannot be extinguished** vs. 16

Philippians 2:13

**13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. - -**  
**:14** Do all things without **complaining** and **disputing**, **15** that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, **among whom** you shine as lights in the world, **16** holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

And so now - we come to the overriding motivation that drives the Apostle's ministry life...

Verse 17-18

**:17** Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. **18** For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me.

## FAITH ON FIRE

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A CHRISTIAN BURNS

3.) **Is a faith that cannot be forgotten** vs. 17-18

**Yes**, and if (since) I am being **(1) poured out (2) as a drink offering (3)** on the sacrifice and service of your faith....

**If I were to tell you** that real living is making a million bucks, I'd be robbing you of the truth. **If I were to tell you** that if you gave all your possessions away to the poor then you'd have a happy life, I'd be lying to you. **If I were to say to you** – go blow yourself up and you might receive 72 virgins as a reward – I'd be misleading you...

**But if I were to tell you that there is a secret to living this life**

of yours here on earth, a life so meaningful and intentional and rewarding and powerful that nothing can compare to it - - **the answer would be absolutely offensive to a closed heart and mind** - - the answer is  
"Stop, Surrender, Think".

### Mark 8:34-37

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 35 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. 36 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? 37 Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? 38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

Our lives are now His. But What Does That Mean ?

**Here, Scholars are divided.**

### Verse 17a

**Yes**, and if (since) I am being **(1) poured out (2) as a drink offering**

### First Recorded "Drink Offering" in the Scriptures

#### Genesis 35:10,13-14

And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel shall be your name." So He called his name Israel... 13 Then God went up from him in the place where He talked with him. 14 So Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He talked with him, a pillar of stone; and he poured a drink offering on it, and he poured oil on it. 15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, Bethel.

## From Numbers 15

on the day of worship for the Jew – the Sabbath day, a drink offering was to be presented to the Lord in association with **“The Greater Sacrifice”**.

The “burnt offering” was to **confirm the confession**.  
The “drink offering” was to **complete the vow**.

### #1 - Does Paul mean to be saying that;

That like the priests of the Old Testament who would pour blood or scented oil or water upon a burning sacrifice TO ADD TO the sweetness of the sacrifice - - Paul is saying, I want TO ADD TO the Philippians offering?

#### 1 Corinthians 3:10-11

According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. **11** For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

### Or #2 - Does he mean to be saying that;

Like Jesus is our High Priest over the Church of God, so Paul is acting out the same for the Philippians - - that in every way he is giving 110% of himself to show others the love of Christ by example?

#### Numbers 28:7

And its drink offering shall be one-fourth of a hin for each lamb; in a holy place you shall pour out the drink to the LORD as an offering.

#### Luke 22:20

Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed (poured out) for you. **21** But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table.

#### John 19:33

But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. **34** But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

## Verse 17b

Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering **on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.**

Notice that a **“Faith on Fire”** is a **sacrifice AND a service.**

“ Heck Yeah - I’ll Die  
for That ”

### Philippians 1:23

“My **desire** is to depart and be with Christ, for **that is far better**”

**Paul didn’t have a death wish – He had seen what was on the other side of this life.**

**Paul was not a fatalist, he was a finalist.**

**Each and every offering, tithe, act, good work,**  
kind word, loving sacrifice – will never be forgotten by God.

A Faith on Fire - Is a faith that cannot be forgotten

### Matthew 6:19-20

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; **20** but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

**FAITH ON FIRE**  
**IS A FAITH THAT CANNOT BE FORGOTTEN**

3b.) We’ve **given our lives to one another** vs. 17b

I am **glad** (joyful) and **rejoice** (re-joy / joy again and again) with you all.

{ to experience a **co-joy**, a **shared** joy, a **corporate** joy }

## OK – Wait a Minute. What Kind of Animal is This Guy Paul?

The **value** and **estimation** of others is one of those things that sets Christian doctrine out and away from all other faith-systems.

### God's Love for You / Others Is Convincing Enough

that it causes the Christian to see himself like Jesus Christ was when on earth.

## This Kind of Christian Cannot be Stopped.

### Note the calling

#### Acts 9:15-16

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

### Note the mission

#### Galatians 2:8

For the same God who worked through Peter as the apostle to the Jews also worked through me as **the apostle to the Gentiles**.

### Note the destination

#### 2 Corinthians 12:4

I was caught up to paradise and heard things so astounding that they cannot be expressed in words, things no human is allowed to tell...

#### Philippians 1:21

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

#### 2 Timothy 4:1-2 NLT

I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he appears to set up his Kingdom: 2 Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching.

## 2 Timothy 4:3-4,6-8

For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will reject the truth and chase after myths.... :6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

## 1 John 3:16

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us.  
**And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.**

## FAITH ON FIRE IS A FAITH THAT CANNOT BE FORGOTTEN

3c.) We've given our lives to God

vs. 18

For the **same reason** you also be glad and rejoice with me.

“Why Paul?” Because I Have Given My Life to God.

So what becomes of us who have given our lives to Him

**#1 Presently** we are living our lives with purpose.

The Christian has a mission, each of us do. (*so much so that you ought to be able to tell the person next to you what it is*)

**#2 Eventually** deeds in this life will be realized fully

we are aware that there's an expiration date on each of us. (*so we seek God's will to be done in our lives. "Lord, what would have me do, when and where lord?"*)

## John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: **13** who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.



This should not seem strange to us, that God, being a person  
would relate to us in the familiar –  
personality to personality.

Isaiah 45:22

“**Look to Me**, and be saved, All you ends of the earth!  
For I am God, and there is no other.

How much does it cost to look? // Who among us can look?  
What effort does it take to look? // What keeps you from looking to Him?

Heaven will never forget  
the faith you acted upon while here on earth.

A dramatic and remarkable (emotional) picture Paul has painted for us here. He has said that, “*You Philippians have built an altar of worship and sacrifice by your internal and external witness that has honored the name of Jesus. If I should die for having been arrested for serving you all - - then I will be glad to have invested my life, “poured out my life” upon the altar that you all have made.*”

What a sweet and powerful endorsement  
of the Christians living in Philippi (SoCal).

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*End of Study*

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