

# PHILIPPIANS

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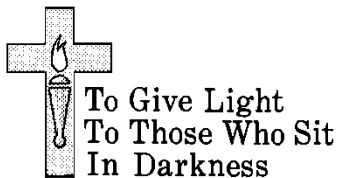
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**PHILIPPIANS: THE BOOK OF TRIUMPH**  
(Continual Rejoicing)

- PRELUDE:** Although not the longest or the most important of the Pauline Epistles, the letter to the Philippians has its own peculiar charm and important place among the Epistles of Paul. Wretten with Ephesians, Colossians, and Philemon as one of the prison Epistles it breathes Christian joy and peace in a context of suffering.
- PENMAN:** Paul, Small in stature, Great in Faith
- PERIOD:** About 60-61 AD(1) Paul had visited Philippi about 10yrs prior to the letter. (Acts 16:12-40). (2) Before coming he had been forbidden to preach the gospel in Asia. (Acts 16:6-7) (3) After going to Troas, the Apostle had a vision saying, "come over into Macedonia, and help us". (Acts 16:9). In light of the fact that Europe was later to become the Cradle of Christianity and the fountain head of missionary effort throughout the world, the penetration of the gospel into Europe was of utmost importance.
- PEOPLE:** (1) The Philippian Christians: the foundation of this Church was laid by Paul on his second Missionary journey. Here, as Luke records, Paul first found Lydia and led her to Christ, (Acts 16:12-13). This was followed by the casting out of a demon from a damsel and the resultant riot and imprisonment of Paul and Silas (Acts 16:16-24). Later Paul witnesses the salvation of the Philippian jailor and his household and their immediate baptism. Paul is then freed by the magistrates when they learn that he is a Roman.  
(2) The people in the church were almost exclusively Greeks. There were few Jews because there was no synagogue.
- PLACE:** (1) Paul is in prison at Rome (Phil. 1:13; 2:23) the date is 61 A.D.  
(2) Paul seems to be on the verge of finding out a decision about his case (2;23).  
(3) A certain lengthy chain of events had taken place: the news of Paul's imprisonment had reached Philippi; Epaphroditus had come from Philippi to Rome to Paul and had taken sick; the news of his sickness had traveled back to Philippi; the news of the concern of the Philippians over Epaphroditus had then traveled back to Rome
- PURPOSE:** (1) Epaphroditus come to Rome with a gift from the Philippian church and took sick.  
(2) The news of his sickness reached Phillippi, and the news of this concern reached Paul at Rome.

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PHILIPPIANS

Written By Paul the Apostle

Date: Around 60-64 A.D.

First European Church

Letter was written from prison to a Church that had part of its beginning in a prison. (Acts 16:6-40)

Possible first pastor: Luke (Acts 16:10 "we")

KEY THOUGHT: JOY THROUGH CHRIST

| Outline                           | Key Verse |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| I. CHRIST OUR LIFE Chapter 1      | 1:21      |
| II. CHRIST OUR MIND Chapter 2     | 2:5       |
| III. CHRIST OUR GOAL Chapter 3    | 3:10, 14  |
| IV. CHRIST OUR STRENGTH Chapter 4 | 4:13      |

Chapter 2 contains the KENOSIS THEORY: (2:7- "Made of no reputation" or "emptied himself") Jesus gave up the independent use of divine powers when he took up flesh. Jesus overcome the Devil and Temptations THRU MEANS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO US ALL. He did not use His power as God here. The reason is found in Hebrews 4:15 "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." This is the ultimate example of Humility and is the main reason we should "let this mind be in you that was also in Christ..."

The Philippian letter, like all "gems", needs to be examined over and over to grasp the real "beauty" of it. To read it a hundred times is but to begin to grasp the meaning of "...in HIS presence is fullness of Joy..." (Ps 16:11).

PURPOSE OF THE LETTER:

The Philippian Church was one of the few Churches that regularly helped Paul on his missionary journeys. They had sent Epaphroditus to Rome with a gift for Paul and one purpose of the letter was to allow Paul to express his thanks for their concern. Also Epaphroditus had taken sick (2:25-30) and Paul wanted the Church to know that his recovery was due to God's Mercy.

The Philippian Church evidently had few problems, so this is the most personal of all the Church letters.

Other than one slight rebuke for two women who were having some difficulty (4:2), Paul mainly concerns himself with normal human problems (Circumstances- Chp 1, Pride- Chp 2, Worldly Things - Chp 3, and Worry - Chp 4.)

## CHRISTLIKENESS: THRU ADVERSITY

The key verse in our study of becoming more like Christ is Phil 1:21 *For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.* It is easy for me to get excited about the "gain of dying" but sometimes it's difficult to follow through on the "Christlike living"; especially when life's road is bumpy and hard. Today I want us to look at some of the reasons for, and the results of, this adversity in our life; especially as it relates to our becoming more like Christ-

Our verse for today shows us the need of adversity as we develop as Christians- Phil 1:29 *For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;*

C H Spurgeon said "Sometimes God sends His love letters in black-edged envelopes." And sometimes we're so pre-occupied with the envelope until we miss the love. A good example is the example of Job. One of the most important statements he makes during his testing is also the least quoted- Job 2:10 *shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?* Job realized that God's had a reason for the bad, as well as the good.

That's also something we must learn as we pray for God to give us Christlike Character. Sometimes the only way we can be molded is with the hammer or through the oven. Neither one is pleasant but both can be tremendously profitable. The sad truth, however, is that we prefer instant holiness to God's painful process of developing a disciplined, holy life.

