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LIFE IN CHRIST

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[Philippians - Charles Swindoll](#) = Chart on right side of page

"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. **Have this attitude** (present imperative) in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus... So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out** (present imperative) your salvation with fear and trembling for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. **Do** (present imperative) all things without grumbling or disputing that you may prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world." (Php 2:3-5+, Php 2:12-15+)

Account of Paul's Circumstances Php 1:1-30	Have the Mind of Christ Php 2:1-30	Have the Knowledge of Christ Php 3:1-21	Have the Peace of Christ Php 4:1-23
Partakers of Christ	People of Christ	Pursuit of Christ	Power of Christ
Suffering	Submission	Salvation	Sanctification
Experience	Examples	Exhortation	

Key Words -- See importance of [key words](#) - learn how to [mark key words](#) and the associated discipline of how to [interrogate them with 5W/H questions](#). Practice "interrogating" key words as well as [term of conclusion](#) (therefore), [term of explanation](#) (for), [terms of purpose or result](#) (so that, in order that, that, as a result), [terms of contrast](#) (but, yet), [expressions of time](#) (including [then](#); [until](#), after) and [terms of comparison](#) (like, as). You will be amazed at how your Teacher, the Holy Spirit, will illuminate your understanding, a spiritual blessing that will grow the more you practice! Be diligent! Consider the "5P's" - **P**ause to **P**onder the **P**assage then **P**actice it in the **P**ower of the Spirit. See also [inductive Bible study](#) - [observation](#) ([Observe With a Purpose](#)), [Interpretation](#) ([Keep Context King](#), [Read Literally](#), [Compare Scripture with Scripture](#), [Consult Conservative Commentaries](#)), and then be a doer of the Word with [Application](#). Do not overlook "doing the word" for if you do you are deluding yourself, and are just a "smarter sinner," but not more like the Savior! As Jesus said "blessed are those who hear the word of God, and observe it." (Lk 11:28+, cf James 1:22+),

Key Words/Phrases: And don't forget to include **synonyms** of the key word or phrase.

- **Day of Christ** - Phil 1:6 Phil 1:10 Phil 2:16
- **In Christ** (10x/10v) - Phil. 1:1; Phil. 1:26; Phil. 2:1; Phil. 2:5; Phil. 3:3; Phil. 3:9; Phil. 3:14; Phil. 4:7; Phil. 4:19; Phil. 4:21
- **Synonym = In the Lord Jesus** - Phil 2:19, **in the Lord** - Phil 2:24, 29, Phil 3:1, Phil 4:1, Phil 4:2, Phil 4:4, Phil 4:10
- **Rejoice** (9x/7v) - Phil. 1:18; Phil. 2:17; Phil. 2:18; Phil. 2:28; Phil. 3:1; Phil. 4:4; Phil. 4:10
- **Joy** (7x/7v) - Phil. 1:4; Phil. 1:25; Phil. 2:2; Phil. 2:17; Phil. 2:18; Phil. 2:29; Phil. 4:1 (cf [Chart of Joy and Rejoicing](#))
- **Gospel** (9x/8v) - Phil. 1:5; Phil. 1:7; Phil. 1:12; Phil. 1:16; Phil. 1:27; Phil. 2:22; Phil. 4:3; Phil. 4:15 **Synonym = Word of life** - Php 2:16)
- **Spirit** - (**Holy**) = Phil. 1:19; Phil. 2:1; Phil. 3:3 (**Spirit** with little "s") - Phil. 1:27; Phil. 2:2; Phil. 2:20; Phil. 4:23
- **Mind** (6x/6v) - Phil. 1:27; Phil. 2:2; Phil. 2:3; Phil. 3:4; Phil. 3:19; Phil. 4:7
- **Synonym - Attitude** (3x/2v) - Phil. 2:5; Phil. 3:15
- **Humble/humility** (4x/4v) - Phil. 2:3; Phil. 2:8; Phil. 3:21; Phil. 4:12

- **Work*** (8x/7v) - Phil. 1:6; Phil. 2:12; Phil. 2:13; Phil. 2:25; Phil. 2:30; Phil. 3:2; Phil. 4:3
- **Love** (5x/5v) - Phil. 1:9; Phil. 1:16; Phil. 2:1; Phil. 2:2; Phil. 4:8
- **Live** (4x/4v) - Phil. 1:21; Phil. 1:22; Phil. 4:2; Phil. 4:12/**Life** (4x/4v) - Phil. 1:20; Phil. 2:16; Phil. 2:30; Phil. 4:3
- **All** (23x/21v) - Phil. 1:1; Phil. 1:3; Phil. 1:4; Phil. 1:7; Phil. 1:8; Phil. 1:9; Phil. 1:20; Phil. 1:25; Phil. 2:14; Phil. 2:17; Phil. 2:21; Phil. 2:26; Phil. 2:28; Phil. 2:29; Phil. 3:8; Phil. 3:21; Phil. 4:5; Phil. 4:7; Phil. 4:13; Phil. 4:19; Phil. 4:22
- **Every** (7x/7v) - Phil. 1:4; Phil. 1:18; Phil. 2:9; Phil. 2:10; Phil. 2:11; Phil. 4:12; Phil. 4:21
- **Pray/prayer** (5x/4v) - Phil. 1:4; Phil. 1:9; Phil. 1:19; Phil. 4:6
- **Confident/confidence** (5x/4v) - Phil. 1:6; Phil. 1:26; Phil. 3:3; Phil. 3:4
- **Lord** (15x/15v) - Phil. 1:2; Phil. 1:14; Phil. 2:11; Phil. 2:19; Phil. 2:24; Phil. 2:29; Phil. 3:1; Phil. 3:8; Phil. 3:20; Phil. 4:1; Phil. 4:2; Phil. 4:4; Phil. 4:5; Phil. 4:10; Phil. 4:23
- **Jesus** (22x/21v) - Phil. 1:1; Phil. 1:2; Phil. 1:6; Phil. 1:8; Phil. 1:11; Phil. 1:19; Phil. 1:26; Phil. 2:5; Phil. 2:10; Phil. 2:11; Phil. 2:19; Phil. 2:21; Phil. 3:3; Phil. 3:8; Phil. 3:12; Phil. 3:14; Phil. 3:20; Phil. 4:7; Phil. 4:19; Phil. 4:21; Phil. 4:23
- **Christ** (37x/35v) - Phil. 1:1; Phil. 1:2; Phil. 1:6; Phil. 1:8; Phil. 1:10; Phil. 1:11; Phil. 1:13; Phil. 1:15; Phil. 1:17; Phil. 1:18; Phil. 1:19; Phil. 1:20; Phil. 1:21; Phil. 1:23; Phil. 1:26; Phil. 1:27; Phil. 1:29; Phil. 2:1; Phil. 2:5; Phil. 2:11; Phil. 2:16; Phil. 2:21; Phil. 2:30; Phil. 3:3; Phil. 3:7; Phil. 3:8; Phil. 3:9; Phil. 3:12; Phil. 3:14; Phil. 3:18; Phil. 3:20; Phil. 4:7; Phil. 4:19; Phil. 4:21; Phil. 4:23

Recipients - Saints, brethren, beloved, you - and keep [interrogating them with 5W/H questions](#).

INTRODUCTIONS AND OVERVIEWS:

- [Philippians - Through the Bible Book by Book](#) - Myer Pearlman
- [Analysis of Philippians](#) - James Van Dine
- [Philippians - Synthetic Bible Study](#) - James Gray
- [Philippians Introduction - Author, Background, Interpretative Challenges, Outline](#) - John MacArthur - same notes as MacArthur Study Bible. Excellent resource.
- [Ray C. Stedman: Overview of the Book](#)
- [Philippians Introduction](#) - NIV Study Bible Introduction
- [Philippians: Paul's Joy in Christ](#)
- [Philippians - Notes and Outlines](#) - J Vernon McGee
- [Philippians - Keys to the NT](#) - William Orr
- [Philippians Overview](#) - Charles Swindoll - see overview chart on right side
- [Chart of Joy and Rejoicing in Philippians](#)
- [Joy and Rejoicing in Philippians](#) - ESV resource
- [Philippi in the Time of Paul](#) - layout of the city of Philippi - ESV resource
- [Introduction with Timeline](#) and Map - ESV resource
- [The Global Message of Philippians](#) - ESV resource
- [Chronology of Paul](#)
- [Paul's use of the Old Testament](#)
- [Blue Letter Bible: Chronology of Acts/Epistles](#)
- [Bible Atlas: Philippi](#)

MAPS RELATED TO PHILIPPIANS

- [Setting of Philippi - ESV Map](#)
- [Paul's 1st Journey](#)
- [Paul's 2nd Journey](#)
- [Paul's 3rd Journey](#)
- [Kingdom of Herod the Great](#)
- [Herod's Building Program](#)
- [Apostles' Fates](#)
- [The Kingdom of Herod Agrippa I](#)
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- [Pentecost and the Jewish Diaspora](#)
- [Expansion of the Early Church in Palestine](#)
- [Paul's Journeys](#)
- [Paul's Arrest](#)
- [Paul's Voyage to Rome](#)

DICTIONARIES, ENCYCLOPEDIAS

- [Philippians - Theology of](#) - Baker's Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology
- [Philippi in the time of Paul](#) - nice color map of the city
- Holman Bible Dictionary [Philippians](#)
- Hastings' Dictionary of the NT [Philippians Epistle to the](#)
- Easton's Bible Dictionary [Philippians, Epistle to](#)
- Fausset Bible Dictionary [Philippians, the Epistle to the](#)
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- Smith Bible Dictionary [Philippians, Epistle to the](#)
- International Standard Bible Encyclopedia [Philippians, the Epistle to](#)
- McClintock and Strong's Bible Encyclopedia [Philippians, Epistle to The,](#)
- The Nuttall Encyclopedia [Philippians, Epistle to the](#)
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- Kitto Biblical Cyclopedia [Philippians epistle to the](#)
- McClintock and Strong's Bible Encyclopedia [Philippian](#)
- Morrish Bible Dictionary [Philippians, Epistle to the](#)
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- Holman Bible Dictionary: [Philippi](#)
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- International Standard Bible Encyclopedia: [Philippi](#)
- Kitto's Popular Cyclopedia of Biblical Literature: [Philippi](#)
- Wikipedia – [Philippi](#)

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- [Who was Paul?](#)
 - Baker's Evangelical Dictionary: [Paul the Apostle](#)
 - Bridgeway Bible Dictionary: [Paul](#)
 - Easton's Bible Dictionary: [Paul](#)
 - Fausset Bible Dictionary: [Paul](#)
 - Holman Bible Dictionary: [Paul](#)
 - Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible: [Paul the Apostle](#)
 - Kitto's Popular Cyclopedia of Biblical Literature: [Paul](#)
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 - The Nuttall Encyclopedia: [Paul](#)
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Philippi in the Time of Paul

