



# U<sup>n</sup>common Joy

*A Study of Philipians*

## *Part 5: The Path To Joy*

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All scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted.

**Christian Joy** is the emotional response of the soul from the Holy Spirit which produces supernatural spiritual strength for life. (Galatians 5:22, Nehemiah 8:10)

### REVIEW

**We can have present joy because...**

God is at work through our trials in Spreading His Message.

God is at work through our trials in Creating Opportunities.

God is at work through our trials in Inspiring Others.

God is at work through our trials in Redeeming Opposition.

## Paul's Future joy

Philippians 1:18b- (ESV)-Yes, and I will rejoice.

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## Paul's Path to Joy by...

### 1. TRUSTING DEEPLY

Philippians 1:18b-19 (ESV)- Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance.

Your deliverance might be **immediately** in the moment.

Your deliverance might be **eventually** over time.

Your deliverance might be **ultimately** in eternity.

The fuel to deep trust is prayer (intercession) and the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 (NIV)-May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### 2. LIVING FOCUSED

Philippians 1:20 (ESV)- as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

**Word Study:** Eager Expectation (ἀποκαταδοκίαν)-*an intense desired expectation with a high confidence of fulfillment*

**Word Study:** Honored (μεγαλυνθήσεται)-*glorify; exalt; magnify*

Philippians 1:21 (ESV)-For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

### 3. SEEING CLEARLY

Philippians 1:21-23 (ESV)-For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.

2 Corinthians 4:18 (ESV)-So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

*Paul saw that his living was for their joy and his dying was for his joy.*

**Here is the Point:** The path to joy is found in trust, focus, and perspective!

“Your Name lived for Jesus and now he/she lives with Jesus.”