Isaac Newton discovered the law of gravity when an apple fell on his head. He looked beyond the falling fruit to see the reason he was hit. In the same way, Christians need to learn to discern WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?; what is God trying to do in this situation?

That's why we need to see some of the **REASONS THAT TROUBLES COME INTO OUR LIVES:**

1. **DISCIPLINE-** Heb 5:8 *Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;*

Heb 12:5-7 *And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.*

Because of our tendency to wander and disobey, God sometimes must deal harshly with us.

If we are guilty of sin, we need to confess, consider the lesson learned, and determine to avoid the same mistakes.

2. **DEPTH-** Trials can deepen and develop our faith; or they can discourage and depress us. Psychologists affirm that our attitude toward the daily experiences of life have a greater effect than the experiences themselves- Prov 17:22 *A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.*

As you read through the history of Christians one fact stands out loud and clear- the depth of our commitment is almost in direct proportion to the adversity we face (troubles make us pray!).

Adversity will drive you TO God or FROM God. Which is happening in your life?

3. **DEMONSTRATION-** Phil 1:12 *But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; The old saying, "A picture is worth a thousand words" is extremely true in the testimony of a Christian. No where is our testimony more vivid, or believable, than during times of trouble and trial.*

#### **WHAT SHOULD YOU DO ABOUT TRIALS:**

1. **REJOICE-** James 1:2-4 *My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*

We can rejoice because we know the Trials are DEVELOPING us instead of DESTROYING us- Rom 5:3-5 *And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

2. **GROW-** Rom 8:28-29 *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. God gives us a test until we pass it. When we pass it, however, we grow into greater Christlike character- our goal.*

Joseph faced rejection by family, slander by boss's wife, jail time, and being forgotten by friends. When it was over he could say, Gen 50:20 *But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. As God grew Joseph, he saved millions of people from starvation, as well as his own family.*

3. **DON'T LOSE HEART-** 2 Cor 4:16-18 *For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. Keep you eyes on eternity. Remember that circumstances can't change God's love.*

To be like Christ is to throw yourself in absolute trust and confidence on God. It is to rest in God's love no matter what comes your way.

A sculptor, chipping away at an enormous slab of marble, was asked by a curious observer, "What are you making?" "A horse," he replied.

"How can you make a horse out of that?" the onlooker asked skeptically. "Well," mused the artist, "I simply take away everything that's not a horse."

God is attempting to chip away from you everything that is not like Christ. Are you fighting His efforts; or rejoicing in the transformation that is taking place?

If you are a sinner, God may be using Troubles to show you your need of coming to Him. What a horrible life- No help in this world and no Hope for the next. Christ can save you and change you, come to Him today.

## PAUL'S PRAYER FOR THE PHILIPPIANS

### A) The Prayer 1-11

1. Paul's Praise for the Philippians (Generally praised first) vs. 1-8
  - a. Based on Fellowship vs. 5 you cannot have fellowship unless you have something in common. what did Paul have in common with the Philippians:
    1. Fellowship of the Gospel 1:5
    2. Fellowship of the Spirit 2:1
    3. Fellowship of his suffering 3:10 (Church began in prison, Paul wrote from prison)
    4. Fellowship of Sharing 4:15 (Communicate)

#### Grounds of His Fellowship:

1. I have you in my mind 3-6
2. I have you in my heart 7-8
3. I have you in my prayers 9-11

b. Based on Confidence vs. 6. In their continued love

c. Based on Love vs. 7-8 "I have you in my heart" "With the bowels (heart) of Christ:

### 2. Paul's Prayer for the Philippians 9-11

- a. Spiritual Growth (Love abound)
    1. In Knowledge-greater depths of acquaintance (Like banks of rising river to keep it from doing harm)
    2. In Judgment-comprehensive discernment (Maturity)
  - b. Spiritual Discernment (Approve things that are excellent) (Know what's right, don't be fooled by flash)
  - c. Sincerity (Without Wax)
  - d. Steadfastness (Without offense) in the things of Christ
  - e. Spiritual Fruit (Fruit of Righteousness)
    1. By Jesus Christ-He is the Vine, we are the branches
    2. To Glory and Praise of God
- (Cp to child's growth-Physical, Mental emotional, Total)

## IF CHRIST IS OUR LIFE WE WILL HAVE

- A) The feelings of Christ vs. 8- I long after you with the heart of Christ.
- B) The same interest as Christ vs. 12-18-The things that happen to me further the Gospel
- C) The Spirit of Christ vs. 19-The supply of the Spirit of Christ.
- D) Christ is the Believer's supreme concern vs. 19-Christ manifest by life or by death.
- E) Christ is unspeakably dear vs. 23-Having a desire to depart to be with Christ
- F) Christ determine conduct vs 27- Let your manner of life be as becomes Christ
- G) We accept Rejection as Christ vs 25-30-Not only to believe but to suffer for Him>

## I. CHRIST OUR LIFE (Chapter 1)

### A) The Prayer 1-11

1. Paul's Praise for the Philippians 1-8
2. Paul's Prayer for the Philippians 9-11
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  - e. Spiritual Fruit (fruits of righteousness)
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### B) The Providential Arrangement 12-20

1. The spread of the Gospel 12-13
2. The strengthening of the Brethren 14
3. The Stimulating of others to preach Christ 15-18
4. The Supply of the Spirit 19-20
  - a. For Paul's Salvation (from the Emperors death sentence)
  - b. For Paul's Self-sacrifice

### C. The Personal Commitment 21-26

1. Purpose of his life-Christ
2. Profit of his death-Gain
3. Painfulness of his choice
  - a. For self-to depart to Christ
  - b. For Church- to remain and glorify Christ

### D) The Pastoral Concern 27-30

1. For Proper Conduct 27
2. For Proper Courage 28
3. For Proper Commitment 29-30

## SOME INTERESTING STUDIES IN PHILIPPIANS:

A) Joy (Rejoice) What does Paul joy and rejoice in??

