

# ***The Most Joyful Man In Rome***

PHILIPPIANS – Part 2

*April 19, 2026*

*<sup>1</sup>Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,*

*To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons:*

*<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

*<sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup> God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.*

*<sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.*

**Philippians 1:1-11**

*It has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ.*

**Philippians 1:13**

## **Pursuing Joy**

### **1. The Joy Of Gratitude**

*<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy.*

**Philippians 1:3-4**

*<sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*

**Matthew 9:37-38**

## 2. The Joy Of Partnership

*<sup>4b</sup>I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now*

**Philippians 1:4b-5**

*<sup>2</sup>In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. <sup>3</sup>For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own.*

**2 Corinthians 8:2-3**

## 3. The Joy Of Future Hope

*Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

**Philippians 1:6**

*For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.*

**Ephesians 1:4**

## 4. The Joy Of Affection

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**Philippians 1:7-8**

*<sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup>so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.*

**Philippians 1:9-11**

## **Small Group Discussion Questions for the Week of April 19, 2026.**

### **Opening**

1. How would you describe Joy?
2. Share a recent moment of joy.

### **Digging Deeper into the Scriptures**

Read Philippians 1:1-11.

1. Where do people look to find joy? How does that compare to Paul's examples of joy?
2. How can prayer result in more joy?
3. How does the promise that God will complete the work He started in you (v. 6) affect your view of your own spiritual progress, particularly when you feel you are struggling or "falling short"?
4. Paul says he longs for them with the affection of Christ. How can we cultivate that same kind of deep affection for others in the family of God?

### **Applying the Scriptures**

1. How will you remember to establish a habit of daily prayer, like the Matthew 9:38 prayer this week?
2. Consider how Paul and the Philippians encouraged and supported each other. How can we as a Small Group encourage and support one another?