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Joy in Our Gospel – Phil. 1

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JOY IN OUR GOSPEL

Philippians 1



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Joy:

1. a condition or feeling of great pleasure
2. a source or object of pleasure or satisfaction



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Gospel: εὐαγγέλιον
glad tidings;
good news



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“We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became a man without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men.



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“We believe He lived a sinless life and performed miracles; that He accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice, and that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead.” Southgate Baptist Church; Constitution and Articles of Faith; Article 2, Section 2.01 (C)



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**“We believe that apart from Christ
there is no possible salvation.”**

**Southgate Baptist Church; Constitution and Articles of
Faith; Article 2, Section 2.01 (I)**



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{Jesus said,} "For
the Son of Man
came to seek and to
save the lost."

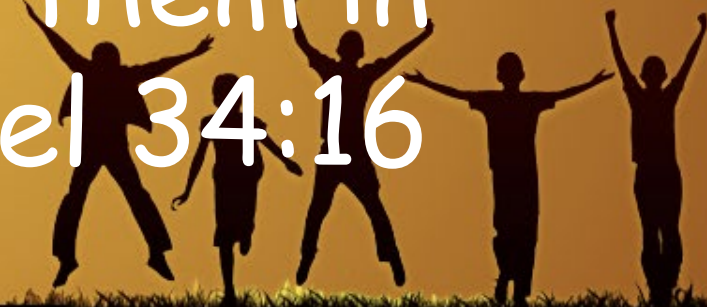
Luke 19:10



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{The LORD GOD says:} "I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice."

Ezekiel 34:16



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Paul had joy even though
he was separated from
his friends



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"A Christian can have an 'understanding' knowledge of the Word, that is, be able to explain its meaning to others, without having an experiential knowledge of the same.



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"But when that Christian has put the Word of God into practice in his life, then he has what Paul is talking about here." Kenneth S. Wuest, Word Studies in the Greek New Testament, 2:1:35-36



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Paul had joy even though
he was in prison



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Paul had joy even though
he was being put down
by some in the church/by
fellow Christ-followers



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Paul had joy

Their prayers
+ Holy Spirit
= Deliverance
and thus Joy



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For to me to live
is _____,
and to die is _____.



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For to me to live
is Christ,
and to die is gain.
Philippians 1:21



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He died for all, that those
who live should no longer
live for themselves but for
Him who died for them and
was raised again.

2 Corinthians 5:15



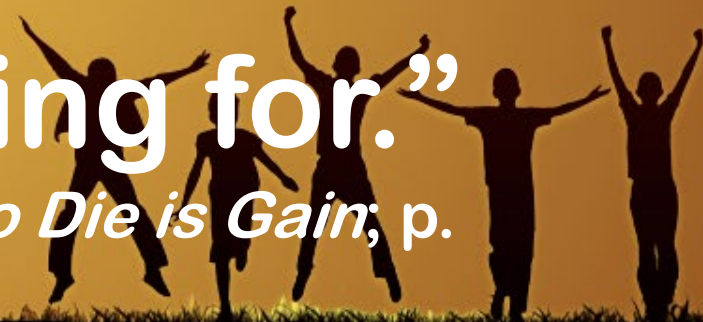
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I have been crucified with Christ, yet not I but Christ in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of GOD who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Galatians 2:20

“When everything considered valuable in life is seen to be nothing in comparison to the glory of Christ, you learn rather well that Christ alone is worth living for.”

Matt Chandler; *To Live is Christ, To Die is Gain*; p. 36; David C. Cook; 2013



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Let us run with
endurance the race that
lies before us, keeping
our eyes on Jesus, the
source and perfecter
of our faith,



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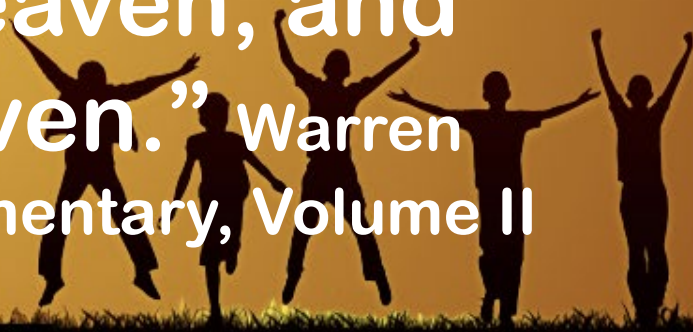
who for the joy that lay
before Him endured a
cross and despised the
shame and has sat down
at the right hand of
God's throne.

Hebrews 12:1^b-2



“ ‘Am I conducting myself in a manner worthy of the gospel?’ is a good question for us to ask ourselves regularly. ... We do not behave in order to go to heaven, as though we could be saved by our good works; but we behave because our names are already written in heaven, and our citizenship is in heaven.” Warren

Wiersbe; The Bible Exposition Commentary, Volume II



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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17



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JOY IN OUR UNITY

Philippians 2



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