

INTRODUCTION

1. Phil 4:4-9 - 1:27 = thesis statement: whatever happens, live gospel-defined life as citizen of heaven, united to Jesus & to one another in X - 2:1-5.

1st: Paul's Joy

1. Paul's joy: major motif; 16x in 4 chpts. Paul imprisoned w/ joy.
2. 1:4 prays for brethren; 1:18 that gospel is being preached; 2:17-18 while suffering for Christ [Mt 5:10-12]
3. sees Xns in light of Jesus' return - 3:20-4:1 [1Thes 2:19-20; Phil 1:6; 2C 5:7].
4. 4:10 - fellowship: v17-20

2nd: The Philippian's Joy

1. 2:18 share joy in Christ; 2:1-2 Xn fellowship in Christ w/ actual people: Tim [2:19]; Paul 2:24]; Epaphroditus - 2:28-30
 - i. Realize the kingdom-significance of our relationships
 - ii. Paul's concern for Cors [2C7:6]: *depressed*. God *comforted* [2x]: how? Titus w/ good report of Cor [2C7:7]
 - iii. We are each responsible to encourage one another's joy.
2. 1:25 growth in grace & knowledge of truth -> experience of joy
3. 4:4 Christian joy - is *in the Ld*.

3rd: Let Us Rejoice in the Lord, with the Lord, Together at the Lord's Table

1. Repent - a "killjoy" is "a person who makes other people less happy, excited or enthusiastic about some event or thing."
2. Ask self questions re: how you impact others.
3. At LT, ask Jesus to invigorate your kingdom-joy: in Him.