The city plan above shows those features of the city of Philippi that archaeologists have so far identified as dating from the time of Paul. "Paul's Prison" is not believed to be an authentic site, but was a cistern later associated with Christian worship. ([ESV.org](#))

OUTLINE OF PHILIPPIANS (Warren Wiersbe)

Key theme: The joy of the Lord

Key verse: Philippians 3:1 (Others list Php 1:21, 4:12)

I. THE SINGLE MIND—Philippians 1

- A. The fellowship of the Gospel—Philippians 1:1–11

- B. The furtherance of the Gospel—Philippians 1:12–26
- C. The faith of the Gospel—Philippians 1:27–30

II. THE SUBMISSIVE MIND—Philippians 2

- A. The example of Christ—Philippians 2:1–11
- B. The example of Paul—Philippians 2:12–18
- C. The example of Timothy—Philippians 2:19–24
- D. The example of Epaphroditus—Philippians 2:25–30

III. THE SPIRITUAL MIND—Philippians 3

- A. Paul's past—Philippians 3:1–11 (the accountant—"I count")
- B. Paul's present—Philippians 3:12–16 (the athlete—"I press")
- C. Paul's future—Philippians 3:17–21 (the alien—"I look")

IV. THE SECURE MIND—Philippians 4

- A. God's peace—Philippians 4:1–9
- B. God's power—Philippians 4:10–13
- C. God's provision—Philippians 4:14–23

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PHILIPPIANS 1: JOY IN LIVING

PHILIPPIANS 2: JOY IN SERVICE

PHILIPPIANS 3: JOY IN FELLOWSHIP

PHILIPPIANS 4: JOY IN REWARDS

Paul says:

- When I travel, it is on Christ's errands.
- When I suffer, it is in Christ's service.
- When I speak, the theme is Christ.
- When I write, Christ fills my letters.

The epistle to the Philippians was written to the first church founded in Europe. Paul was called there by the vision and the cry, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us" (Acts 16:9). Paul urges the Church to have Christian unity and joy. This letter shows how unity among Christians can be broken. Christ is the secret of joy. "Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord" (Philippians 3:1). Then there is a pause. Paul tries to think of some better last word to speak, but he can't seem to find it. Finally he cries out, "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). This is joy in the midst of troubles and problems....Paul seems to laugh out loud for sheer joy in this letter. He is the rejoicing apostle.....We are commanded to rejoice. We break a commandment if we do not rejoice, for joy drives out discord. It helps in the midst of trials. As Charles Spurgeon once said, "Joy is a bird; let it fly in the open heavens, and let its music be heard of all men." Sinners, like Augustine, are attracted to Jesus by the joy of Christians. This letter is the sweetest of all Paul's letters. There is no scolding. It is more of a love letter. His words seem to come from a light heart. It is evident that the soul of this great apostle is free! Paul mentions the Savior's name some 40 times in this short epistle. Some of the most wonderful things concerning Christ and the Christian life are here. So that your life may be purified, dangers avoided and progress made, Christ must be your joy, your trust and your aim in life. Paul tells us of his own joyful triumph over trying circumstances because of his trust in Christ....Paul lived to intercede for others. So should every true Sunday School teacher, Christian friend, father, mother, brother or sister. All Christians should always remember others in their prayers. Have you a prayer list? Do you talk with the Lord about your friends? Do you always pray with joy (see Philippians 1:4)?...Although Paul had to remain in his house, people came to hear him preach. The Roman guards were so interested in the gospel that they spread it around. This encouraged others to be bold in preaching, and many found Paul's Christ. There is great power in the witness of a consistent life. You may be bound to unsympathetic companions, but by how you conduct your life you may win them for God. Your obstacle may become your pulpit. Christians who work for Christ when everything is against them encourage others to look at the Savior in a new light. Listen to the cries of the people of this world. What are they? The successful businessperson cries, "To me to live is wealth." The scholar cries, "To me to live is knowledge." The soldier cries, "To me to live is victory." The young man cries, "To me to live is pleasure." The man desirous of recognition cries, "To me to live is fame." The high school student cries, "To me to live is recognition." We could go on and list all the voices of the world, but one is heard over them all: "To me to live is not wealth or knowledge or fame or glory but Christ. Christ first, last, in the middle of everything, and always Christ"...Paul tells the Philippians that

the duty of all Christians is that they be joyful. A long-faced Christian is the worst advertisement for Christianity. The world doesn't want a greater burden; it wants a light heart. How can a Christian be joyful in a world so full of sorrow? Paul tells us in Philippians 3:1, "Rejoice in the Lord!" (What the Bible is All About)

J Sidlow Baxter - Recurrent Ideas - There are prominent ideas, too, running through the letter. One is that of Christian joy and rejoicing (Phil 1:4,18,25; 2:16,17,18,28; 3:1,3; 4:1,4). Another is that of gain in Christ (Phil 1:21,23; 3:7,8; R.V.144:19). Also, a feature is that of teaching by example - i.e. of Christ (Phil 2:5-11), of Timothy (Phil 2:19-24), of Epaphroditus (Phil 2:25-30), of Paul (Phil 3:1-4:9). Over against certain who say there is an "absence of plan in the epistle" we would point out that there is an introversion-structure which is as clear as it is effective:

Salutation: "Grace be unto you" (Phil 1:1,2).
Paul's concern for the Philippians (Phil 1:3-26).
EXHORTATION: EXAMPLE OF CHRIST (Phil 1:27-2:16)
EXAMPLE OF TIMOTHY (Phil 2:19-24).
EXAMPLE OF EPAPHRAS (Phil 2:25-30)
EXHORTATION: EXAMPLE OF PAUL (Phil 3:1-4:9).
The Philippians' concern for Paul (Phil 4:10-20).
Salutation: "Grace be with you" (Phil 4:21-23).

The Fourfold Christ - But we miss everything in this epistle if we fail to perceive and appreciate its wonderful fourfold presentation of Christ in relation to the experience of the individual believer. Once this fourfold Christ of Philippians is seen, the little epistle gleams and flashes with an altogether new lustre - it becomes a gem precious beyond all words. Fortunately, in Philippians the four chapters accurately represent the four movements of this main theme (Phil except that the first verse of Phil 4 obviously ends Phil 3).

We find a key verse, expressing a key idea in each chapter. In the first chapter the key thought is expressed in Phil 1:21: "To me to live is Christ." Everything in this first chapter centres in the thought that Christ is the believer's life. In the second chapter the key thought is expressed in Phil 2:5: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." The whole of this second chapter gathers round the thought that Christ is the believer's mind. In the third chapter the key thought is expressed in Phil 3:10: "That I may know Him." Here everything centres in the truth that Christ is the believer's goal. In the fourth chapter the key thought is the enabling power of Christ, as expressed in Phil 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." In this last chapter the apostle's thought is gathered up in the truth that Christ is the believer's strength. Thus we see in the progress of this epistle a fourfold truth as rich with suggestion as it is vital to Christian experience. Let us get it photographed clearly in our minds:

Phil 1: Christ our life.
Phil 2: Christ our mind.
Phil 3: Christ our goal.
Phil 4: Christ our strength.

The sequence here will be at once obvious. If Christ be truly our life, as in Phil 1, His life will express itself in and through our mental activity, as in Phil 2. Then, the mind being thus suffused with His life, the desires will become more and more toward Christ as the perfect ideal, the sum of objective perfection and subjective satisfaction, the supreme goal of desire, as in Phil 3; while finally, as in Phil 4, Christ Himself is the strength by which the ideal becomes the actual, and by which the objective reality becomes subjectively realized in experience. In these four Philippian chapters, therefore, we observe clear progress and completeness. (Explore the Book - [summary notes online](#))

John MacArthur - Background and Setting - Originally known as Krenides ("The Little Fountains") because of the numerous nearby springs, Philippi ("city of Philip") received its name from Philip II of Macedon (the father of Alexander the Great). Attracted by the nearby gold mines, Philip conquered the region in the fourth century B.C. In the second century B.C., Philippi became part of the Roman province of Macedonia. The city existed in relative obscurity for the next two centuries until one of the most famous events in Roman history brought it recognition and expansion. In 42 B.C., the forces of Antony and Octavian defeated those of Brutus and Cassius at the Battle of Philippi, thus ending the Roman Republic and ushering in the Empire. After the battle, Philippi became a Roman colony (cf. Acts 16:12), and many veterans of the Roman army settled there. As a colony, Philippi had autonomy from the provincial government and the same rights granted to cities in Italy, including the use of Roman law, exemption from some taxes, and Roman citizenship for its residents (Acts 16:21). Being a colony was also the source of much civic pride for the Philippians, who used Latin as their official language, adopted Roman customs, and modeled their city government after that of Italian cities. Acts and Philippians both reflect Philippi's status as a Roman colony.

Paul's description of Christians as citizens of heaven (Philippians 3:20) was appropriate, since the Philippians prided themselves on

being citizens of Rome (cf. Acts 16:21). The Philippians may well have known some of the members of the palace guard (Philippians 1:13) and Caesar's household (Philippians 4:22).

The church at Philippi, the first one founded by Paul in Europe, dates from the apostle's second missionary journey (Acts 16:12–40). Philippi evidently had a very small Jewish population. Because there were not enough men to form a synagogue (the requirement was for 10 Jewish men who were heads of a household), some devout women met outside the city at a place of prayer (Acts 16:13) alongside the Gangites River. Paul preached the gospel to them and Lydia, a wealthy merchant dealing in expensive purple dyed goods (Acts 16:14), became a believer (Acts 16:14, 15). It is likely that the Philippian church initially met in her spacious home.

Satanic opposition to the new church immediately arose in the person of a demonpossessed, fortune-telling slave girl (Acts 16:16, 17). Not wanting even agreeable testimony from such an evil source, Paul cast the demon out of her (Acts 16:18). The apostle's act enraged the girl's masters, who could no longer sell her services as a fortune-teller (Acts 16:19). They hauled Paul and Silas before the city's magistrates (Acts 16:20) and inflamed the civic pride of the Philippians by claiming the two preachers were a threat to Roman customs (Acts 16:20, 21). As a result, Paul and Silas were beaten and imprisoned (Acts 16:22–24).

The two preachers were miraculously released from prison that night by an earthquake, which unnerved the jailer and opened his heart and that of his household to the gospel (Acts 16:25–34). The next day the magistrates, panicking when they learned they had illegally beaten and imprisoned two Roman citizens, begged Paul and Silas to leave Philippi.

Paul apparently visited Philippi twice during his third missionary journey, once at the beginning (cf. 2 Cor. 8:1–5), and again near the end (Acts 20:6). About 4 or 5 years after his last visit to Philippi, while a prisoner at Rome, Paul received a delegation from the Philippian church. The Philippians had generously supported Paul in the past (Philippians 4:15, 16), and had also contributed abundantly for the needy at Jerusalem (2 Cor. 8:1–4). Now, hearing of Paul's imprisonment, they sent another contribution to him (Philippians 4:10), and along with it Epaphroditus to minister to Paul's needs. Unfortunately Epaphroditus suffered a near-fatal illness (Philippians 2:26, 27), either while en route to Rome, or after he arrived. Accordingly, Paul decided to send Epaphroditus back to Philippi (Philippians 2:25, 26) and wrote the letter to the Philippians to send back with him.

