

## Friday

Read Philippians 1:9-11 again. Focus today on the last part of this passage. Paul talks about "the day of Christ Jesus". What do you think he means by that? Do you ever think about the fact that Christ will return someday? What does this mean to you?

*Thank God for the promise that one day Christ will set the earth right. Ask Him to help you live in this reality.*

## Saturday

*Today finish any devotions you may have missed, and polish the memory verse at the top of page 1. Please pray for tomorrow's services--for all the workers and teachers, that we'll be serving in the joy of the Lord!*

Some questions adapted from NavPress Philippians Study Guide

## Prayer Updates

### HOSPITALIZATIONS & SURGERIES THIS PAST WEEK

Angel Navarro, Sr. — RCU (restorative care)  
Crystal Kusalich — RCU (restorative care)  
Dorothy Rising — blood transfusion  
Joan Anderson — RCU (restorative care)  
Judy Helmle — RCU (restorative care)  
Mildred Osenga — out of ICU, improving  
Roberly Bedayan — back at Stanford, possible recurrence of leukemia  
Ron Berry — post-surgery staph infection

### RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS & SURGERIES

Eileen Wakelin, Linda Davenport, Virginia Fair (moved to San Diego)

### HOSPICE CARE

Josephine Walmer — pray for pain relief from her cancer, also she is hoping to go to Pacific Coast Manor for care

### HOME WITH THE LORD

Heartfelt prayer is extended to Adam Stubblefield in the sudden loss of his stepfather.

### We want to provide pastoral support...

Please call 465-3395 when someone is hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, becomes a shut-in, or in special need. Prayer support is available through our pastors and numerous prayer groups — call 689-9400. Please pick up a Prayer Update at the Information Desk or Welcome Center.

ENJOYING



**"Enjoying the People  
in Your Life"**

Message by René Schlaepfer, June 3 & 4, 2006

**Theme of Philippians:** \_\_\_\_\_

Words for "joy", "joyful", or "glad" occur \_\_\_\_\_ times in Philippians

### Why is Philippians helpful in my search for joy?

**1. Written by the man least likely to be joyful:** \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ (we often equate intensity with a lack of joy)
- In \_\_\_\_\_ (we often equate pain with a lack of joy)
- In \_\_\_\_\_ (we often equate tough times with a lack of joy)

**2. Written to the church least likely to be joyful:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Young church (less than 10 years old)
- Losing their leader
- Facing severe persecution

**3. Written in the years least likely to be joyful years:** \_\_\_\_\_

**This was the time of** \_\_\_\_\_

*The point: If God can help those people in those circumstances in those times enjoy life, He can do it for you!*

### What tends to rob me of joy?

**4 Joy-Stealers:**

- Uncontrollable \_\_\_\_\_
- Unlovely \_\_\_\_\_
- Untamed \_\_\_\_\_
- Unmet \_\_\_\_\_

### What is the secret of conquering these "joy-stealers"?

*In Philippians, Paul uses the word "mind" 7 times; "think" 4 times*

**His point: The secret of Christian joy is how I** \_\_\_\_\_

Let's see how Paul applies this: In the first 11 verses of Philippians, he demonstrates 4 attitudes that were his keys to enjoying people!

## How to Enjoy the People in My Life

### 1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_

"I **thank** my God **every time I remember you**. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now..." Philippians 1:3-5

The quickest way to change a relationship from bad to good:

Start \_\_\_\_\_ for people

### 2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ with their \_\_\_\_\_

"...being **confident** of this, that **He who began** a good work in you **will carry it on to completion** until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6

Paul was \_\_\_\_\_ that God

would do \_\_\_\_\_ in their lives!

### 3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ with my \_\_\_\_\_

"It is right for me to **feel** this way about all of you, since I have you in my **heart**; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how **I long for all of you** with the **affection** of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:7,8

### 4. Be \_\_\_\_\_ in my \_\_\_\_\_

"And this is my prayer: That your **love may abound** more and more in **knowledge and depth of insight**, so that you may be able to **discern what is best** and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God." Philippians 1:9-11

## Resources used in the development of this message

Charles Swindoll, *Laugh Again*

Rick Warren, *Philippians tapes series*

Warren Wiersbe, *Be Joyful*

# Daily Meditations

Brief daily devotions based on this week's topic

*This week's memory verses: "And this is my prayer: That your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God." Philippians 1:9-11*

## Monday

Read Philippians 1:1-11. How would you describe the mood -- the emotion, the state of mind -- in these verses? Compare Paul's mood and the ideas he emphasized to your own mood and the issues that preoccupy you. What in Paul's example would you like to follow?

*Talk to God about this today, and prepare to renew your thinking during this Philippians study with an attitude of joyfulness!*

## Tuesday

Read Philippians 1:3-5. What is Paul's attitude toward the Philippians? What does he say he does every time he remembers them? Is this easy or difficult for you to do with the people in your own life?

Often we remember others for their faults rather than with an attitude of thanksgiving. At other times when we think of our spouses, children, or parents we feel guilty. Do you find either to be the case for you?

What do you think would be the result in your relationships if you purposefully thanked God every time you remembered a family member or friend?

*Today ask the Lord to help you give thanks whenever you think of a friend or family member today!*

## Wednesday

Read Philippians 1:6. What "good work" did God begin in the Philippians' lives? What does Paul mean when he says God will "carry it on to completion"? Why can Paul be perfectly confident that this "good work" will be completed? How should Paul's confidence in 1:6 lead you to regard your own future? What difference does it make to know that God will definitely complete the work He starts in any believer?

*In prayer meditate on verse 6, thanking God for the truth that He will complete the work He began in you! Ask the Lord to help you remember this truth throughout the week.*

## Thursday

Read Philippians 1:9-11. What does Paul ask God for in these verses? Why is it important to for your love to grow in knowledge and insight, not just by itself? Paul prays the Philippians will be holy and blameless". Does this mean God expects you to be flawless? If not, then what does He desire from you?

*Today pray this very prayer for those close to you.*