

Philippians

TO LIVE IS CHRIST



Developing a Joyful Mindset



Jail-proof Joy!

Philippians 1:12-18

Paul's story

Paul's **JOY**

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me have actually turned out for
the furtherance of the gospel,

Philippians 1:12

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the whole palace guard, and to all
the rest, that my chains are in
Christ;

Philippians 1:13

and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

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Philippians 1:15

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Philippians 1:16

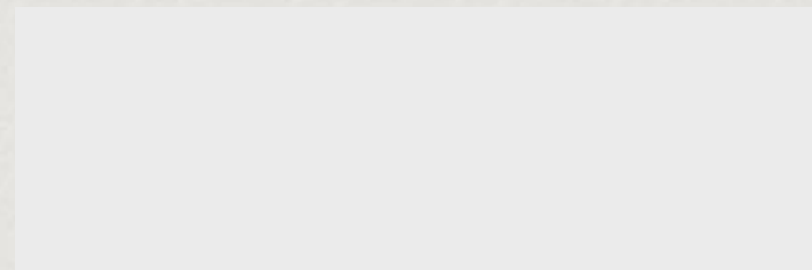
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selfish ambition, not sincerely,
supposing to add affliction to my
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Philippians 1:17

What then? Only *that* in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.

Philippians 1:18

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Acts 28:16b

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Acts 28:20b

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Philippians 1:25; 2:24

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But I **trust** in the Lord that
I myself shall also come
shortly

Philippians 1:25; 2:24

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Philippians 1:21-22

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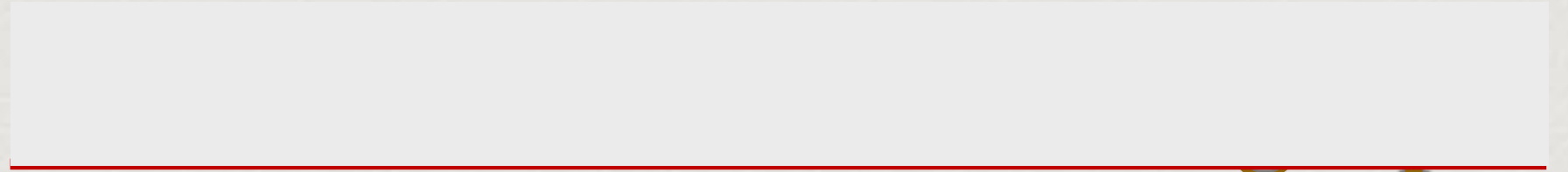
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Philippians 4:21b-22

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it is God who works in you both
to will and to work for *His*
good pleasure.

Philippians 2:13b

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Let nothing be done through
selfish ambition or conceit, but in
humility of mind let each consider
others better than himself.

Philippians 2:3

Let each of you look out not only
for his own interests but also for
the interests of others.

Philippians 2:4

Do all things without complaining
and disputing.

Philippians 2:14

Stand firm in one spirit, without
one soul, competing together for
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Philippians 1:27b

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Yourself last.

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