Paul had several purposes in composing this epistle. First, he wanted to express in writing his thanks for the Philippians' gift (Philippians 4:10–18). Second, he wanted the Philippians to know why he decided to return Epaphroditus to them, so they would not think his service to Paul had been unsatisfactory (Philippians 2:25, 26). Third, he wanted to inform them about his circumstances at Rome (Philippians 1:12–26). Fourth, he wrote to exhort them to unity (Philippians 2:1, 2; 4:2). Finally, he wrote to warn them against false teachers (Philippians 3:1–4:1). ([Philippians Introduction](#))

Bruce Wilkinson - Philippians is the epistle of joy and encouragement in the midst of adverse circumstances. In it, Paul freely expresses his fond affection for the Philippians in view of their consistent testimony and support, and lovingly urges them to center their actions and thoughts on the person, pursuit, and power of Jesus Christ. Paul also seeks to correct a problem with disunity and rivalry, urging his readers to imitate Christ in His humility and servanthood. In this way the work of the gospel will go forward as believers seek to stand fast, be of the same mind, rejoice always, and pray about everything. (Talk Thru the Bible)

B.C. Caffin - The Epistle to the Philippians was written about thirty years after the Ascension, about ten years after the first preaching of the Gospel by St. Paul at Philippi. Christianity was still young, in all the freshness of its first youth. It had come suddenly into the world. The world seemed growing old: the old religions had lost whatever power they once possessed; the old philosophies were worn out; the energies of political life had been weakened or suppressed by the all-pervading despotism of Rome. Avarice, uncleanness, cruelty, were rampant in the earth. There was little faith in God, in goodness, in immortality. "What is truth?" was the despairing question of the age. The Gospel flashed upon this scene of moral confusion like, what it is in truth, a revelation from heaven. It brought before the eyes of men a life and a person. The world saw for the first time a perfect life; not a mere ideal, but a real life that had been really lived upon the earth; a life that stands alone, separate from all other lives; unique in its solitary majesty, in its unearthly loveliness, in its absolute purity, in its entire unselfishness. The world saw for the first time the beauty of complete self-sacrifice. And this life was not merely a thing past and gone. It was still living, it is still living in the Church. The life of Christ lived in His saints.

Charles Swindoll - Though we all have much to be thankful for, the pace and the pressure of life often squeeze the joy from us. Our shoulders slumped and our heads bowed, we find some days—or months—very difficult to get through. Desperate, we often search for joy in all kinds of ways—acquiring possessions, visiting places, or seeing people. But none of these can provide lasting joy. Where do you find joy in the midst of a trying circumstance? Paul knew, as did the Philippians, that true joy comes only through humble faith in the saving work of Jesus Christ, joining ourselves in harmony with His followers, and serving others in the name of Christ. This was the life experienced by the Philippian believers, and it is a life available to us today. Allow the joy you find in Christ to keep you from useless quarrels and divisions and to instead guide you into harmonious relationships with God's people. ([How Do I](#)

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- Joy in Living (Phil. 1)
- Joy in Service (Phil. 2)
- Joy in Fellowship (Phil. 3)
- Joy in Rewards (Phil. 4)

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- [Lecture 2 Philippians 1 - What Would You Do for the Furtherance of the Gospel?](#)
- [Lecture 3 Philippians 1:3-6 - The Church- Sinners Made Saints](#)
- [Lecture 4 Background Information on Paul - Does God Have Your Ear?](#)
- [Lecture 5 Philippians 1:19-26 - What Does It Mean... To Die is Gain?](#)
- [Lecture 6 Philippians 1:21 - How Can I Tell if I'm Living for Christ?](#)
- [Lecture 7 Philippians 1:29 - Why Suffering... How Do You Handle It?](#)
- [Lecture 8 Philippians 2 - Stress That Comes From Pressure](#)
- [Lecture 9 Philippians 2 - Stress, How Do You Handle It?](#)
- [Lecture 10 Philippians 2 - How to be Blameless on the Day of Christ](#)
- [Lecture 11 Philippians 2 - What Will It be Like When You See Him Who Died for You](#)
- [Lecture 12 Philippians 2 - Where's Your Confidence... In Flesh or Spirit?](#)
- [Lecture 13 Philippians 3 - Beware of Dogs, Deeds, Doctrine](#)
- [Lecture 14 Philippians 3 - When I Run, I Feel His Pleasure](#)
- [Lecture 15 Philippians 4 -How NOT to be Thrown by Worry](#)
- [Lecture 16 Philippians 4 - Learn How to Handle Your Thoughts, Be Content](#)

PHILIPPIANS COMMENTARY VERSE BY VERSE [Bruce Hurt, M.D.](#)

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COMMENTARIES AND OTHER RESOURCES ARCHIVE.ORG

Explanation - The following list includes not only commentaries but other Christian works by well known evangelical writers. Most of the resources below are newer works (written after 1970) which previously were available only for purchase in book form or in a Bible computer program. The resources are made freely available by archive.org but have several caveats - (1) they do not allow copy and paste, (2) they can only be checked out for one hour (but can be checked out immediately when your hour expires giving you time to read or take notes on a lengthy section) and (3) they require creating an account which allows you to check out the books free of charge. To set up an account click archive.org and then click the picture of the person in right upper corner and enter email and a password. That's all you have to do. Then you can read these more modern resources free of charge! I have read or used many of these resources but not all of them so ultimately you will need to be a Berean ([Acts 17:11+](#)) as you use them. I have also selected works that are conservative and Biblically sound. If you find one that you think does not meet those criteria please send an email at <https://www.preceptaustin.org/contact>. The resources are listed in alphabetical order by the author's last name and some include reviews of the particular resource.

IMPORTANT CAVEAT - As these resources have become more popular over the last year, many times you will click on a book and it will say "**UNAVAILABLE**" which means that someone else has it checked out. And if they keep re-checking it out after their allotted hour, it may remain unavailable for a long time. There are a couple of "Work arounds" I have used in those cases. (1) If I know the exact quote I am want to read in context, I do a search on that specific book on archive.org taking care to put a portion of the quote in quotation marks. That will usually allow you to read that page plus one other page. (2) I will search on a word that I know will be on almost every page of the book. E.g., take the commentary by John Stott on The Epistles of John. Let's say it was unavailable. Then I do a search on the word "John" and retrieved over 500 hits which allows me access to most of the book. This does not always work and you make need to experiment. Otherwise you have to wait until the book becomes available.

SOME "WORKAROUNDS" WHEN BOOKS SAY "BORROW UNAVAILABLE"

"Borrow unavailable" means that someone else has it checked out for an hour. And if they are savvy and really like using it, they will immediately check it out after the hour expires and this keeps it from being shown as **"Available."** I use a few WORKAROUNDS when this happens. Below are examples taken from a popular commentary on Genesis.

(1) If I have the exact quote from the book and want to see the context, I search with a few words from the quote (putting them in quotation marks so that they are the specific words searched). That will allow me to open the page and see the context. Here is an example from Gordon J Wenham's Genesis 1-15 which is almost always listed as "Borrow Unavailable."

(a) So I have this quote from Genesis 3 and want to see the context - *'Now, explicit characterization of actors in the story is rare in Hebrew narrative, so it seems likely that in noting the snake's shrewdness the narrator is hinting that his remarks should be examined very carefully'*

(b) I selected *"Now, explicit characterization"* and searched it (with the quotes) and found 1 hit, clicked it and retrieved the page with the quote in context. [See the page with this quote](#) and notice it allows you to read 2 pages.

(2) A second trick I use is to put one word in the title in search.

(a) E.g., I searched "genesis" and retrieved 522 hits. Note the page numbers it retrieved which is most of the pages.

(b) You will have to hunt to find what you want but this can occasionally be helpful.

(c) Sometimes you encounter "Limited Preview. Some pages are omitted!" You can try trick #4 but it may not work. **Then you have to wait until you can borrow the book.**

(3) Now let's say you want to look up comments on Genesis 15, the story of Abraham.

(a) Search "genesis 15" and you retrieve 8 hits and notice you have access to almost 12 pages of comments. Remember each hit gives you access to 2 pages.

(b) [Click this one](#) and you see beginning comments on [Genesis 15:1-21](#).

(4) **ONE CAVEAT** - Let's say you perform the maneuvers listed above, click on the page and it is **blackened out**. What you can try to REFRESH that page and many times (not always) it will allow you to read that page. Note this will not always work because it will say "Some pages are omitted."

(5) You need to be "creative" in how you search for specific "unavailable" book. Sometimes I just put a number in the search queue. E.g., I put 7 in the search box and it retrieved 518 hits. Yes, you have to hunt around, but this might allow you to read the comments you are seeking.

(6) One other trick I use since these book do not allow copy and paste is I will do my search and find a quote I want to copy in the actual search column. E.g., [search Wenham's popular book on Genesis 1-15 for "genesis 15."](#) Notice the first hit on page 300. You can copy and paste this hit quote shown below.

Page 300 The uncountability of Abram's descendants is a perennial theme of [Genesis: 15:5; 16:10; 28:14; 32:12](#). Balaam, the prophet hired by the king of Moab to curse Israel, said Israel was already beyond counting in his day ([Num 23:10](#)). Solomon said the same thing some centuries later ([1 Kgs 3:8](#)), though of course both eras were famed for their censuses. The NT sees believing Gentiles as well as faithful Jews as being counted as Abram's descendants ([Rom 4:16—18; Gal 3:29](#)), so that in heaven there will be "a great multitude which no man can number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues" ([Rev 7:9](#)).

(7) The more you play around with this on a "Borrow unavailable" book, the better you will become at finding what you are looking for.

NOTE: If you find any other "tricks" that are useful please send me an email.

COMMENTARIES ON PHILIPPIANS

[Be joyful](#) (Philippians) by Wiersbe, Warren - always worth checking

[Bible Exposition Commentary - New Testament](#) - Warren Wiersbe

[Philippians in the Greek New Testament : for the English reader](#) by Wuest, Kenneth - one of my favorite sources - his writings are a veritable "gold mine"!

James Rosscup - This is one of Wuest's better expositions of a book. He is often sound though simple in the Greek, explaining the text verse by verse and giving helpful word studies. Though he uses the Greek, he does not reproduce it in his book and so his commentary is very helpful even to the Christian who does not know Greek. Again, this is a good book to recommend to laymen as well as useful often for preaching and teaching.

Here is the same book with no restrictions - [Philippians Commentary - Verse by Verse Comments](#)

[The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible : New Testament, King James Version](#) - Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians - This is a very useful resource which always includes numerous related cross-references. It will be of aid to you preaching and teaching.

