

Joy for the Journey - A Study of Philippians

“Joy for the Journey”

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Philippians 4:4-5

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- A. I hope that none of us have made other plans than to be _____ and to _____ in the salvation that God has given us in the Christ.
- B. If there’s one thing we need, it is joy for the journey and Paul’s letter to the _____ shows how Paul experienced joy in his journey.
- C. As we begin this study, I want to remind us of the importance of studying the Bible in its _____.
- D. The letter to the Philippians is one of the so-called “_____.”
- E. The letter to the Philippians was written around ____ A.D. from _____, where Paul had been taken as a prisoner.
- F. Acts chapters ____ through ____ tell the story of how Paul came to be there.
- G. The Romans thought Paul was the prisoner in chains, but in truth God had the Romans held captive and forced to hear the _____ over and over again, with the result that many even of _____ household were saved. (Phil. 1:12-13)
- H. What is the difference between Paul’s reaction to difficult circumstances and the way we often react?
1. Answer: Paul’s spiritual _____ and _____.
 2. Paul trusted God and entrusted his life to God (2 Tim. 1:11-12).
- I. A lesson to meditate on: If we are a child of God, then we must understand that whatever is going on in our lives right now, is _____ - _____.
1. If God has not _____ it happen, then God has _____ it to happen.
- J. Why was Paul filled with joy when he prayed for the Philippians?
1. Answer: Because of their _____ in the gospel from the first day until now, and because of the fact that he trusted that God began a good work in them would bring it to _____.
- K. When Paul and Silas and Timothy first came to Philippi the beginnings of ministry there were quiet and _____ to the general public, but that didn’t last long.
1. It was through _____ experiences in Philippi that the church took root and began to grow.
- L. Paul’s confidence was not in the _____, and his confidence was not dependent on the continuance of freedom to minister, rather Paul’s confidence is in the _____ who began a good work in them; indeed, the _____ who would continue to perfect His work until the great day of Christ Jesus.
- M. Shouldn’t all of us have confidence that God will do the same for _____ and our _____?
- N. God’s work of completion includes:
1. God works in us for _____.
 2. God works in us for _____.
 3. God works in us and through us for _____.
- O. We must not let anyone or anything _____ our _____.
- P. “Joy is when you are in your deepest valley and you can still believe for the mountaintop. Joy is when you are at your darkest point and you can still believe in light. Joy is when you are confused beyond the point of recognition but you still know that God is in control and that the Holy Spirit has a special plan for your life.” (Mike Warnke)

Answer Key: A. happy, rejoice. B. Philippians. C. historical, context. D. prison, epistles. E. 63, Rome. F. 21, 28. G. gospel, Caesar’s. H.1. focus, attitude. I. God, Ordained. I.1. made, allowed. J.1. partnership, completion. K. unknown. K.1. difficult. L. people, One, One. M. us, ministry. N.1. Salvation. N.2. Sanctification. N.3. Service. O. steal, joy.