



LIVING AS CITIZENS OF HEAVEN WITH JOY IN A FALLEN, EVIL WORLD

Philippians Select Scripture

They're looking for something ancient, something true, something that lasts, something that won't change, something that elevates, something divine, something that allows the human soul to flourish, something that is rooted in the natural law, something that acknowledges male and female distinction, something that allows for normativity and says that it's woven all throughout nature.

They do not want this post-modern pile of trash.
They want something beautiful, something
good, something higher, something ancient,
something unchanging, something unending.
They want Jesus. And praise God for that.

Charlie Kirk



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HOW DO WE LIVE AS CITIZENS OF HEAVEN WITH JOY IN A FALLEN, EVIL WORLD?

By making Christ ...

our life.

our model.

our greatest desire.

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From Troas to Philippi — Paul, Silas, and Timothy

— Paul, Silas, and Timothy's route from Troas to Philippi



SETTING AND SITUATION

¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

SETTING AND SITUATION

¹⁵Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷The former proclaim Christ out of **selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment.**

Paul was not desensitized as a person, he had his feelings just as much as the next man and he must have been hurt by their actions. Their blows below the belt, unsporting punches would have left him winded. They were adding insult to injury as they ladled salt upon his wounds...

Sam Gordon. *An Odyssey of Joy: The Message of Philippians*

‘Whatever we may think of Paul, he had a temper that got heated and feelings that got hurt. He was no computerized theological machine churning out inspired writings, but a very warm human individual who needed as much love as the next man, and then some. You cannot hurt a computer’s feelings or grieve a theological concept, but you can destroy a man. Paul was destructible, but he was not destroyed. And it was not for lack of somebody trying!

Stuart Briscoe

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¹⁸What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice,



MAKE CHRIST YOUR LIFE

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as 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.

MAKE CHRIST YOUR LIFE

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²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.

²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith,²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

MAKE CHRIST YOUR MODEL

...complete my joy by being of the same mind,
having the same love, being in full accord and
of one mind.

Philippians 2:2

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:3–4

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:5–8

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:45

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MAKE CHRIST YOUR GREATEST DESIRE

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

Philippians 3:12-13

MAKE CHRIST YOUR GREATEST DESIRE

¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Let those of us who are mature think this way...

Philippians 3:14-15a

Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition, when infinite joy is offered to us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in the slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.

C.S. Lewis

MAKE CHRIST YOUR GREATEST DESIRE

“And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” John 17:3

MAKE CHRIST YOUR STRENGTH

^{4:4} Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, ...

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⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

MAKE CHRIST YOUR STRENGTH

⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it
we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Philippians 3:20

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