[Philippians : an expositional commentary](#) by Boice, James Montgomery

James Rosscup - A lucid and very readable simple exposition that is helpful and competent on many of the issues. The work is geared more to simple study. The exposition is practical and sermonic, with sometimes good background and comparison with relevant passages from other Scripture. He illustrates heavily from literature, history, and contemporary life.

[Philippians : the Believer's Joy in Christ](#) by James Draper

[The joy of living a study of philippians](#) by J.DWight Pentecost

Cyril Barber - This series of expository messages not only does justice to the apostle's stated purpose but also edifies and enriches the reader as he is led by this master of the pulpit to understand the theme of this epistle. Recommended. First published in 1973. This commentary is ideal for personal use. Review questions can be used for group discussion. Ably treats the believer's resources including the antidote to worry and the secret of contentment.

[Philippians : happiness beyond our happenings](#) by Briscoe, D. Stuart

Cyril Barber - First published in 1975 and reprinted in 1984. Comprises a lay person's commentary on

Philippians that is plain and practical, and explains how believers may endure suffering while at the same time meeting their problems with faith and courage. The result is the ability to live consistently for the Lord. Recommended.

[Bound for joy : Philippians-Paul's letter from prison](#) by Briscoe, D. Stuart

[Philippians / Colossians](#) by McGee, J. Vernon

[Count it all joy : discover a happiness that circumstances cannot change](#) by Jeremiah, David

[Turning toward joy](#) by Jeremiah, David

Cyril Barber - Covers Paul's letter to the Philippians in 12 chapters. Questions for group discussion are to be found in the study portion of this book. An ideal exposition of true joy for lay people.

[Laugh again : experience outrageous joy : a study of Philippians : Bible study guide](#) by Swindoll, Charles R; Hough, Lee Minis

Cyril Barber - Topical messages on Paul's letter to the Philippians. Lightweight.

[Pressing on when you'd rather turn back : studies in philippians](#) by Getz, Gene

[The Measure of a Christian : Studies in Philippians](#) by Gene Getz

[A profile of Christian maturity : a study of Philippians](#) by Getz, Gene

Cyril Barber - First published a decade ago under the title A Profile of Christian Maturity. Covers Paul's Philippian letter simply and directly. Getz shows the importance of facing life realistically.

James Rosscup - A provocative catalyst for personal study, application and growth, or group or family use, this is a well-organized little book. Each chapter has several parts: Something to Think About, A Look at Paul's Letters, What Did Paul Say?, What Did Paul Mean?, Application, Life Response, and A Project. Each of the fourteen chapters takes a few verses, dealing briefly and simply with them.

[Paul's Letter to the Philippians](#) - New International Commentary on the NT by Fee, Gordon D

Cyril Barber - This is a most valuable contribution to the literature on this prison epistle. Fee is a premier NT scholar. His handling of the Greek text is superb. Pastors will find this study of Philippians to be of inestimable help in the preparation of their expository messages

Cyril Barber on IVP NT Commentary - An accurate explanation of the theme of this letter. Here is profound scholarship in the service of the believer.

James Rosscup - This effort (New International Commentary on the NT) of 543 pp. with 497 on commentary replaces in the series J. J. Muller's 1955 work which also has Philemon. Fee's study is careful phrase by phrase, usually helpful, yet not as much an assist as O'Brien or Hawthorne, for example. Cf. Fee's shorter 204-pp. Philippians in the IVP NTC series, 1999. This longer attempt has a 26-pp. bibliography, and Fee reflects keen awareness of views, as in his careful assessment of efforts to divide the letter into three epistles, and Fee's reasons for unity (21-23). Another help is in giving five theological emphases (46-53). Hermeneutical factors receive attention, matters such as words, grammar, context, setting, customs.

[Basics for Believers](#) by Carson, D. A

James Rosscup - One finds an articulate, brief pb that gets to the point well on most verses but has to bypass a lot too. It shows Carson's usual good grasp, and is particularly usable for those wanting a reliable but lighter survey—pastors, Bible class teachers, college students, and lay users.

[Philippians : where life advances](#) by Laurin, Roy L.

Cyril Barber - Grounds his exposition in the historic context of the times. Reveals remarkable originality in applying the message Paul sent to the believers in Phillipi. Of practical value to lay people

[The message of Philippians : Jesus our joy](#) by Motyer, J. A

Tim Challies - There is always room for one commentary that is a little less technical and suitable for a wide readership. Such is the case with Motyer's volume in The Bible Speaks Today series. The work is necessarily brief, but apparently still powerful.

James Rosscup - This work, distinct from his 1966 Philippian Studies, is a lucid exposition of twenty-four

sections, using the RSV text and a clear outline. Motyer (pronounced Mo-teer) gives good synopses of sections, keeps connections in the flow of thought in view, and deals with verses in an engaging style. He seems sound exegetically, theologically and applicationally. He defines many key Greek words such as those for "citizenship" (p. 93), "walk" (p. 181), etc. and offers an articulate discussion on many of the problems. Many references are footnoted, helping the readability. The work is stimulating for expositors but also for any lay person who wants to use a book with an attractive, simple flow without delving into technical points other works handle.

[Philippians : joy under pressure](#) by Stafford, Tim

[Paul and his converts : the letters to the Thessalonians, Corinthians and Philippians](#) by Bruce, F. F. (Frederick Fyvie), 1910-1990

[Philippians, Colossians, Philemon](#) - Life Application Commentary

[Half-hours with William Hendriksen : stirring devotional surveys of Romans, Philippians, Luke and Revelation, with other gems](#) by Hendriksen, William,

[Exposition of Philippians](#) by Hendriksen, William,

James Rosscup - This work is based upon the Greek text but is not technical. It is rich devotionally and has a wealth of good commentary material. It is very helpful on problem passages (example, 3:1-2; 4:1-3), giving different views and coming to a conclusion, often with good reasoning.

[Paul's joy in Christ; studies in Philippians](#) by Robertson, A. T.

[Philippians](#) by Williams, Don (primarily asks questions)

[Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians](#) by Lane, William L - Only 98 pages.

[Philippians, Colossians and Philemon](#) by MacDonald, William (1972) 160 pages (see also [Believer's Bible Commentary](#))

[The Epistle of Paul to the Philippians : an introduction and commentary](#) (Tyndale NT Commentary) by Martin, Ralph

[Philippians](#) - New Century Commentary by Martin, Ralph P

James Rosscup - Here Martin shows more use of critical sources and must be studied with discernment since he has been inclined away from some of his older, some will feel more defensible positions. Conservatives will probably prefer his Tyndale effort for its theological convictions.

[The Epistles to the Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon](#) by Rees, Paul S

James Rosscup - A good attempt at bringing out homiletic points sometimes richly suggestive for preaching.

[The adequate man : Paul in Philippians](#) by Rees, Paul S.

James Rosscup on [The adequate man](#) - A lucid devotional work, this book follows the thought of the epistle closely and deals with it in a rich sermonic way. There are many choice phrases and fitting illustrations which illumine the text, plus suggestive outlines. The author's central purpose is to show that the believer can live a wholly adequate life, like Paul, by divine resource. This is another recommended book which will be especially enjoyed by laymen in the church. It is usually sound from the standpoint of the Greek.

[Philippians, Colossians, Philemon](#) by Gould, Dana, - Shepherd's Notes

[Philippians : even when things go wrong you can have joy](#) - Warren Wiersbe

[Philippians : a Mentor commentary](#) by Harmon, Matthew S

[The Epistle of Paul to the Philippians: an exposition](#) by Erdman, Charles

[Let's study Philippians](#) by Ferguson, Sinclair B

Cyril Barber - A clear exposition on a lay person's level. Explains in brief, lucid chapters the essence of Paul's teaching. Helpful.

James Rosscup - A professor of systematic theology at Philadelphia's Westminster Theological Seminary contributed this 136-pager. It is a catalyst for personal or group Bible study, done in 27 chapters. Study guide material with tips appears on pp. 119-35 for a 13-time series.

[The letters to the Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians](#) by Barclay, William,

[Invitation to Philippians : building a great Church through humility](#) by Sunukjian, Donald R

[Philippians : Bible study commentary](#) by Vos, Howard Frederic

[Exploring God's word : Bible guide to Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians](#) by Guthrie, Donald

[Philippians](#) by Hawthorne, Gerald F - this is not the same as the WBC but that review is included to give you as sense of this work.

Tim Challies on the **Word Biblical Commentary**. Hawthorne's volume in the WBC series receives unanimous approval. Jim Rosscup points out that "some rank this as the top commentary on Philippians due to the wide reading and masterfully good survey on introductory questions and its carefulness on grammar, philology, capture of the epistle's flow and handling of difficult passages." It is targeted at pastors but is equally appropriate for lay leaders.

[Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the New Testament](#) by Wiersbe, Warren W

[Cyril Barber](#) - This is a book of exceptional merit. Pastors, missionaries, and Christian workers will profit from its use. Wiersbe introduces each book of the NT, provides an outline, and then furnishes his readers with a chapter-by-chapter discussion of the contents. The homiletic style is a "plus." Recommended.

[Studies in Philippians](#) by Moule, H. C. G. (Handley Carr Glyn), 1841-1920

Cyril Barber - Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1977. First published in 1893 in the Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges series. These notes on the text demonstrate the author's perception and sensitivity in handling the apostle Paul's thought processes and theme. Differs from Moule's other work entitled Philippian Studies: Lessons in Faith and Love. Evangelical.

[The epistle to the Philippians](#) by Moule, H. C. G. (Handley Carr Glyn), 1841-1920

Cyril Barber - First published in 1897 as a part of the Cambridge Greek Testament, this insightful study treats the key words and phrases of this prison epistle.

[The letters of Paul to the Philippians and to the Thessalonians](#); by Grayston, Kenneth

[A NavPress Bible study on the book of Philippians](#) by Nav Press

[A critical and exegetical commentary on the Epistles to the Philippians and to Philemon](#) by Vincent, Marvin R

[Paul's joy in Christ: studies in Philippians](#) Commentary by A T Robertson

James Rosscup - Though he discusses Philippians in his Word Pictures, Robertson here devotes an entire detailed book on the epistle. He is rich in word studies and in the explanation of the text.

[The Epistles of Paul to the Philippians and to Philemon](#) by Müller, Jac. J. (Jacobus Johannes),

James Rosscup - This is one of the more detailed commentaries that grapples with interpretations of problem verses. It ranks close to Bruce, Hendriksen, Lightfoot, Martin (Tyndale) and Robertson along this line but is not close to Hawthorne, O'Brien, Fee, or Silva.

