

In what circumstances are you least likely to be content?

How can Paul's secret be applied to your situation?

How had the Philippians helped Paul both in the past and the present (v 14 – 18)?

What benefits does Paul expect the Philippians to receive from their giving (v 17 – 19)?

How can your worldview be better matched to Jesus'?

Lent 2021 - Reflections on Christian Priorities

**Study 7: Seeing the world as Jesus sees it.  
(Sermon - 21 March 2021)**

Philippians 4:4 - 23.

How do you see the world? How do you judge success or otherwise in your life?

Another way of putting this is, what is your worldview. Each of us sees the world slightly differently. How we see the world will affect our assessment of events around us, how we understand why things happen.

In Philippians 4 Paul encourages us to see the world through Jesus' eyes. To assess events that happen to us in light of the Gospel. To see God's hand at work in both the good and the bad. As we talk to God we can have a peace that is firmly built on the certain hope and love we have in Jesus.

*Phil 4:7 'And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'*

How do you see the people and world around you? How do you react to events that happen to you?

**Now read Philippians 4:4 - 23**

How can gentleness be made “evident to all” (v 5)? How is this seen in Jesus’ life?

What should the role of prayer be in our lives? What about thanksgiving?

What results of prayer does Paul promise?

How can true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy thoughts help cleanse our minds and restore our tranquillity (v 8)? How does this reflect Jesus’ thinking?

What did Paul find pleasing about the Philippians’ gift?

Why is Paul so careful to let the Philippians know he isn’t dependent on their gift (v 11 – 13)?

What is Paul’s “secret of being content” (v12)? How did Paul learn this secret? How does this reflect Jesus’ thinking?