Compare this with your life.

B) Gain Look not only for the word "Gain" but things that mean "Gain" such as "Profit", "Win", etc..

C) Mind Find each place the word "Mind" is used and the reason it was used there.



## II. CHRIST OUR MIND (Chapter 2)

- A) In Suffering (Which produces) 1-4
  - 1. Consolation in Christ
  - 2. Comfort of Love
  - 3. Companionship of the Spirit
  - 4. Compassion
  - 5. Completeness
    - a. Single-mindedness
    - b. Strife Forbidden
  
- B) In Submission (Which produces) 5-30
  - 1. Service 5-11 Example-Christ
    - a. Gives to man
    - b. Gains from God
  - 2. Shining 12-18 Example-Paul
    - a. By Working 12-13
    - b. By Walking 14-15
    - c. By the Word 16-18
  - 3. Sonship 19-24 Example-Timothy
    - a. Seeks the Things of the Father 19-21
    - b. Serves in the Gospel 22-24
  - 4. Supplying 25-30 Example-Epaphroditus
    - a. By Spiritual Fellowship 25-26
    - b. By Self-Sacrifice 27-30

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Note: 2:5 says "Let This Mind..." not "Make This Mind...". You cannot make you be other than you-- But the Holy Spirit can create a "new creature" if you will but "let" Him.

2:12 "work out your salvation" does not mean that "works" produces salvation but that salvation produces works. "fear and trembling" means "cautious self-distrust". (It is so easy to fall into the idea that our works alone are enough to please God. Not so! God desires mercy rather than sacrifice - and a "good" work done out of the will of God is wrong.)

2:9 "That at the name of Jesus". Notice it does not say "Presence" of Jesus but "Name" of Jesus. Oh the power available to Christians thru that Name!

2:25 the names Paul gives to a fellow Pastor - "brother", "companion" in labor, "fellow soldier", your "messenger", and he that "Ministered" to my want.

## CHRIST OUR MIND Chapter 2

Being likeminded - see 4:2 where 2 ladies had a problem

Spiritual UNITY comes from within-UNIFORMITY comes from pressure from without

The secret of Joy in spite of Circumstances-Single Mind

The secret of Joy in spite of People-Submissive Mind

The Humble person does not know he is Humble!!D

The Submissive Mind-

Thinks of others, not himself 5-6 Satan-I will ascend Is 14

Savior-Thy will be done

Serves 2:7, washing feet, helping harlots, fishermen, etc.

Sacrifices 2:8 NO COST NO CROSS ("Take my life and let me be!")

Glorifies God 2:9-11 Cross then Crown

### I. 4 REASONS THE PHILIPPIANS SHOULD FILL PAUL'S JOY FULL vs. 1

(If there be any...)

- a. Encouragement (consolation) in Christ
- b. Comfort of Love
- c. Fellowship of the Spirit
- d. Tenderheartedness and mercy

### II. 4 RESULT OF JOY vs. 2 (That ye be...)

- a. Likeminded-think the same thing
- b. Same Love-have the same Love
- c. One accord-being in heart agreement
- d. One mind-thinking the one thing (Right Thoughts)

### III. PAUL CONTRASTS THE RESULTS vs. 3-4

**NEG.**                      **POS**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Do nothing for strife<br>or vainglory (Pride) | With Lowliness of mind let each<br>esteem other the better |
| Don't seek your own<br>thing                  | Look out for the other things<br>(Seeking ways to serve)   |

Paul's Exhortation vs. 1-2

True Exhibition vs. 3-4 Peaceableness, guileless, lowliness,  
unselfishness

An exposition of Christ's Mind 5-8

1. Being in the form of God He deemed it not to be selfishly  
clung to
  2. But emptied himself
  3. And took the form of a bondman
  4. Becoming in the likeness of men
  5. He humbled himself
  6. And became obedient unto death
  7. Even the death of the cross
- God-Man-Slave-Criminal!!!

Kenosis Theory-empty self; gave up the independent use of Divine Power

(Cp to God came upon at baptism and left at Crucified theory and Gnostic theory of descending creation from  
God)

## Chapter 2

L. **THE DIVINE PRINCIPLE** 2:1-4 Likemindedness and Lowliness of mind

II. **THE DIVINE PATTERN** 2:5-11 Christ, The Submissive Mind

III. **THE DIVINE POWER** 2:12-18 (No need of pattern if we don't have Power to copy it)

The Christian Life should not be a series of Ups and Downs it should be "ins" and "outs"-God works in and we work out.

### A) The Purpose to Achieve 12 14-16

1. Work out-Cultivate, carry out to the goal and fully complete.

Work a field until the harvest comes in

Work a mine until all gems are discovered

(This does not mean that we are saved by works!! This work is being done in the Life of a saved person.

There is a Work God does-FOR us: Redemption

In us: Sanctification

Through us: Service what you are is God's Gift to you; what you make of yourself is your gift to God.

2. With Fear and Trembling-Self destruct (Caution), tenderness of conscience, watchfulness against temptation, timidly shrinking from whatever might offend God and discredit the name of Christ (Amp. Bible)

3. This purpose is achieved in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation (vs. 15). It is not by leaving the world but by ministering to it that we see God's Purpose fulfilled in our lives. (Pharisees became so "holy" until they left the world and lost their love and ended up with nothing but laws- and a "holier than thou" attitude.)