[A commentary on the Epistle to the Philippians](#) by Bockmuehl, Markus (Black's NT Commentary)

James Rosscup - This series claims to bring the latest scholarship to a broader readership, students and expositors. The present work is by a lecturer in divinity at Cambridge University. A 46-pp. introduction covers, among its topics, what latest research reflects about religion at Philippi, pagan and Judaism, also a decision favoring the letter's unity versus theories of partition (20–25). Bockmuehl also provides reasons for Rome as the most convincing place of writing. Some of what is said in interaction with top scholars may render the introduction outside a realistic grasp or interest of non-scholars. Comments verse by verse pack in much that clarifies (e. g. faulty preachers in 1:15; 1:19; 2:5–11 with views on the hymn much of which non-scholars may think unnecessary; "perfect" in 3:12, 15; also 4:5; financial terms in 4:15–17, etc.). As a whole this is a very profitable 327-pp. work, even if not among the very best.

[The epistle to the Philippians : a devotional commentary](#) by Meyer, F. B.

James Rosscup - One of the famous English devotional writers and spiritual life speakers during the late 19th

century and early 20th authored this perceptive and easy-flowing book. Lay persons as well as pastors and Bible teachers looking for a work that speaks to the heart and offers many insights into a deeper maturity in commitments of faith will find this a fresh breath. Meyer is known well for his series on Bible characters—Abraham, Moses, Elijah, etc.

[Homilies on Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians, Timothy, Titus, and Philemon](#) by John Chrysostom,

[Lectures exegetical and practical on the Epistle of Paul to the Philippians, with a revised translation of the Epistle and notes on the Greek text](#) by Johnstone, Robert, professor in United Presbyterian

STUDY BIBLES:

[KJV Bible Commentary](#) - **NO RESTRICTIONS** - Hindson, Edward E; Kroll, Woodrow Michael. Over 3000 pages of the entire OT/NT. Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective. Pre-millennial. [User reviews](#) - it generally gets 4/5 stars from users. - [372 ratings](#)

Very well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective [user reviews](#)

The King James Version Bible Commentary is a complete verse-by-verse commentary. It is comprehensive in scope, reliable in scholarship, and easy to use. Its authors are leading evangelical theologians who provide practical truths and biblical principles. Any Bible student will gain new insights through this one-volume commentary based on the timeless King James Version of the Bible.

[NKJV Study Bible: New King James Version Study Bible](#) (formerly "The Nelson Study Bible - NKJV") **NO RESTRICTIONS** by Earl D Radmacher; Ronald Barclay Allen; Wayne H House. 2345 pages. (1997, 2007). Very helpful notes. Conservative. Pre-millennial. [917 ratings](#)

[The Wycliffe Bible Commentary - only the New Testament](#) (for OT see below to borrow) - **NO RESTRICTIONS** 1126 pages. (1971) Everett F Harrison - Editor of New Testament. Uses the KJV. Strictly speaking not a study Bible, but short notes are similar. KJV text in left column, commentary notes in right column. The comments are generally verse by verse, short, conservative and to the point. Pre-millennial.

James Rosscup on Robert Mounce's contribution on the letter to the Philippians - Another competent, concise study by an evangelical, about as helpful as Lightner's entry, usually substantial on the issues verse by verse. He has had the space to write more at length in his works on Matthew and Revelation.

[The King James Study Bible Second Edition](#) 2240 pages (2013) (Thomas Nelson) General Editor - Edward Hindson with multiple contributing editors. . [3,194 ratings](#). Pre-millennial. See [introduction on How to Use this Study Bible](#)

[Dictionary of Biblical Imagery](#) - free for use online with no restrictions (i.e., you do not need to borrow this book). Editors Leland Ryken, J C Wilhoit, Tremper Longman III - This is a potential treasure chest to aid your preaching and teaching as it analyzes the meaning of a host of Biblical figures of speech. **Clue** - use the "One-page view" which then allows you to copy and paste text. One downside is there is no index, so you need to search 3291 pages for entries which are alphabetical.

[The Expositor's Bible Commentary](#) - 1994 edition - Abridged - New Testament

[Zondervan NIV Study Bible](#) - (2011) 2570 pages - Use this one if available as it has more notes than edition below. One hour limit

[NIV Study Bible](#) by Barker, Kenneth L; Burdick, Donald W (1995) 2250 pages. This is the first edition. This resource has been fully revised in 2020. One hour limit

[Believer's Bible Commentary](#) - OT and NT - MacDonald, William (1995) 2480 pages. Conservative. Literal. Often has very insightful comments. John MacArthur, says "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen." Warren Wiersbe adds "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word." One hour limit.

Rosscup - This work, originally issued in 1983, is conservative and premillennial, written to help teachers, preachers and people in every walk of life with different views, explanation and application. The 2-column format runs verse by verse for the most part, usually in a helpfully knowledgeable manner, and there are several special sections such as "Prayer" in Acts and "Legalism" in Galatians. The premillennial view is evident on [Acts 1:6](#), [3:20](#), [Romans 11:26](#), [Galatians 6:16](#), Revelation 20, etc.

[HCSB Study Bible : Holman Christian Standard Bible](#) - General Editor Jeremy Royal Howard (2010) 2360 pages. Conservative. Good notes. Include Holmans excellent maps. One hour limit

[Life Application Study Bible: Old Testament and New Testament](#) New Living Translation. Has some very helpful notes especially with application of texts. [4,445 ratings](#) One hour limit

[The MacArthur Study Bible](#) - John MacArthur. Brief but well done notes for conservative, literal perspective. [1,275 ratings](#)

[ESV Study Bible](#) - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel [6,004 ratings](#)

[The David Jeremiah Study Bible](#) - (2013) 2208 pages. [2,272 ratings](#) [Logos.com](#) - "Drawing on more than 40 years of study, Dr. David Jeremiah has compiled a legacy resource that will make an eternal impact on generations to come. 8,000 study notes. Hundreds of enriching word studies"50+ Essentials of the Christian Faith" articles."

[The Defender's Study Bible : King James Version](#) by Morris, Henry M. Excellent notes by well known creationist. [45 ratings](#)

[New Bible Commentary](#) - (1994) [See user reviews](#)

[Compact Bible commentary](#) by Radmacher, Earl D; Allen, Ronald Barclay; House, H Wayne, et al - 954 pages. [424 ratings](#) Multiple contributors to the comments which are often verse by verse. The comments are brief but meaty and can really help your study through a given book. A sleeper in my opinion.

[The Experiencing God Study Bible: the Bible for knowing and doing the will of God](#) - Blackaby, Henry (1996) 1968 pages - CHECK THIS ONE! Each chapter begins with several questions under the title "PREPARE TO MEET GOD." Then you will interesting symbols before many of the passages. The chapter ends with a "DID YOU NOTICE?" question. This might make a "dry chapter" jump off the page! Read some of the [48 ratings](#)

[NLT Study Bible](#) (Illustration Version)

[Disciple's Study Bible: New international version](#) [54 ratings](#) Not that helpful for verse by verse study. Focuses on application of Christian doctrines. 10,000 annotations; doctrinal summaries, "Life Helps" section relate doctrine to everyday discipleship.

[The Living Insights Study Bible : New International Version](#) - Charles Swindoll. Notes are good but somewhat sparse and not verse by verse.

[The Apologetics Study Bible Understand Why You Believe](#) by Norman Geisler

[NIV Archaeological Study Bible](#) (2005) 2360 pages [950 ratings](#) (See also [Archaeology and the Bible - OT and NT](#))

"Readers who desire a more intimate knowledge of the historical context of the Bible will appreciate the NIV Archaeological Study Bible. Full of informative articles and full-color photographs of places and objects from biblical times, this Bible examines the archaeological record surrounding God's Word and brings the biblical world to life. Readers' personal studies will be enriched as they become more informed about the empires, places, and peoples of the ancient world. Features include: • Four-color interior throughout • Bottom-of-page study notes exploring passages that speak on archaeological and cultural facts • Articles (520) covering five main categories: Archaeological Sites, Cultural and Historical Notes, Ancient Peoples and Lands, the Reliability of the Bible, and Ancient Texts and Artifacts • Approximately 500 4-color photographs interspersed throughout • Detailed book introductions that provide basic, at-a-glance information • Detailed charts on pertinent topics • In-text color maps that assist the reader in placing the action "

[NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible. Bringing to Life the Ancient World of Scripture](#) Keener, Craig and Walton, John. Editors (2017)

[The Holman Illustrated Study Bible](#) [120 ratings](#) Includes the excellent Holman maps but otherwise of little help in serious study.

[Zondervan King James Version Commentary](#) - New Testament

[NIV Celebrate Recovery Study Bible](#)

[Daily Study Bible for Women : New Living Translation](#)

[The Woman's Study Bible : the New King James Version](#)

[The Study Bible for Women : Holman Christian Standard Bible](#)

[Daily Study Bible for Men : New Living Translation](#)

[NIV Topical Study Bible : New International Version](#)

[Ryrie Study Bible](#) - Charles Ryrie (1978) 2142 pages. Conservative. [216 ratings](#)

[Ryrie Study Bible Expanded Edition](#) (1994) 2232 pages

[The Hebrew-Greek Key Study Bible : New American standard study](#) by Strong, James, 1822-1894; Zodhiates, Spiros

[The New Inductive Study Bible : updated New American Standard Bible](#) - Introductions of each book give suggestions how to perform an inductive study on that specific book. Not strictly speaking a "study Bible" with notes but a Bible to help you study inductively. Has wide margins for making notes. This is one that works best in "paper," not digitally.

[With the Word](#) - Devotional Commentary - Warren Wiersbe - [428 ratings](#)

[Evangelical Commentary on the Bible](#) - Judges by Andrew Boling (20 pages); editor Walter Elwell (1989) 1239 pages. [User reviews](#). (See also Boling's [380 page commentary on Judges](#) the Anchor Bible Series)

[Halley's Bible Handbook](#) Henry H. Halley - (2000) 2720 pages (much larger than original edition in 1965 and no time limit on use). ([Halley's Bible handbook : an abbreviated Bible commentary - one hour limit](#) 1965 872 pages)

Rosscup - A much-used older evangelical handbook bringing together a brief commentary on Bible books, some key archaeological findings, historical background, maps, quotes, etc. It is helpful to a lay Bible teacher, Sunday School leader, or pastor looking for quick, pertinent information on a Bible book. This is the 72nd printing somewhat revised. Halley packed in much information. Unger's is better overall, but that is not to say that Halley's will not provide much help on basic information.

[The Shaw Pocket Bible Handbook](#) - Editor - Walter Elwell (1984) 408 pages.

"This hardback is small in size but packed full of content: Brief summaries of every book of the bible, cultural, archaeological and historical info, word definitions, pictures, maps and charts." Worth checking!

