

The Bible - Week 40 (October 17th)

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Philippians

Author: Paul

Date: Closer to the end of Paul's Roman imprisonment still early 60's

Audience: The church in Philippi, a gentile crowd

Reason: Paul was warning against false teachings that were growing there and then to remain joyful in God.

Theme: Joy of the Lord

Key Verse:

Philippians 4:4 (CEB)

Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad!

Philippians 1:21 CEB

Because for me, living serves Christ and dying is even better.

Sections: Meaning of True Life (Ch 1), Example of that Life (Ch 2), Goal of Life (Ch 3), Walking out of True Life (Ch 4)

Key Words: Gospel, Joy, Think, Christ

Basic Intro: Though Paul is tired from prison and ready to be with God, he isn't done working yet and so he remains faithful to writing to the early church and responding to the reports that he hears about them. Philippians is a book in this time of Paul's life.

Questions for Discussion:

- **What does the statement "to live is Christ and to die is**

gain” mean to you?

- **People we’re fighting over who got what spiritual gift.**

Have you been jealous of someone else’s spiritual gifting and how did you manage that?

- **This book tells us to remain joyful. That can be really hard. In what ways are you struggling with remaining joyful and in what ways are you maintaining that joy?**

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