### B) The Power to Receive vs. 13

God is more interested in the Workman than in the Work-if the workman is right then the work will be (To obey is better than sacrifice)

Work: not because of pressure from without but because of Power within (Whether I am present or absent...)

## **THE POWER THAT WORKS IN US IS THE HOLY SPIRIT** Acts 1:8

It is God (Thru Holy Spirit) that worketh in you

What tools does the Holy Spirit use?

1. The Work of God- I Thes. 2:13 *for this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.*

We have a responsibility to:

- Appreciate the Word-Divine, inspired Word
- Appropriate the Word-Receive it, make part of inner being
- Apply the word-When we trust God's Word and act upon it, then God's power is released in our life

2. Prayer-Eph. 3:20 *Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.*

3. Suffering-II Cor. 4:17 *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.*

The more we become like Christ the more the world opposes us which drives us back to the word and prayer.

C) **A PROMISE TO BELIEVE** 2:16-18 That Joy comes from submission Jesus never used a sword but he won the battle over Sin and death and hell!!! He is the greatest of all because He became Servant of all.

Joy here (vs 17) thru sacrifice and service Joy hereafter

## **THREE EXAMPLES OF CHRISTIANS WITH SUBMITTED MINDS**

I. **PAUL** 2:12-18 Paul says a submitted mind made him:

A) An obedient child seeking to honor the Father- "The sons of God without rebuke"

B) A star shining in a dark world- Ye are the light of the world

C) A runner holding up a torch - "Holding forth the Word of Life" (The Star and Torch illustrate an important point: Salvation- Work it out

Illumination- Hold it out (Be a guide)

D) A drink offering being poured out on the altar (The humble submissive mind leads to sacrifice and service)

## II. TIMOTHY 2:19-24

A) Concerning the Philippian Church, Timothy was a **SHEPHERD**

2:20 who will naturally care for your state

B) Concerning the Apostle, Timothy was a **SON**

2:22 As a son with the Father

C) Concerning the gospel, Timothy was a **SERVANT**

2:22 He hath served with me in the gospel

## III. EPAPHRODITUS 2:25-30

A) A Balanced Christian 2:25

1. Brother- Knew fellowship of Gospel

2. Companion in labor- furtherance of the Gospel

3. Fellowsoldier- battled for Faith

(We need all 3. Some want fellowship without furtherance of the Gospel or battling for the Faith. We need to remember the example of Nehemiah who had a sword in one hand and a trowel in the other- building and battling)

B) A BURDENED CHRISTIAN 2:26-27

1. Burdened enough for missions to carry Paul the offering

2. Burdened for the Church lest they worry about him

(Need concern for Sinners and Saints)

C) A BLESSED CHRISTIAN 2:28-30

He was to be honored because he was willing to work for the cause of Christ even to death.

His service- As a brother, companion in labor & fellowsoldier

His Sickness- a sick nigh unto death

His Sorrow- longed after you all, and was full of heaviness

(Deeply homesick because of his sickness and his concern for their worry (No phones, they might think him dead!))

That's the kind of LOVE Church members need for each other.

# CHRISTIAN MOTIVATION

Phil 2:13-14

**Motivation:** To provide with an incentive; move to action

Just as a car must have gas or a flashlight must have batteries; so a person must have motivation. This motivation is the driving force in their life. When Young people talk about "finding themselves" they are talking about determining what will motivate them in the days to come. When an adult goes through a "mid-life crisis" they are re-evaluating the motives and driving forces in their life (Children gone, financially stable).

Note that we are talking today about **CHRISTIAN** Motivation. This is not the same thing that motivates the world (Although we live in the world and are effected by these same forces). 3 Basic motivations guide the world- (1) Basic Necessities: Hunger, thirst, shelter. (2) Desire (Lust) for Pleasure, Profit, Recognition. (3) Freedom- Power to control their own destiny while at the same time being able to control the destiny of others (Young People want to play music as loud as they want, thus making everyone else listen to the same music just as loud)

We need to look at **CHRISTIAN** Motivation today because many have lost the joy and desire to serve God. They are willing to attend Church sometimes but are unwilling to be actively involved in the services. Somehow they need to be motivated to do all they can for God.

## MOTIVATION IS:

1. **GIVEN BY GOD-** Phil 2:13-14 *For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. We call this VISION-* Isaiah in Is 6:-, Moses at Burning Bush, Paul on Damascus Road. It is probably best described by Jeremiah in Jer 20:9 *Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.*

2. **STIRRED BY VIEWING THE PROBLEM-** Jesus: (Mat 9:36) *But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Paul: Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. (Acts 17:16)*

3. **SUSTAINED BY HOPE-** There must be a perception of ability to perform the task or you will not be motivated to do it. Like the little train, we must learn to look at mountains and say, "I think I can".

Prov 13:12 *Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.*

4. **MAINTAINED BY REWARDS-** Must believe the Work is Necessary and will do some good. We call this Sustaining Faith- Heb 11:13 *These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*

5. **DETERMINED BY DEVOTION-** John 14:15 *If ye love me, keep my commandments. We are motivated by the things we LIKE and WANT to do.*

**CONCLUSION-** Have you Lost your Motivation?? Let's find it again-

1. From God- Spend time listening to God- 1/2 hour a day this week.
2. By Viewing the Problems- Find someone to Visit this week
3. Believe in God's Ability- Memorize= Phil 4:13 *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*
4. Rewards- Do something for someone and remember that Feeling
5. Devotion- Take Part in the Lord's Supper as you remember what Christ did for you.