GREEK WORD STUDY RESOURCES - can be borrowed and some have no restrictions

1. [The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament](#) by Zodhiates, Spiros - This is my "go to" resource for Greek word studies. One of the best lexicons for laymen. Highly Recommended for Greek Word Studies to aid your interpretation of a passage.
2. [Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament](#) by Friberg, Timothy. Shorter definitions than Zodhiates but does an excellent job in summarizing the various nuances of a specific Greek word. One of my favorites.
3. [Thayer's Greek Lexicon](#) - older lexicon
4. [The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology](#) [Click here for a more detailed discussion](#) of how to use this valuable 3 volume resource which has no restrictions and allows copy and paste.
5. [Shorter Lexicon of the Greek New Testament](#) by Gingrich, F. Wilbur. Similar to Friberg but shorter definitions. Gingrich however gives more Scriptures for each nuance, whereas Friberg generally gives only one representative Scripture.
6. [The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament](#) by Rogers, Cleon - This book is a gold mine of little gems on individual Greek words in any NT passage you are studying. If you have time it is always worth checking out! I use it in my [Greek word studies](#) all the time.
7. [New Testament Words](#) - William Barclay - very interesting resource - covers about 70 NT Greek words in Barclay's unique style. On page 289 there is a helpful index of English words with the corresponding Greek word, in turn followed by the places Barclay described them in [New Testament Words](#) and in his Daily Study Bible series ([see list of DSB commentaries here](#)). E.g., take the Greek word for "Covetousness" which is *pleonexia* and is found in [New Testament Words](#) on page 61 and pp 233-235 and is also described in the Daily Study Bible entries for : Mark 7:14-23; Ro 1:28-32; Eph. 4:17-24; Col. 3:5. So you can click the [DSB commentary on Mark 7](#) and scroll down to Mark 7:14 to see Barclay's entry for *pleonexia* which concludes "Pleonexia (G4124) is that lust for having which is in the heart of the man who sees happiness in things instead of in God." Interesting!
8. [Expository Dictionary of Bible words](#) by Richards, Larry - 744 pages. Hebrew and Greek definitions, which are generally brief but can give some interesting additional insights.
9. [Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament : based on semantic domains](#) - Louw Nida. Brief but nice definitions. Not easy to use - you need to know some Greek. Classifies Greek words into 93 "semantic domains" (see list on page XXV) and if you can categorize the word you are looking for in one of the domains, it can help find the specific word you are interested in.
10. [Kittel's Theological Dictionary of the New Testament : abridged in one volume](#) - Classic ("Little Kittel") work summarizing the 10 volume set by Kittel. For most of us the abridged definition is "more than enough!"
11. [A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament, and other early Christian literature](#); by Bauer, Walter, More detailed definitions but need to know Greek. Zodhiates and Friberg much easier to use.

12. [Liddell and Scott's Greek-English lexicon, abridged : the little Liddell](#) by Liddell, Henry George. The abridged version. You need to know Greek to use.
13. [Exegetical dictionary of the New Testament](#) (Volume 1 - A thru E); [Exegetical dictionary of the New Testament](#) (Volume 3- P thru ...) Volume 2 not available. I do not find this adds much to the easier to use resources like Zodhiates and Friberg.
14. [Synonyms of the New Testament](#) by Trench, Richard Chenevix - [click here for list of 108 entries](#)

HENRY ALFORD

Philippians Commentary

The New Testament for English Readers

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Philippians Commentary

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PAUL APPLE

Commentary on Philippians

April, 2001 (Revised Jan, 2003). 117 Page Devotional Commentary

- [Philippians Devotional Commentary](#)

For each section:

- Thesis statement ... to focus on the big idea
- Analytical outline ... to guide the understanding
- Devotional questions ... to encourage life application
- Representative quotations ... to stimulate deeper insight

Frequent use of quotations. Here are samples:

- [John MacArthur](#): "A good definition of joy is this: it's the flag that flies on the castle of the heart when the King is in residence. Only Christians can know true and lasting joy.....Quote regarding the value of intercessory prayer: "William Barclay noted that George Reindrop in his book No Common Task tells how a nurse taught one man to pray and in doing so changed his whole life. 'A dull, disgruntled, and dispirited man became a man of joy. Much of the nurse's work was done with her hands, and she used her hand as a scheme of prayer. Each finger stood for someone. Her thumb was nearest to her, and it reminded her to pray for those who were closest and dearest to her. The second finger was used for pointing and stood for all her teachers in school and the hospital. The third finger was the tallest and it stood for the V. I. P. s, the leaders in every sphere of life. The fourth finger was the weakest, as every pianist knows, and it stood for those who were in trouble and in pain. The little finger

was the smallest and the least important and to the nurse it stood for herself' (The Letters to the Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians, rev. ed. [Philadelphia: Westminster, 1975], pp. 13-14). " (See also: [Prayer Devotionals & illustrations](#), [Pithy Prayer Phrases](#) and [Prayer Quotes](#))

- [Warren Wiersbe](#): "In spite of his difficult circumstances as a prisoner in Rome, Paul is rejoicing. The secret of his joy is the single mind; he lives for Christ and the Gospel. (Christ is named 18 times in chapter 1, and the Gospel 6 times.) 'For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain' (Php 1:21). But what really is 'the single mind'? It is the attitude that says, 'It makes no difference what happens to me, just as long as Christ is glorified and the Gospel shared with others.' Paul rejoiced in spite of his circumstances, because his circumstances strengthened the fellowship of the Gospel (Php 1:1-11), promoted the furtherance of the Gospel (Php 1:12-26), and guarded the faith of the Gospel (Php 1:27-30)... Paul uses three thoughts in Php 1:1-11 that describe true Christian fellowship: I have you in my mind (Php 1:3-6), I have you in my heart (Php 1:7-8), I have you in my prayers (Php 1:9-11)."
- [D A Carson](#): "The heart of true fellowship is self-sacrificing conformity to a shared vision....Put the priorities of the gospel at the center of your prayer life... It takes only a moment's reflection to see that all these petitions are gospel-centered. These are gospel prayers. That is, they are prayers offered to advance the work of the gospel in the lives of the Philippian believers. And, by asking for gospel fruit in their lives, the ultimate purpose of these petitions is to bring glory to the God who redeemed them."
- [James Montgomery Boice](#): "God Finishes What He Starts -- Philippians 1:6 is perhaps one of the three greatest verses in the Bible that teach the doctrine of the perseverance of the saints, the doctrine that no one whom God has brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ will ever be lost... Men lack perseverance. Men start things and drop them. As men and women you and I are always beginning things that we never actually find time to finish. But God is not like that. God never starts anything that He does not finish. God perseveres. Has God begun something in your life? Have you been born again by the Spirit of God? Then you need not fear that you will ever be lost. Your confidence should not be in yourself, neither in your faith nor in your spiritual successes in earlier days, but in God. It is He who calls us as Christians, He who leads us on in the Christian life, and He who most certainly will lead us home. cf. John 10:27,28 and Romans 8:38, 39"

JACK ARNOLD PHILIPPIANS SERMONS

""When I go to heaven..." were Jack Arnold's last words before dying instantly in the pulpit from a heart attack. The extraordinary event made international headlines ([note](#)).

- [Acts 16:6-34 Introduction to Philippians](#)
- [Philippians 1:1-8 Participants or Spectators?](#)
- [Philippians 1:9-11 Pauls Prayer of Desire for the Philippians](#)
- [Philippians 1:12-18 Pauls Imprisonment Furthers the Gospel](#)
- [Philippians 1:19-26 Glorifying Christ in Life and Death](#)
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- Philippians 1:20 Being a Lens by Dr. Warren Wiersbe
- Philippians 1:20 Fashioned In The Fire by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman

PHILIPPIANS 2

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- Philippians 2:1-5 Unity, Not Uniformity - Theodore Epp
- Philippians 2:4 Phillips Brooks
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- Philippians 2:9 What a Name! by Warren Wiersbe
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- Philippians 2:13 Henry Drummond
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- Philippians 3:1-11 Zeal Without Knowledge by Theodore Epp
- Philippians 3:1 A Safeguard for the Soul by Elisabeth Elliot
- Philippians 3:3 Evidence of Separation by Theodore Epp
- Philippians 3:8 Counting the Cost by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman
- Philippians 3:7 Heart's Sacrifice by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman
- Philippians 3:8 Costly Glory by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman
- Philippians 3:10 Desiring to Know God Better by Theodore Epp
- Philippians 3:10 No Comforters by Warren Wiersbe
- Philippians 3:10 Does Christ Feel at Home in Your Heart? by Theodore Epp
- Philippians 3:10 Being in His Presence D Martyn Lloyd-Jones
- Philippians 3:10 The Fellowship of Christ's Sufferings G Campbell Morgan
- Philippians 3:13 Spiritual Memory by Dr. Warren Wiersbe
- Philippians 3:12-14 Dealing With Your Past by Theodore Epp
- Philippians 3:13-14 Regrets by Elisabeth Elliot
- Philippians 3:14 Becoming Spiritually Aggressive by Theodore Epp
- Philippians 3:17-21 Citizens of Heaven! by Theodore Epp
- Philippians 3:20 City of God by Warren Wiersbe

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- Philippians 4:1-7 Considerate Christians by Theodore Epp
- Philippians 4:4 (based on Ps 73:1-28)Thanksgiving Message by Dr. Warren Wiersbe
- Philippians 4:4 Your Song of Victory by Dr. Warren Wiersbe
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- Philippians 4:6 In Everything - Streams in the Desert
- Philippians 4:6 Don't Fret (Mid Eng= devour. Fret, from Old Eng fretan = devour- so to gnaw into!!)
- Philippians 4:6,7 Do You Have 'Pet Cares'? by Theodore Epp
- Philippians 4:7 Cushion of the Sea - Streams in the Desert
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- Philippians 4:13 Dust and Destiny by Dr. Warren Wiersbe
- Philippians 4:13 We Can Do It Also by Theodore Epp
- Philippians 4:13 Rejected but Strong by Theodore Epp
- Philippians 4:13 The Key to the Treasury by Theodore Epp
- Philippians 4:17-20 Can You Claim This Promise? by Theodore Epp
- Philippians 4:18 Grow in the Gloom by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman
- Philippians 4:18 Praise Through Sacrifice by Dr. Warren Wiersbe
- Philippians 4:19 Lift Your Eyes by Warren Wiersbe
- Philippians 4:19 This Thing is From Me by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman
- Philippians 4:19 He Satisfies Our Soul from Streams in the Desert
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WILLIAM BARCLAY
Daily Study Bible
Commentary Notes on Philippians

Comment: Barclay frequently has very insightful comments on Greek words and the ancient culture, but he is not always conservative/orthodox. Be a Berean (Acts 17:11-note) [Caveat lector!](#) See [The Enigmatic William Barclay](#)

- [Philippians 1 Commentary](#)
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ALBERT BARNES
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BRIAN BELL
Sermon Notes on Philippians
Calvary Chapel Murrietta

Frequent use of illustrations. Here are examples:

