

PHILIPPIANS Lesson 1

Introduction/Overview

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Chapters: 4

Verses: 104

Words: 2002

Theme: Joy and rejoicing (found 16 times in Philippians)

CONFIDENCE IN GOD: 1:6, 1:14, 1:25

Rejoicing in the Lord greatly (4:10) because you can be certain that God will supply all your need (4:19)

Certain of God's love for us, no matter what happens in our other relationships (Chapter 2).

Certain that we'll end up where only God can take us (Chapter 3).

Confidant: someone you confide in. Someone you trust so much that you tell them everything.

When God becomes your confidant (when you confide in Him and tell Him everything), that is when you will really begin to enjoy the Christian life. Always trust that God is able and willing to help you.

GAINS

God has spiritual gains for Christians who have confidence in Him (1:21). Christians who confide in God know that He is still working on them. They know they are gaining something even through trials. And what they used to count as gain, they now count as loss (unimportant) compared to what they are gaining in Christ Jesus (3:7).

God shall supply all your need (4:19). Whatever you lack as you begin to grow in the Lord, you can be certain that God will give you what you need. (Not what you want, not what you lust after).

4 BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES

1. **Jesus Christ** (2:1-11).
2. **Timothy** (2:19-24). Paul has confidence in this young man.
3. **Epaphroditus** (2:25-30). He was a brother, a companion in labour, a fellowsoldier, a messenger, and one who ministered to Paul. He did so much for God and for the brethren that he was "sick nigh unto death" (vs 27).
4. **Paul** (3:1-17). He begins rejoicing (vs 1) and ends by telling the brethren to follow him and be a part of the work that has blessed him so much (vs 17).

A key passage of the entire bible (2:1-11)

Seven downward steps from the throne in heaven to the cross at Calvary:

1. He made Himself of no reputation.
2. Took upon himself the form of a servant.
3. Made in the likeness of men.
4. Found in fashion as a man.
5. Humbled himself.
6. Became obedient unto death.
7. The death of the cross.