

message OUTLINE

UNIMAGINED JOY

A STUDY OF PHILIPPIANS

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• NOTES •

TEXT: Philippians 1:1-26

I. PHILIPPIANS: EPISTLE OF JOY

AUTHOR & STYLE

Of the 13 books of the New Testament written by Paul, Philippians is his most _____ & _____.
It's a letter of _____, _____ encouragement _____ & _____ gratitude _____.

PHYSICAL & EMOTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

_____ Prisoner of Christ	<i>Phil. 1:7, 13, 14, 17; Eph. 3:1</i>
_____ Prisoner of the Lord	<i>Eph. 4:1</i>
<u>Under House Arrest</u> Ambassador in Chains	<i>Eph. 6:20 (Rd. 2 Tim 1:16)</i>
Shamed, Embarrassed, Humiliated, Bad-mouthed	<i>2 Tim. 1:16; Phil. 1:15-17</i>
Disappointment due to Envy & Strife	<i>Phil. 1:15</i>

THEME OF THE BOOK

Paul maintains a generally _____
"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice." *Phil. 4:4*

Purpose: How to keep your head up... when life's got you down.
Experiencing _____ in spite of circumstances.

II. FOUR KEYS TO ENJOYING PEOPLE

1. Appreciate _____
"I thank my God everytime I remember you." v. 3

Background: Acts 16

"You have helped me... from the very first day until now." v. 5

2. Pray _____ on People
"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy..."

v. 4

Phil. 1:9-11

What to pray for others: Pray they will...

- Grow in Love v. 9
- Make Wise Choices v. 10a
- Be Right With God v. 10b
- Live For God's Glory v. 11

3. _____ in others

"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."

v. 6

Our Mistake: We judge others by how far they _____ Have to Go
rather than how far _____ .

4. _____ Ask God to Touch Your Heart _____

"It is right for me to feel this way about all of you since I have you in my heart."

v. 7

"God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus."

v. 8

"God has poured out His love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, Who is God's gift to us."
Rom. 5:5