



**Class 8 ~ Philippians**  
**10.16.19**  
**For the week of 10.16 - 10.22**

**Videos we watched in class:**

Philippians

<https://thebibleproject.com/explore/philippians/>

Joy

<https://thebibleproject.com/explore/the-advent-series/>

*“ There is nothing Christ dislikes more than for His people to make show of Him and not to use Him. He loves to be worked. He is a great laborer. He always was for His Father, and now He loves to be a great laborer for His brethren. The more burdens you put on His shoulders, the better He will love you. Cast your burden on Him.” Charles Spurgeon*

**Homework:**

**Everyday:** pray that the Lord will speak to you through His word and that through the power of the Holy Spirit, you will be transformed to His likeness. Pray that the words of your mouth and the meditations of your heart be acceptable to Him.

## Day 1

If you have a study Bible, read the introduction to give you the reason for this letter: who wrote it, to whom, and why? Record that below:

My introduction in the NIV translation states that Philippians is “outstanding as the New Testament letter of joy”. As you read this week, look for the many various ways that word or some form of it occurs.

Also, my introduction states that Philippians contains one of the most profound Christological passages in the New Testament in Chapter 2: 5-11. Read that a few times and write why you think that passage is considered that way.

## Day 2

Read Chapter 1 - Joy in Living

Verse 1: 21 “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.” Christ was the source and secret of Paul’s joy because his life found its meaning in Christ.

Christ is the *giver of life* - Read and record John 10:10.

Christ is *life itself* - Read and record Galatians 2:20

Christ is the *model of my life*- Read and record Matthew 5:48

Christ is the *aim of my life*- Read and record 2 Peter 1:16

Christ is the *reward of my life*- Read and record 2 Corinthians 9:15

Now make it personal by completing this sentence:

Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ of my life.

### **Day 3**

Read Philippians 2- Joy in Service

In verses 17-30 Paul writes of men who lived like Jesus through love, servanthood, and humility. Read these verses and respond.

How does Paul describe himself?

How about Timothy?

What about Epaphroditus?

What about you? How would you like to be described as someone who lives like Jesus? None of us can be completely there, but with the Lord's help we can grow in His likeness. Think about that. Pray about that.

## **Day 4**

Read Philippians 3- Joy in Fellowship

We read of some of the ambitions of Paul's heart in this chapter. Can you identify them in these verses?

3:8

3:9

3:10

3:12

3:14

3:20-21 are not only Paul's ambition but our hope as followers of Christ. I have this underlined in my Bible as something to look forward to!

What about you?

## Day 5

Read Philippians 4- Joy in Rewards

In verse 13 Paul indicates the reason for his contentment in all circumstances. What is it?

We all have contentment issues in our lives. In what ways can we embrace the truth found in 4:13?

We have all heard the term: "mind over matter". Do you think that fits in anywhere in Paul's exhortation in 4:8?

What would the world's definition of "mind over matter" sound like?

Would that be different from the Christian's? Similar?

As you conclude your study of Philippians, what are some things you want to remember?

Ask God to help you remember and apply them so that like Paul writes: "And the God of peace will be with you". 4:9