## CHRIST OUR GOAL

Paul has shown that Christ is our life in Chap. 1 and that we should have His mind in Chap. 2 and now he shows us why He should be our Goal. He has been dealing with inside changes and now he deals with outside forces that would steer the ship off course- even though it may be "ship shape". (Christians must fight Flesh within and Satan without).

### I. 3 DANGERS TO AVOID vs 2 "Beware of"

1. "Dogs"- A scavenger (Jesus used the word for house pet when talking to the Canaanite Woman in Matt 15:21-28). This is Evil people who live in the dirt and stir up trash.

2. "Evil Workers"- Those who taught that salvation comes by "good" works which were in fact Evil because all our righteousness is as filthy rags before God.

3. "The Concision"- (Mutilation: a play on the word used for Circumcision). Faith PLUS Circumcision, or Baptism, or Tongues;;;

### II. 3. DESIGNATIONS OF THE TRUE CHRISTIAN vs 3 "True Circumcision"

1. He Worships God in the Spirit (Jn 4:23-24)- By the Spirit of God we render Service and Obedience- as part of the Body, indwelt by the Spirit, filling our place.

2. He boasts in Jesus Christ (Rejoice)- Our "brag" is about Jesus and what He has done thru and for us (Not in pride or Programs)

3. He has no confidence in the flesh- realizes how easy he is to fall or to be misled. He does not trust in his accomplishments or in men's ideas of his accomplishments. (Samon did not know that the Spirit had left him!!)

### III. 3 DEVELOPMENTS IN PAUL'S LIFE

1. Paul's Changing view of Goodness 4-6

a. His relationship to the nation (God's chosen people- an Hebrew of the Hebrews)

b. His relationship to the Law- a Pharisee and according to the righteousness of the Law, blameless

c. His relationship to Zeal- persecuting the Church (Whom Israel considered an enemy)

PAUL HAD TO SEE THAT SIN WAS NOT JUST ACTIONS BUT ATTITUDES AND APPETITES.

2. Paul's Changing View of Gain 7-11

a. Those things that were gain to ME I counted loss for CHRIST  
(My Gain would lose me Salvation!!)

b. Those things he gained by Faith in Christ

1) The Knowledge of Christ vs 8 As a Personal Saviour

2) The Righteousness of Christ vs 9 Not by Law but by Love

3) The Fellow of Christ vs 10-11

a) A Personal Relation- That I may Know Him

b) A Powerful Relation- and the power of His Resurrection

c) A Painful Relation- and the fellowship of His suffering

3. Paul's continual Run toward a Goal 12-14

a. He realized His need- not as though I had already attained

b. He re-evaluated his position- forgetting things behind and reaching for things before.

c. He ran toward a prize- Christlikeness (High calling of God)

### III. CHRIST OUR GOAL (Chapter 3)

#### A) A Word of Warning 1-3

1. Cause for Rejoicing
  - a) Position in Christ
  - b) Possessions in Christ
  - c) Privileges in Christ
2. Caution is Required
3. Circumcision is Restated (Real Law Keepers)
  - a) Worship God
  - b) Rejoice in Christ Jesus
  - c) Have no Confidence in Flesh

#### B) A Word of Witnessing 4-14

1. Before Conversion - Saul the Persecutor 4-6
  - a) Self-confident: trusting flesh
  - b) Self-righteous: trusting law
    - (1). Note his energy and sincerity
    - (2). Note his error and sin
2. After Conversion - Paul the Apostle 7-11
  - a) New Desire (Win Christ) 7-11
    - (1). New Standard for Life 7
      - a) Had centered in self - "things gain to me"
      - b) Now centered in Saviour - "loss for Christ"
    - (2). New Subject for Loyalty 8
      - a) An Honest Evaluation - "All things loss for Knowledge of Christ"
      - b) A Holy Ambition - "win Christ" (gain Christlikeness)
    - (3). New Standing in His Lord 9
      - a) His Privilege to know Christ  
His Position in Christ - righteous by faith
    - (4). New Statement of His Longing (To Know Him) 10-11
      - a) A Knowledge of His Person
      - b) A Knowledge of His Power - Power of His Resurrection
      - c) A Knowledge of His Pain - Fellowship of His Suffering
  - b) New Dedication 12-14
    - (1). Proper Reckoning 12
      - a) Realize Presence of Sinful Nature
      - b) Realize Power of Sanctification
    - (2). Proper Remembering 13
      - a) Forgetting Sins of Past (forgiven)
      - b) Reaching forward for things before
    - (3). Proper Racing 14
      - a) Note the Direction - Toward Christ
      - b) Note the Determination

#### C) A Way to Walk 15-21

1. Walk Together 15-16
  - a) As Mature Christians (Perfect)
  - b) In the Mind of Christ
  - c) In the Manner of Past Accomplishments
2. Walk in Truth 17-19
  - a) Through Imitation
  - b) Through Observation
    - (1). Observe the example of Christians
    - (2). Observe the enemies of the Cross
      - a) End - destruction
      - b) God - Belly (affections)
      - c) Glory - Shame
      - d) Mind - earthly things
3. Walk Toward Christ 20-21
  - a) Looking for Him

- (1). Our Saviour is in Heaven
- (2). Our Citizenship is in Heaven
- b) Longing for Him
  - (1). To be Transported
  - (2). To be Transformed

