
CHAPTER 4 REVIEW

Philippians four is filled with so much doctrine! We began in verse one with the Crown of Joy. We studied the four different crowns believers have the potential to receive at the Judgment Seat of Christ and the techniques we use in order to receive these crowns. The Four Crowns are the Crown of Joy, the Crown of Righteousness, the Crown of Glory and the Crown of Life. We receive them through applying four techniques: Faithful stewardship, the filling of the Holy Spirit, development of the structure of spiritual maturity, and the development of the faith-rest technique.

We then moved on to our conduct as believers concerning harmony and cooperation in the church. As followers of Christ, we are called to live according to God's standards. This includes our attitude towards others and how we handle disputes between individuals. If we identify with Philippians 2:5-8, we will have no problem getting along with others because we will have the same attitude that Christ had.

We briefly studied the Lamb's Book of Life and discovered that every single person who lives on earth has their name in the Book of Life. It is only if we fail to accept Christ as our Savior that our name will be blotted out.

Next, we studied the mechanics for experiencing the peace of God in verses four through seven. We identified three ways in which the peace of God will guard our hearts and minds. These three things are rejoicing, patience and prayer.

The definition of rejoicing is: maintaining an attitude of joy resulting in inner peace based on an accurate perception of our existence. Who we are in Christ should give us joy!

The word patience refers to abiding under trying circumstances without allowing those circumstances to affect our attitude or happiness. When we do this, we will have joy!

The last way we experience joy is by replacing anxiety with prayer. Instead of trying to reason the how, what, when, why and where of our situation, we should make our requests known to God. These requests should be made through prayer, supplication and with thanksgiving.

We then looked at the doctrine of prayer. We learned that God always answers prayer. He may say yes. He may say no. We learned the reasons He does so.

In order to experience God's peace in our lives, we examined the things that we, as Christians, should think about. They are outlined in verses eight and nine.

The next major doctrine we looked at was having contentment despite our circumstances in verses 12–13. We can do this through operating upon God's resources. We saw Paul's explanation of how he learned to be content with the variety of circumstances God presented to him.

Next we looked at Paul's commendation of the Philippian believers because of their support of him and his ministry. See verses 14–19.

Our final study was the conclusion of Paul's letter to the Philippians in verses 20-23.

For your homework today reread chapter four in its entirety with the doctrines we discussed in mind.

Write down your favorite verses or doctrines that God showed you in chapter 4.

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~ 4 Crowns Received at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

~ Living up to God's Standards

~ The Lamb's Book of Life

~ Experiencing the Peace of God

- Rejoicing

- Patience

- Prayer

~ The Doctrine of Prayer

~ Contentment Despite Circumstances

~ Paul's Commendation to the Believers

~ Conclusion