

Philippians

Trinity City Sermon Series:

- Letter to the Philippians
- Eight weeks (5th Aug to 23rd Sept)
- Same across the City – although different preachers in the morning to the evening.

Marketing Title of Series: Joy

Purpose of the Series:

- To learn and grow in the joy of gospel partnership. (That love abounds, in knowledge and insight, to discern what is right until Christ returns, while living righteously – to the glory of God (1:9-11)).

Literary Context

- Written by Apostle Paul (almost complete consensus on authorship)
- Letter written _____ AD – therefore towards _____ of Paul's life.
- Perhaps written from Rome (while under palace arrest) – see Phil 1:13-14; 4:22 c.f. Acts 28:16, 30).

Situational Context

Reasons for writing

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Paul's History with Philippi

see Acts 16:11-40.

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Key Themes

1. P _____

2. U _____

3. S _____

4. O _____

5. J _____

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Small Group Activity Suggestion

- Aim – to get a group into the letter of Philippians by bringing out the key themes of the Letter
 - Step 1: Break the group into four groups (one for each chapter of the Letter)
 - Step 2: Within each group designate five sub-groups (one for each of the following themes)
 - a. Partnership in the gospel
 - b. Unity/Disunity
 - c. Suffering
 - d. Opponents
 - e. Joy
 - Step 3: Get a person from each group to read through their designated chapter – while the subgroup members take note of what it says about their designated theme.
 - Step 4: Write what they have worked out on to butcher's paper.
 - Step 5: Bring the whole group back to get together and get them to report back to everyone.
- *At the end of this activity, you will then have four sheets of butchers paper each with a record of the key themes on them. In the coming weeks as you move through Philippians, you will have the visual reference point to use.*

Helpful Commentaries:

- Paul Barnett, *Philippians & Philemon – Joy in the Lord* (South Sydney: Aquila, 2016) – very accessible and short.
- G. Walter Hansen, *The Letter to the Philippians* (Pillar, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2009) – quite detailed.

Pre-prepared Bible Studies:

Good Book Company – Philippians, Shining with Joy (7 Studies)

<https://www.thegoodbook.com.au/philippians-shining-with-joy>

Trinity City – To Live is Christ (6 Studies)

<https://trinitycity5pmchurch.files.wordpress.com/2015/08/50-philippians-to-live-is-christ-b.pdf>

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Philippians Series Break-up

Talk No.	Passage	Reading	Talk Title	Talk Topic/Focus	Comment/Outline	Gathering Googlie (Feature)	Bible Study this week
1 DS 5/8	Philippians 1:1-11	OT: NT: Phil 1:1-11	Joy	God has made us for joy, and that our greatest joy is to be found in loving and serving him, which we can now do because of the gospel.	Song Suggestion: This is my Prayer (Peterson)	Communion Ministry Profile: TIBS Note the prayer of 1:9-11	
2 AA 12/8	Philippians 1:12-30	OT: Psalm 16 NT: Phil 1:12-30	Key to Joy	Living the Gospel in a broken world <i>I want the listeners to recognize the key to joy (through Paul's life) is living in Christ & for His glory whatever happens.</i>	Talk Outline 1) What happened TO Paul? (Acts 21-26) 2) What happened THROUGH Paul? (Php 1: 12-18) 3) What happened IN Paul? (Php 1:19-26) Song Suggestion: To live is Christ (Kauflin, Altrogge)	Ministry Profile: ES 5pm: Spiritual Health Check	
3 KDN 19/8	Philippians 2:1-11	OT: Is 52:13-53:12 NT: Phil 2:1-11	Like-Minded Humility	Gospel Humility in Unity <i>I want to listener to recognise the value of having a clear united purpose – that which comes first because attitude is shaped to be like Jesus.</i>	Song Suggestion: Highest Place (Peterson)	Ministry Profile: SOM (5pm)/ Marriage Enrichment	
4 KDN 26/8	Philippians 2:12-30	OT: NT: Phil 2:12-30	Shine Like Stars	Living out the gospel in the World according to God's purpose <i>I want to listener to know the importance of behaving in a selfless manner in the world as a way of holding out the word of life – and to be challenged to do it.</i>	Song Suggestion: Shine like Stars (Peterson)	Ministry Profile: CV	

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5 KDN 2/9	Philippians 3:1-11	OT: NT: Phil 3:1-11	Reasons for Confidence	Confidence in Jesus over the World <i>I want to listener to be challenged to change priorities by realising that being known by Christ is far better than being known by the World. So rejoice in him.</i>	Song Suggestion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Our only Confidence (Revelation Music) ▪ Know You (Cook/Cook) 	Father's Day Communion	
6 KDN 9/9	Philippians 3:12-4:1	OT: NT: Phil 3:12-4:1	Running with the Prize	The heaven bound call for the citizen of heaven <i>I want to listener to recognise that for the Christian, standing firm in the Lord is not about standing still – it is about pressing on until they see Jesus.</i>	Googlie: Running race in church (carrying the weight of the prize)? Item/Song Suggestion: That I might Gain Christ (Fournier)	Ministry Profile: SUSA	
7 KDN 16/9	Philippians 4:2-8	OT: NT: Phil 4:2-8	Standing Firm - Practically	Standing Firm - Practically <i>I want to listener to be given some specific ways that they can stand firm and be challenged to put them into practice.</i>	Apostles Creed Song Suggestion: Rejoice in the Lord (Houghton)	Ministry Profile: BCA	
8 KDN 23/9	Philippians 4:9-23	OT: NT: Phil 4:9-23	Secret of being Content	Learned Contentment - in faith <i>I want to listener to recognise that contentment is felt in partnership expressed in provision and not in abundance. And to take their part in gospel partnership for the glory of God.</i>	Song Suggestion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grace and Peace (Sczebel) ▪ Because (Peterson) 	Ministry Profile: BCSA Note the closing benediction in 4:20 and grace in 4:23	