#### IV. CHRIST OUR STRENGTH (Chapter 4)

- A) Thru Christian Living 1-9
  - 1. Steadfast 1
  - 2. United 2-3
    - a) In the Mind of the Lord
    - b) In the Method of Laboring
  - 3. Joyful 4
  - 4. Expectant 5
  - 5. Prayerful 6-7
    - a) Careful for Nothing
    - b) Thankful for Everything
      - (1). Requesting from God
      - (2). Resting in God
  - 6. Clear-minded 8
  - 7. Observant 9
- B) Thru Christian Giving 10-20
  - 1. Brings Contentment 10-12
    - a) Thru Opportunities of Saints
    - b) Thru Overlooking of Circumstances
  - 2. Builds Confidence 13-18
    - a) By the Saviour's Power
    - b) By the Saints' Provision (that fruit may abound to account)
    - c) By the Sacrifice Pleasing to God
  - 3. Bears Concern 19-
    - a) "MY GOD" Servants Privilege
    - b) "HIS RICHES" Saviour's Possessions
    - c) "YOUR NEEDS" Saints Provisions

#### Conclusion

- A) Glory to the Father 20
- B) Greetings to the Followers 21-22
- C) Grace to the Faithful 23

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Have you begun to realize the Joy of Knowing Christ??? (Not just knowing about Him but knowing Him.)

If Christ is your Life, then circumstances won't sway you.  
 If Christ is your Mind, then pride won't trouble you.  
 If Christ is your Goal, then worldly things won't tempt you  
 If Christ is your Strength, then weakness won't worry you.

IF...

But for many - Christ is to be served because of what He has to offer rather than because of Who He is. Isn't that why so many find it "hard" to be a Christian? It is a job to be endured rather than a life to be lived in fellowship with Him.

I close Philippians with a Prayer Paul prayed for the Ephesians; "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith...that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God."



# THE LEAST PRAYED PRAYER IN THE BIBLE

Phil 3:1-11

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I can not guarantee this but it appears that the most prayed prayer recorded in scripture is the simple phrase "Help Me" (Used in prayer at least 8 times). I can understand the reason that Prayer would be so popular. On the other hand, I submit to you that the least prayed prayer I have heard is found in Phil 3:10. Let us look at this prayer and see why we should turn it into our most prayed prayer.

**I. Paul had A Religion that did not add up.** 3:1-9- *But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.* (Phil 3:7)

a) His old religion was a Job instead of a Joy- vs1-3 Beware of people who turn the Blessings of a relationship with the Lord into a heavy Burden of law keeping.

b) His old religion met Human Standards of "goodness" but it did not meet God's requirements for a Righteous Relationship. Vs 4-7 It is one thing to be religious enough to get into the church, but quite another to be righteous enough to get into heaven

c) His old religion was a Righteousness that had to be Earned; and no matter what you did it was never enough! Now he was part of the body of Christ through Faith.

- Faith was the way Abraham (the "father of Israel") became the "friend of God"- *And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.* (James 2:23) (See also Romans 4:22).

- Faith made "dung" out of man's ideas about how to have a relationship with God through our own righteous efforts- *For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.* (1 Corinthians 1:18-19)

**2. Paul prayed for a Religion that was transforming** 3:10-11- This is the thing we pray for the least!! We want a Religion that makes us Happy, Prosperous, Popular, and Trouble Free.

**a) Paul prayed to be like Christ in his actions and attitude!**

1) He prayed for an Intimate Knowledge of Christ in his heart- I want to be so acquainted with Christ until my heart beats like His heart and my mind thinks like His Mind.

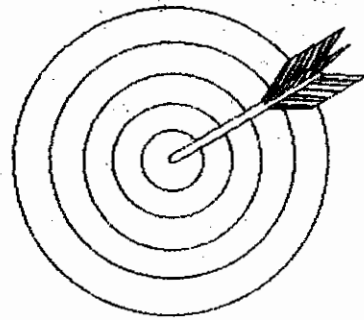
2) He prayed for the transforming Power of Christ's Resurrection in His Ministry- What can you do with a man who has battled with death and won!!! You can not head him off if you cut off his head! Most Christians stop at the Cross (Where the Disciples found defeat and discouragement) instead of celebrating the victory of the empty tomb.

3) He prayed to know the "fellowship of Christ's Suffering" in his soul- You cannot love like He loves unless you are willing to suffer like He suffered. (The example of Mel Trotter who agonized over the sins of New York).

**b) The Reason for this prayer was so the Transforming Power of the Resurrection would operate in Paul's Life**- vs 11. It is not enough to pray to be like Christ if you do not want to live like Christ in your Life!! If your religion does not change you then you need to change religions!

Do you pray for God to bless you or for Christ to be formed in you? A million years from now which will be important?

## GOALS



We all need goals. Something to work for, something to accomplish that makes us feel as if we have done something. Everyone seeks the approval of someone. I hope that the someone is God, and I hope that the desire is so great that you will do something to gain that approval.

Paul gives us some idea about this in:  
(Pl611)

PHI 3:12 *Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.*

PHI 3:13 *Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,*

PHI 3:14 *I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

With this in mind, I would like to challenge you to make your Goal the prize of the high calling to which God called you.

Paul had aspirations as He talked to the Philippians in today's scripture. Let's see how he went about accomplishing them and apply these Principles to our Lives this year.

I. DISSATISFACTION- "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect". There will be no growth without dissatisfaction- only complacency!! When you say *I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing;*" (Rev 3:17) then you are indeed poor. There generally must be Pain if there is to be Progress (Diet, Muscles, etc).

As long as we are satisfied with 35 we won't have 75. As long as we are content to let others do things then they generally won't get done. As long as you are content to live in Sin and face a devil's Hell then you'll never be saved. As long as you are content to live a slack, lukewarm life then you'll never amount to much for God. Are You Satisfied with your Life? with your relationship to God, with your destiny? God, Grant us some "Divine Dissatisfaction"!!!

