

Book 50: Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! – Philippians 4:4

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- The Philippian church frequently gave to Paul's financial support.
- Paul, now in a Roman prison has recently received help from them again.
- A man named Epaphroditus brought the gift.
- Epaphroditus intended to stay to help Paul, but instead became very sick and almost died in Rome.
- Paul wrote this letter to thank the Philippian church and sent it with Epaphroditus who was now returning home.

Lessons in Philippians

- Difficulties are not the same thing as Defeat.
- Joy is not dependent upon our circumstances.
- Humility, commitment, loyalty and sacrifice should be evident in the life of any Christian.
- This letter gives us several personal examples for us to learn from:
 - Jesus
 - Timothy
 - Epaphroditus
 - Paul
- It also includes several verses or passages you might like to highlight or memorize:
 - Phil. 1:6, 21
 - Phil. 2:5-11, especially 10-11
 - Phil. 3:10, 20
 - Phil. 4:4, 13, 19

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- This is not a long book, taking no more than about 15 minutes to read.
- After we read it, we'll talk about the things that impress us the most in this letter.