- **Philippians 1** - Kaufmann Kohler states in the Jewish Encyclopedia that no language has as many words for joy and rejoicing as does Hebrew. In the OT 13 Hebrew roots, found in 27 different words, are used primarily for some aspect of joy or joyful participation in religious worship.
- **Philippians 1** - Joy always under construction! 1. Most of us have experienced what happens to motorists when one of those huge graders goes to work on a highway repair job. When the machine is operating on a busy road, traffic is halted and the cars lined up in opposite directions are allowed to proceed alternately. A veteran operator of one of those big machines decided one day to try to relieve the tension that inevitably results from such a traffic backup. Consequently on both the front and rear of his grader a sign now appears, declaring, "The Road to Happiness is Almost Always Under Construction."
- **Philippians 1:19-30** - "Flower Mix-up". A bank in Binghamton, NY had some flowers sent to a competitor who had recently moved into a new building. There was a mixup at the flower shop, and the card sent with the arrangement read, "With our deepest sympathy." The florist, who was greatly embarrassed, apologized. But he was even more embarrassed when he realized that the card intended for the bank was attached to a floral arrangement sent to a funeral home in honor of a deceased person. That card read, "Congratulations on your new location!"
- **Philippians 1:29** - Two wonderful privileges: To believe/trust in Christ and to suffer for Christ. God is honored by both. God runs a costly school, for many of his lessons are learned through tears! Soon school will close for us, the end of our school term is closer everyday. Don't run from difficult lessons; Don't flinch from the rod of discipline. Cheerfully endure to the end, then we will graduate in glory. Paul's life was a model of suffering. Suffering: confirms the believers faith; brings him/her in closer contact w/the Lord; and provides a vehicle for making commitment real and tangible. The worlds finest china is fired in ovens at least 3 times & some many more. The famous Dresden china is always fired 3 times. **Why so many times with such intense heat?** This makes the colors brighter, more beautiful, and permanently attached. Metal bends best when softened with fire. Marble take shape only under the splintering blows of a chisel. Wood, with the abrasive scrape of sandpaper. (Swindoll) We are fashioned after the same principle! The human trials of life are burned into us numerous times, and through God's grace, beautiful colors are formed in us and made to shine forever!
- **Philippians 2:3-5** - Dr. Harry Ironside was once convicted about his lack of humility. A friend recommended as a remedy, that he march through the streets of Chicago wearing a sandwich board, shouting the scripture verses on the board for all to hear. Dr. Ironside agreed to this venture and when he returned to his study and removed the board, he said "I'll bet there's not another man in town who would do that."
- **Philippians 2:14** - A man decided to join a monastery and one of the rules of the group was that you were only allowed to speak two words every 10 years. At the end of 10 years he said, "Bad food!" - 10 more years went by and he said, "Hard bed!" - Finally, on his 30th anniversary with the brothers, he thundered, "I quit!" - And the priest in charge responded, "You might as well. All you do is complain anyway!"
- **Philippians 4:1-3** - Shooting the Saints - Are you wasting your ammunition on the other saints? It is said that when the British and French were fighting in Canada in the 1750's, Admiral Phipps, commander of the British fleet, was told to anchor outside Quebec. He was given orders to wait for the British land forces to arrive, then support them when they attacked the city. Phipps' navy arrived early. As the admiral waited, he became annoyed by the statues of the saints that adorned the towers of a nearby cathedral, so he commanded his men to shoot at them with the ships' cannons. No one knows how many rounds were fired or how many statues were knocked out, but when the land forces arrived and the signal was given to attack, the admiral was of no help. He had used up all his ammunition shooting at the "saints."
- **Philippians 4:8** - [Holocaust](#) survivor [Viktor Frankl](#) wrote, "Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms - to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way." Memorize Phil. 4:8 Think of the mind like a bank that regularly receives deposits. By depositing the kinds of thoughts mentioned in Phil.4:8, we build up and draw on a rich account that will constantly yield a high dividend called joy!

- **Philippians 4:8** - Quick Thinking: A man working in the produce department was asked by a lady if she could buy 1/2 a head of lettuce. He replied, "1/2 a head? Are you serious? God grows these in whole heads and that's how we sell them!" "You mean," she persisted, "that after all the years I've shopped here, you won't sell me half-a-head of lettuce?" "Look," he said, "If you like I'll ask the manager." She indicated that would be appreciated, so the young man marched to the front of the store. "You won't believe this, but there's a lame braided idiot of a lady back there who wants to know if she can buy 1/2-a-head of lettuce." He noticed the manager gesturing, and turned around to see the lady standing behind him, obviously having followed him to the front of the store. "And this nice lady was wondering if she could buy the other 1/2," he concluded. Later in the day the manager cornered the young man and said, "That was the finest example of thinking on your feet I've ever seen! Where did you learn that?" "I grew up in Grand Rapids, and if you know anything about Grand Rapids, you know that it's known for its great hockey teams & its ugly women." The manager's face flushed, & he interrupted, "My wife is from Grand Rapids!" "And which hockey team did she play for?"

- **Philippians 4:13** - He who made the little slave-baby the strong champion of the Exodus; & the shepherdlad the slayer of Goliath; & the captive Daniel prime minister of mighty Babylon; He who transformed Simon to Cephas, Saul into Paul, & has made 1000's of his humble followers spiritual giants, can enable you & me to "**do all things**" if we live in the secret of that little phrase, "**through Christ**"! (Ed: And in the Church Age, Christ's power is dispensed by the indwelling Holy Spirit. Are you daily surrendering to the Spirit, being filled with the Spirit [Eph 5:18], walking by the Spirit [Gal 3:3; 5:16, 17, 18, 24, 25]? cp Galatians 2:20, John 6:63, 2 Cor 3:5,6, Ro 7:6).
- Philippians 1:1-18 I Have You In My Heart
- Philippians 1:1-18
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- Philippians 3:1-11
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- Philippians 4:1-9 Curing Worrying
- Philippians 4:1-7
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- Philippians 4:10-23 Unleash Your Mind, Unleash Your Maturity

JOHANN (JOHN) A BENDEL

Philippians Commentary

Gnomon of the New Testament

C H Spurgeon wrote that Bengel's NT commentary "is the scholar's delight. He selected the title as modest and appropriate, intending it in the sense of a pointer or indicator, like the sun-dial (see [gnomon](#)); his aim being to point out or indicate the full force and meaning of the words and sentences of the New Testament. He endeavors to let the text itself cast its shadow on his page, believing with Luther that "the science of theology is nothing else but grammar exercised on the words of the Holy Spirit..... Bengel condensed more matter into a line than can be extracted from pages of other writers."

John Wesley said of Bengel "I know of no commentator on the Bible equal to Bengel" and referred to him as "The great light of the Christian world."

James Rosscup writes "This work (Gnomon), originally issued in 1742, has considerable comment on the Greek, flavoring the effort with judicious details about the spiritual life. It has much that helps, but has been surpassed by many other commentaries since its day." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

- [Philippians 1 Commentary](#)
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JOHANN (JOHN) BENDEL

Philippians Commentary

The Critical English Testament

Similar to above but less Greek

Charles Haddon Spurgeon -- "'A Critical New Testament, so compiled as to enable a reader, unacquainted with Greek, to ascertain the exact English force and meaning of the language of the New Testament, and to appreciate the latest results of modern criticism.' Such is the professed aim of this commentary, and the compilers have very fairly carried out their intentions. The whole of Bengel's Gnomon is bodily transferred into the work, and as one hundred and twenty years have elapsed since the first issue of that book, it may be supposed that much has since been added to the wealth of Scripture exposition; the substance of this has been incorporated in brackets, so as to bring it down to the present advanced state of knowledge. We strongly advise the purchase of this book, as it is multum in parvo, and will well repay an attentive perusal. Tischendorf and Alford have contributed largely, with other German and English critics, to make this one of the most lucid and concise commentaries on the text and teachings of the New Testament" ([Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries; Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle](#))

- [Philippians 1 Commentary](#)
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JOSEPH A. BEET

Commentary on Philippians

Joseph Agar Beet was an English Wesleyan, born at Sheffield on Sept. 27, 1840. He attended Wesley College, Sheffield (1851-56), and took up mining engineering, but afterward studied theology at the Wesleyan College, Richmond (1862-64). He was pastor 1864-85 and professor of systematic theology in Wesleyan College, Richmond, 1885-1905. He was also a member of the faculty of theology in the University of London 1901-05. He delivered the Fernley Lecture on The Credentials of the Gospels in 1889, and lectured in America in 1896.

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CHRIS BENFIELD

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- [Philippians 1:12-18 Committed to Promoting the Gospel](#)
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- [Philippians 1:27-30 Behavior becoming of Citizens](#)
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- [Philippians 2:5-11 Jesus Christ - the God-Man](#)
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- [Philippians 2:19-30 Men of Faith](#)
- [Philippians 3:1-6 Focused on the Faith](#)
- [Philippians 1:27-30 The Ambassador's Duty to the King](#)
- [Philippians 2:5-11 This Man Jesus](#)
- [Philippians 2:12-16 Our Obligations in Christ](#)
- [Philippians 2:12-18 Motivated to Follow](#)
- [Philippians 3:1-6 Focused on the Faith](#)

BIBLE.ORG RESOURCES

Resources that Reference Philippians

Hint: Do a "control + find" when you open a "hit" and search only **Philippians**, as well as full name. This may take some practice but is guaranteed to yield some "gems"!

Recommended Resource

- [Philippians 1](#)
- [Philippians 2](#)
- [Philippians 3](#)
- [Philippians 4](#)

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- Pentecost, John Dwight. *The Joy of Living. A Study of Philippians*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1973. This series of expository messages not only does justice to the apostle's stated purpose but also edifies and enriches the reader as he is led by this master of the pulpit to understand the theme of this epistle. Recommended.
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- Silva, Moises. *Philippians*. Wycliffe Exegetical Commentary. Chicago: Moody Press, 1988. Based upon the Greek text, this very thorough, readable commentary ably elucidates the message of Paul's letter. Silva's scholarship is evident, but he does not bore his readers with technical trivia. Instead, there is a fine blend of scholarship and devotion.
- Swindoll, Charles Rozell. *Laugh Again*. Dallas, TX: Word Publishing, 1992. Topical messages on Paul's letter to the Philippians. Lightweight.

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IN PHILIPPIANS - Paul also discusses the historical fact of Christ's resurrection and its crucial importance to living a full and enjoyable Christian life in his Epistle to the Philippians. Thus in Philippians 3:9-11 Paul assumes the historical validity of Christ's literal, bodily resurrection from the grave. This is a truth he affirms distinctly elsewhere. Indeed, Paul gave formal testimony to having personally met the risen Lord Jesus (Acts 22:6-11; 24:15, 21; 26:15-23). He made Christ's Resurrection the central theme of many of his sermons (e.g., Acts 13:29-33; 17:29-31). He explained to the early Christians that Christ's resurrection was not only a historical fact but integral to the believer's salvation (Ro 5:8-10; 1 Cor. 15:1-19).

Elsewhere Paul taught that Christ's resurrection is the full proof and assurance of the believer's own resurrection (Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 15:20-51). And not only that, but Paul declared that the risen Christ has taken up His abode in the believer in vital, spiritual, organic union with him (Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:18-20, 27-28). Accordingly, the believer has a ready source for living an abundant life in Christ with great power and personal godliness (Ro 6:5-14). Like Paul, Christians should also have a deep concern that all may come to know the crucified and risen Christ as Savior and Lord (2 Cor. 5:14-21).