II. DIRECTION- "I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus". Recognize God's plan for your life and get in it. You'll never be happy or complete until you become at Peace with God.

Sin is coming short of the Glory of God- missing God's plan for your Life (The reason it's wrong to lie, cheat, steal, do drugs, etc. is because it is not God's plan for our lives.). Are you drifting thru life like the chaff from wheat; to end up in the fire! I KNOW that part of God's Plan for me is our outreach ministry-- even though I don't have the talent or the time to do what I think needs to be done, yet God has gripped my soul with this (Somewhere down in the depths of YOUR heart there is a burden for something-- something you're dismissing because of circumstances or courage. Allow God to fulfil His plan in your life today. That's what Abundant Life is all about; accomplishing God's Purpose and Plan for You.

God called Everyone to be a WITNESS (ACT 1:8 *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*).

Everyone is encouraged to STUDY (2TI 2:15. *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*).

Everyone needs to PRAY (1TH 5:17 *Pray without ceasing.*).

III. DISTRACTION FREE- "this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before."

Don't allow Past mistakes or pleasures to hold you- Heb 12:1 *let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.*

"the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, the lust of other things enter in and choke the word and it becomes unfruitful"

There are generally 2 time periods that cripple men- the Past and the Future!! You can't go back to change the past or recapture a past pleasure but you can waste your life waiting for the "Future" to produce the "right" moment or set of circumstances. We need to pray with the Psalmist, *Teach us to number our days, O Lord, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.*

What is hindering you from running the race God has set before you- God can conquer your circumstances (Daniel in Lion's Den, Hebrews in fiery furnace, Habakkuk's doubts, Hosea's adulterous wife), Slay your enemies (David and Goliath), and provide strength to overcome (Joshua at Jericho).

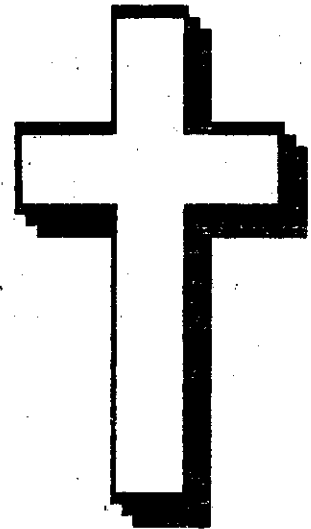
IV. DETERMINATION- "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Most people's problem is that they think the whole purpose of life is to "cuddle" them!! They aren't willing to deny themselves, Take up their cross, and follow Christ--- and one day they will hear Jesus say, "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity, I never knew you."

What is your OBJECTIVE in Life??? If Christ is not at the center of it then you need to change it.

What are your OBSTACLES to living for God??? God is greater than any problem you have or may encounter.

What are your OPTIONS if you continue down the road you're on?? Will you end up controlled by Sin and Satan and in Hell forever? Or Will you have a mansion with Christ forever because you have accepted Christ as Savior and now live for Him??.



## PURSuing A GOAL FOR GOD

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Phil 3:13-14).

As we begin a new year, we, like Paul, need to determine to accomplish God's will for our lives in 1992. Let's look at several guidelines to help us as we Pursue our Goals for God.

1. DOES THE GOAL GLORIFY GOD?- Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God (1 Cor 10:31). Many of the goals we want to accomplish will glorify our selves- lose weight, be better workers, etc. Do you have a Goal that will glorify God and make you a better Christian??
2. IS THE GOAL GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE? David wanted to build the temple but God wanted Solomon to do that. Paul wanted to go to Asia and preach to the Jews. God wanted him in Europe preaching to the Gentiles. Is it God's Plan or your plan??
3. WILL THE GOAL DRAW YOU CLOSER TO GOD OR TEMPT YOU TO STRAY FROM GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU. Can you stand the stress and temptation of the accomplishing the Goal? Some people want to work with drug addicts but they would be tempted to take drugs. God may use you to help drug addicts but in an entirely different area than you want.
4. WILL THE GOAL BUILD UP OTHER PARTS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST OR ARE YOU BUILDING YOUR OWN LITTLE KINGDOM? The man who made the world famous Stradiverious Violins couldn't play in concert but he could build great violins. (Most church divisions come from people building their kingdom instead of God's kingdom)
5. ARE YOU DEVELOPING AS THE GOAL DEVELOPS SO THE GOAL WILL HAVE A FOUNDATION OF STABILITY? Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; (Isa 54:2)
6. DO OTHER PEOPLE ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR GOAL AS GODLY? Not public Opinion but confirmation by other brothers.
7. ARE YOU WILLING TO WORK ON YOUR GOAL UNTIL IT'S TIME FOR FRUIT? And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. (Gal 6:9)
8. ARE YOU WILLING TO QUIT YOUR GOAL IS DIRECTED BY GOD? Don't let your goal become your God.
9. DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH FAITH IN YOUR DREAM TO MAKE IT PUBLIC? Have a Dream, Tell a dream, do a dream. Public proclamation.
10. IS YOUR GOAL SOMETHING YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED BY? By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh (Heb 11:4).  
Are you just running thru life or are you pursuing a Goal for God? What a horrible thing to come to die and then find you've just been spinning your wheels.

## **GOD'S CURE FOR WORRY**

Phil. 4:

How many Christians are there that lose their happiness and peace of mind because of Worry? It is like a Cancer that eats at the very heart of a man. Worry means "to strangle" and it does strangle people physically, mentally, and spiritually. Vs. 6 says to be careful for nothing or "don't be anxious about things"- "Be careful" means "To be torn apart." Worry comes when the thoughts in our mind and feelings in our heart pull in different directions and we are "torn apart". The mind thinks about problems and this feeds additional feelings into the heart and there is a vicious circle set up that tears the person apart. With the mind we know we should not fret; but with the heart we cannot help ourselves! We have to break this circle of worry before we can have peace and happiness.

