

Philippians

Find Your Joy in Living Worthy of the Gospel:
The Pattern of the Cross Applied
(4:1-9)

Practical Application

- I. How should we then live? (v. 1)
- II. Interpersonal Relationships (vv. 2-3)
- III. General Exhortations (vv. 4-7)
- IV. Concluding Exhortations (vv. 8-9)

How should we then live? v. 1

- “Therefore” – examples of Jesus, Paul & others
- Beloved (x2) & Long-For – dear to Paul’s heart
- My Joy & Crown – center of Paul’s life
- Stand fast/firm – not shaken

Interpersonal Relationships vv. 2-3

- Euodia & Syntche – two women at odds
- Same mind – unity not conformity
- Synzygus & Paul - intermediators
- Book of Life – how want to be remembered?

General Exhortations vv. 4-6

- Rejoice – all the time!
- Gentleness/Gentle Spirit - be sweet about it
- Anxious - never
- Prayer – talk to God about it!

General Exhortations (cont.) vv. 6-7

- Prayer –
 - Supplication – bringing needs
 - Thanksgiving – appreciating and trusting
- Peace – answers... or not!

Final Exhortations vv. 8-9

- Meditate - focus
 - True - real
 - Noble/Honorable/Reverent – serious
 - Right/just – the way things ought to be
 - Pure – free from defilement

Final Exhortations vv. 8-9 (cont.)

- Meditate - focus
 - Lovely – “pro-love”
 - Good report/repute – a good rumor or “fame”
 - Virtue/excellence – intrinsic moral goodness
 - Praiseworthy – to draw attention to as good

Final Exhortations vv. 8-9 (cont.)

- Exemplify – to live as a pattern for others
 - Paul's confidence in his example
 - Paul's confidence in the result