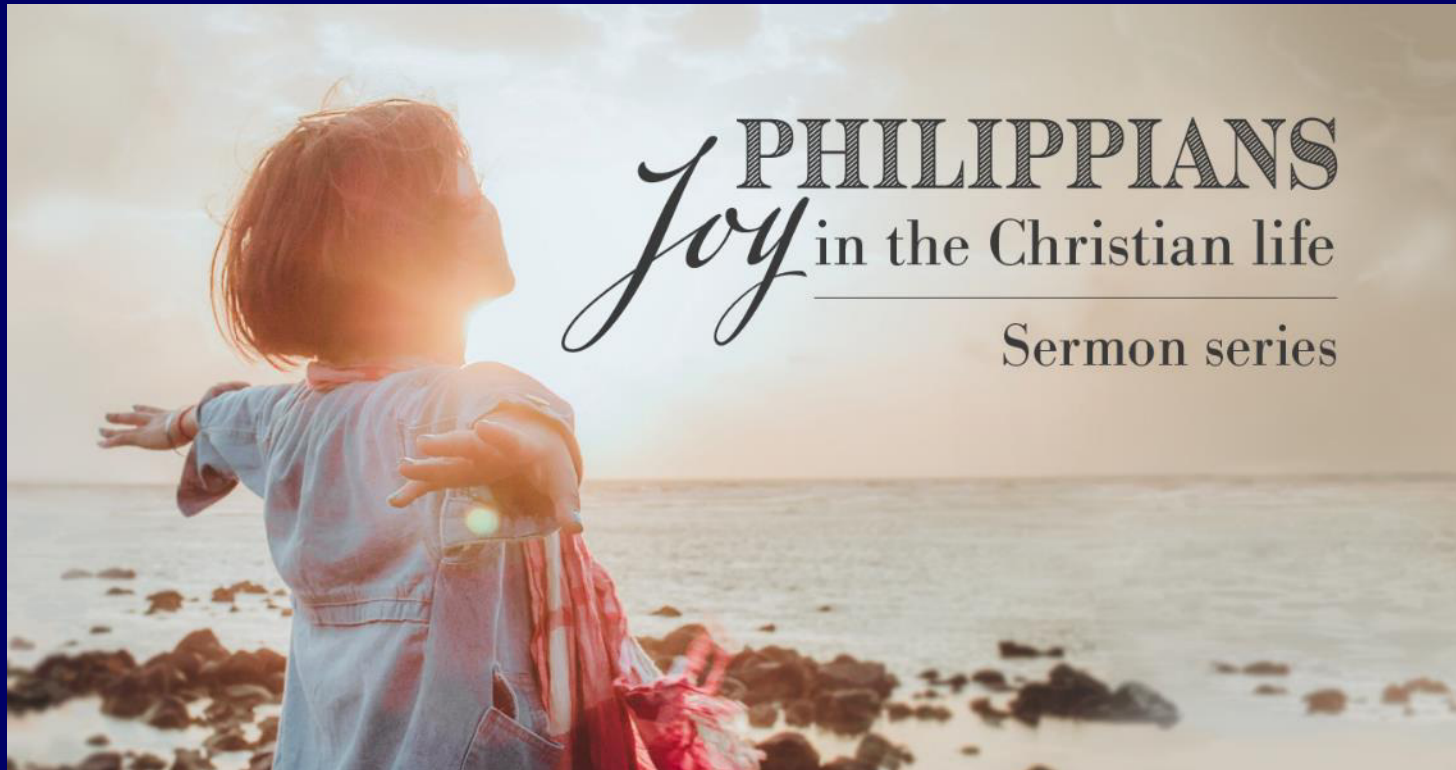


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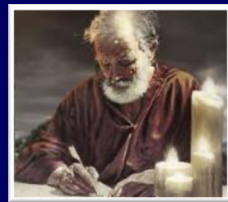


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Answering Ten Questions



- 1) Who wrote it? – **Paul**
- 2) To Whom was it written? – **The Believers at Philippi**
- 3) Where was it written from? – **Rome**
- 4) When was it written? – **A.D. 62**
- 5) What was the book's occasion? – **Five contacts**
- 6) Who are the opponents? – **Four opponents threatening joy**
- 7) What is the book's purpose? – **To give joy during adversity**
- 8) How is it organized (outline)? – **Four- part outline**
- 9) What is it about? – **Joy during adverstiy**
- 10) What makes the book different? – **Personal & informal**

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(Phil. 1:12-30)

- Captive audience (Phil. 1:12-13)
- Church's boldness in preaching (Phil. 1:14-18)
- Greater prayer (Phil. 1:19)
- Protection from martyrdom (Phil. 1:20-26)



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Philippians 2:7

“⁷ but emptied [*kenoō*] Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.”

KENOSIS





John Walvoord

Jesus Christ Our Lord, 143-44

“The act of *kenosis* as stated in Philippians 2 may therefore be properly understood to mean that Christ surrendered no attribute of deity, but that He did voluntarily restrict their independent use in keeping with His purpose of living among men and their limitations.”

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Applying Paul's Paradigm

(Phil. 2:12–16)

1. Progress in practical sanctification (Phil. 2:12-13)
2. Do not grumble or dispute (Phil. 2:14)
3. Be blameless in the world (Phil. 2:15)
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Galatians 4:13-14

“¹³ but you know that it was because of a **bodily illness** that I preached the gospel to you the first time; ¹⁴ and that which was a trial to you in **my bodily condition** you did not despise or loathe, but you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus *Himself*.”



Romans 8:19-22

¹⁹ "For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now."



1 Timothy 5:23

“No longer drink water *exclusively*, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.”



2 Timothy 4:20

“Erastus remained at Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus.”



Revelation 21:4

“and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”



Conclusion

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“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (NIV)