What causes worry? Wrong thinking and feelings about people, circumstances, or things. Notice that in Chapter 4 Paul has no worry about people (1-5), circumstances (10-13), or the material things of life (14-19). He has shown us how to do this in the first 3 chapters. Now he gives us God's four-fold remedy for worry.

### **I. GOD'S PRESENCE 4:1-5**

- A) Stand fast in the Lord
- B) Be of one mind in the Lord
- C) Rejoice in the Lord
- D) Have "sweet reasonableness" (Moderation) because the Lord is near at hand.

### **II. GOD'S PEACE 4:6-9 Peace WITH God is ours at Salvation**

The Peace of God is ours when we practice:

- A) Right Praying (6-7) "Adoration" is what the word pray means in VS. 6. We worship Him, we request from Him, and we thank Him and the Peace of God keeps "Guards our heart".
- B) Right Thinking (8) (Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee. Is. 26:3). Paul lists a group of things to think on.
- C) Right Living (9) We cannot have the Peace of God when we are doing those things that grieve Him.

### **III. GOD'S POWER 4:10-13**

A) For Supply- I have learned, in whatsoever state I find myself, therewith to be content. (I know God CAN meet my needs and need not FRET if it is not on my timetable.)

B) For Strength- I can do all things through Christ who energizes me. Witness- The Spirit will give us the words to say. Work- It is God who worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

### **IV. GOD'S PROVISION 4:14-23**

MY GOD shall supply all YOUR NEED according to HIS RICHES in glory by Christ Jesus.

When the Child of God is in the will of God, all of the universe works for him; but when he is out of the will of God, everything works against him.

## THE MIND AND OUR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD

In our study of Philippians we have been looking at the Single Mind (To live is Christ), The Submissive Mind (He became a servant), the Spiritual MIND (I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus), and the Secure Mind (I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me). WE need to re-examine the Mind and its importance for we are to love the Lord with all our Mind (Mk 12:30).

### I. THE NATURAL MIND

- A) Does not receive the things of the Spirit, for they are spiritually discerned. I Cor 2:14
- B) Is blinded by the God of this world, lest the light of the Gospel should shine thru II Cor 4:4 Ep 4:17-19
- C) Is at enmity against God Rom 8:7 Ep 2:3
- D) Can go so far until God will give them over to a reprobate mind. Rom 1:28 (Described in vs 29-32)

### II. THE MIND CAN BE CHANGED

- A) IT can be renewed Rom 12:1-2 Ep 4:23  
Examples- Daniel purposed to remain clean Dan 1:8  
Joseph purposed to do right Gen 39  
A renewed mind is stable with a steadfast purpose
- B) It can be made sound- When demon control is lifted Lu 8:35
- C) God will make the change Heb 8:10 10:16 ( He will put His Law into our mind). (Part of the Spirit's work)

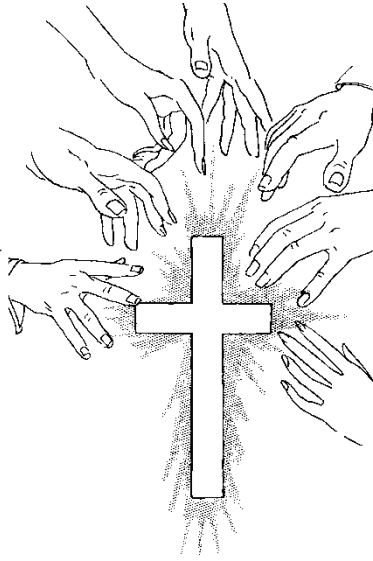
### III. WARNINGS

- A) Satan will try to deceive your mind II Cor 11:3
- B) Persecution will cause your mind to become faint Heb 12:3
- C) You can become double minded and unstable James 1:8

Notes: 1. God's Ways are not your ways and His thoughts are not your thoughts so much will not make "sense" to you Is 55:8

2. A sound mind comes from Peace with God and a Purpose for God Is 26:3

3. We must continually be on guard to "cast down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;" (II Cor 10:5) for as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he (Prov 23:7). Because of our limited human vision it is easy to think we are rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing: and not realize we are really wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked (REV ). When Greatness is judged by Service it makes chaos of the world's reasoning!!!



The most important decision you will ever make is your decision about receiving Christ as your Savior. It's the most important decision you'll ever make because:

1> It's an **ETERNAL DECISION**- Heb 9:15 *For this cause Christ is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.*

1 John 5:13 *These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*

The decision you make about Christ will effect you NOW and for ETERNITY. This is not something to be treated lightly or put off until a later time.

2> It's a **NECESSARY DECISION**- Heb 9:27 *it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:.* Every person MAKES A DECISION about Christ- Either to Accept Him as Savior or reject Him and be lost. EVERY man must Die, EVERY man must face the Judgment. Only the Blood of Christ can deliver us from Condemnation.

WHO SHOULD BE SAVED: ROM 3:23 *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*  
ROM 3:10 *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*

WHY YOU SHOULD BE SAVED: ROM 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.* ROM 5:12 *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.*

WHEN TO BE SAVED: ROM 5:8 *God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

THE WAY TO BE SAVED: ROM 10:9-10 *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

HOW TO LIVE AFTER YOU ARE SAVED: ROM 12:1-2 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

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