All of these truths, taught so clearly elsewhere by Paul, are in view in Philippians 3. With an impassioned eloquence Paul moves from the mention of Christ's resurrection after His suffering at the cross (Phil. 3:10) to the reality of the believer's new life here and now as he awaits his own resurrection with the saints to a glorified life hereafter Phil 3:11): ([Click for full lengthy discussion](#))

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Philippians 3:12-16

- [Show Me Your Passport, Please!](#)
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Philippians 4:1-5
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Philippians 4:6-7
- [Think What to Do; Do What You Think](#)
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I really like his illustration in this excerpt from his sermon on Phil 2:12-13 "[How to Have a Great Workout](#)". First his outline - "Get a Good Trainer: "Therefore my beloved", Pump Some Iron: "Work out", Follow a Personal Plan: "Work out your own salvation", Don't Flex in the Mirror: "With fear and trembling", Use Power Supplements: "For it is God who works in you". Here is his illustration - You can't work something out from you that God hasn't first worked in you. So this idea of work out what God has worked in is a very important relationship. You might put it this way. Work hard and obey and serve God, because He is energizing your work. Apply your energy, and God will energize your energy. God will work for your work. That's the idea. In fact, the word "work"-- it says, "God works"-- it's the word energon. The Greek word energon, we get our word energy from energon. God energizes you. He'll energize your work. It's His divine energy at work in us, so they work together. This might help. It helped me understand it. I was late for a flight. So here's the deal. I was flying on an airplane, going to Phoenix, catching a connecting flight. My plane-- I think it was out of here or I was coming back. I forget which-- was late. It was late taking off and it was late landing in Phoenix. So I'm wondering, I'm not going to make my connecting flight. I'm just going to have to wait for another one. And what made it worse is when the plane landed, it landed in the terminal at Phoenix way over here on this terminal. And the plane, my connecting flight was on the complete exact opposite farthest away terminal out of the same airport. And I go, there's just no way. But in Phoenix, if you've been there, you know they have these cool moving walkways. They are like flat escalators. And so you can just sort of walk like this, and you will zoom past people walking on the regular part. So I get on this walkway, and I start running. Excuse me. Excuse me. Excuse me, because I want to catch this flight. So that little gizmo, that walkway, helped me run faster and longer than I could ever do it on my own strength. **The combination of my running and the walkway moving propelled me. That's this thought. Work out your own salvation because God is working in you. I was working, but I was really cooperating with a greater power that enabled me to reach my goal. Now, these supplements that I'm talking about, this spiritual power, God's power, it begins in the will, and then it ends in the action. But it always affects our will first. Please notice how he puts it. "It is God who works in you, both to will and to do for His good pleasure." You know what that means? It means God will give you the desire to do His will.**

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- [Philippians 2:12-18 God's Gym](#)
- [Philippians 2:19-30 Two of a Kind](#)

- [Philippians 3:1-11 Lose Your Religion!](#)
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- [Philippians 4:10-23 Money in the Bank!](#)

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- [Philippians Sermons - excellent exposition - Mp3 Only](#) (not found 2/12/21)

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- [The Profit of Death](#) (Phil. 1:21-24)
- [A Call to Humility and Unity](#) (Phil. 2:1-11)
- [All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name](#) (Phil. 2:6-11)
- [The Name Above All Names](#) (Phil. 2:7-11)
- [The Prize of Jesus Christ](#) (Phil. 3:1-14)
- [A Perfect Time To Forget](#) (Phil. 3:4-14)
- [Where Is Our Citizenship?](#) (Phil. 3:20)
- [Overcoming The Great Barrier to Spiritual Growth](#) (Phil. 4:6, 7)
- [The Cure For Worry](#) (Phil. 4:4-9)
- [The Hopeful Church](#) (Philippians 4:8-19)
- [Where Do We Get Our Money From? - Phil. 4:14-19](#)
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ranks as one of the more capable and refreshing efforts to stimulate pastors and lay readers.

The Christian Message —Philippians 3:21

In this passage from Philippians, Paul reminds the congregation that their citizenship is within heaven and that they no longer belong to this world. In this sermon on Philippians 3:21 titled “The Christian Message,” Dr. Lloyd-Jones declares that this message is just as important for Christians today as it was for Christians back then. When a person is saved, that individual does not undergo merely a slight change. That person is a new creation, bought by the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ. Being a Christian is more than adding church or Bible reading to one’s life. After a person is saved, he or she enters the kingdom of God. They no longer need to be concerned with the things of this world, as so many people are. Money, power, and property only matter in this life. While these things may provide security within their time, Dr. Lloyd-Jones reminds that they do not provide the eternal safety like the gospel. Only the good news can save and satisfy. However, unlike the citizenship of the world, entering the kingdom of God is free. Dr. Lloyd-Jones invites those who have yet to trust in God to do so, for Christ will not refuse anyone.

An Honest Audit —Philippians 3:7

What lessons can finance teach about salvation? In this sermon on Philippians 3:7 titled “An Honest Audit,” Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones tackles this question and provides helpful insight into the steps that one must take in order to analyze the standing of their relationship to God. Paul writes that what he had previously counted as gain, he now counts as loss. Someone who receives Christ realizes that in the past they had deceived themselves, refusing to face the facts about how they were separated from God. Scriptures calls all to think carefully about eternal matters, and to adjust their lives accordingly. Dr. Lloyd-Jones draws a comparison between this and a financial audit. Just as companies are to take extreme measures to examine the state of their financial health, so Christians are called by God to take stock of where they are spiritually. All believers must take a spiritual audit. There are many reasons why people are hesitant to audit themselves, but Dr. Lloyd-Jones helps them understand why they must not let this fear keep them from the truth of such an important matter. Listen as he teaches from Philippians about the importance of a spiritual audit and how Christians can conduct one for their lives.

The People of the Kingdom—Philippians 3:20-21

Many people believe that through education and government the world will become progressively better. War will cease, and poverty will have ended according to these optimists. However, Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones argues from Philippians 3:20-21 that this misplaced confidence in human goodness and progress is misguided and contradicted by God’s Word. For in Scripture we see that men are perpetually sinful. This is because all men are in the flesh and under sin and the judgment of God. Sadly, many Christians have fallen into a similar error when they say that the goal of Christianity is to make the world a better place by moralism and social programs. They say that by working to make society a better place we will bring the Kingdom of God to earth. Dr. Lloyd-Jones argues that this is a distortion of the purpose of the church, for the church is not just another institution of social reform, but it has been entrusted to take the Gospel to all the nations. This Gospel is the only means of true transformations because it alone has the power to renew the hearts of men and give them new natures. It alone has the power to overcome sin, the flesh, and the devil.

Enemies of the Cross —Philippians 3:18-19

In this sermon on Philippians 3:18–19 titled “Enemies of the Cross,” Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones addresses two common lies: works are all that matter or that works don’t matter at all. Furthermore, he discusses the traits that an enemy of the cross possesses. These are excellent tests to apply while listening to this sermon and examining the soul: “is my mind set on earthly things? Am I interested in spiritual realities? Does my appetite for food, sex, or material goods rule what I do? Am I proud of things that Scripture says are shameful?” Paul describes enemies of the cross in these ways and says that their end is destruction. Dr. Lloyd-Jones points out that the enemies of Christ are short sighted; they think about temporary things. They are given to temporary and fleeting desires, and don’t have enough foresight to see that these things will come to an end in wrath and destruction. In contrast, the Christian is concerned with eternal realities and pleasing God rather than their fleshly desires. Moreover, their end is not destruction but vindication and fulfillment from Almighty God.

A Man in Christ—Philippians 3:12-17

In this sermon on Philippians 3:12–17 titled “A Man in Christ,” Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones preaches on the biblical view of Christianity—one that fills people with joy. More than just knowing facts about Jesus, Christianity is about personally knowing Jesus Himself. Part of the way this is seen is through the Holy Spirit, the helper God sent to live inside of believers to help them as they live in a world hostile to Jesus. The Holy Spirit helps to live and handle everything life throws, spiritually and otherwise. What does it mean to follow Christ in the midst of these struggles? Dr. Lloyd-Jones elaborates on the riches of the blessings that come along with pursuing Christ and choosing to follow Him instead of the fleeting pleasures of the world. Echoing the words of the Apostle Paul, he reminds that Christians are to count everything else as rubbish when compared to the glory of Christ. This, however, is not the joyless walk that some imagine it to be—rather, those who follow Christ like this are filled with the utmost joy because they are satisfied in Christ, the only one who can truly satisfy their longings.

Apprehended by Christ—Philippians 3:12-17

What sets the Christian apart from everyone else? In this sermon on Philippians 3:12–17 titled “Apprehended by Christ,” Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones shares that it is the Christian’s knowledge and pursuit of Christ that separates them from all others. Christianity is not about external actions, nor is it about passionless religiosity, but Christianity is about Christ Jesus. It was the Apostle Paul who came to know Christ when Jesus appeared to him and transformed him. This was an immediate interaction with the risen Christ who called Paul to a life of service and suffering as a Christian. Jesus calls all believers to forsake their pride and arrogance, and to trust in Him. This sermon asks: “do you have a knowledge of Christ that transforms you? Are you trusting in Jesus or yourself?” In its fallen state, the world trusts in itself to solve all its problems, but the Christian is totally different. The Christian flees all vain worldly wisdom and trusts in God. Only Christianity shows all how they ought to live; only Christianity can provide true answers to life’s deepest questions. This is because only Christianity offers the true hope of the gospel and salvation from all sin and evil.

An Experience of Christ—Philippians 3:8

Christianity is to be central to one’s life and completely captivate thoughts, actions, and the way one lives. Unlike many other worldviews and religions, it is very experiential. Christians are called not only to know more about Christ, but they are called to experience the fullness of life that He provides. The gospel was intended to be woven into every aspect of the Christian’s being. In this sermon on Philippians 3:8 titled “An Experience of Christ,” Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones points to the Apostle Paul, reminding of what this looks like when played out in reality. He gave up everything and suffered persecution because of the gospel. When one becomes a Christian, the whole person is involved. Christ takes over all of one’s being when they submit to Him. Another way that salvation changes the Christian is that it is always increasing in value. How is this seen in Scripture? Paul was very honest in saying that Christ had made everything else in the world seem like trash in comparison. When the treasures of this world are compared to the excellencies of Christ, they are shown to be ultimately worthless. Dr. Lloyd-Jones concludes by providing examples of these excellencies of Christ and what they mean for the life of believers.

The True Christian—Philippians 3:3

What does it mean to be a Christian? People who have been in church for any length of time may believe this question is something that doesn’t need to be addressed. But even Paul writes about this, saying that it is good for Christians to be reminded of the core truths of the gospel. In this sermon on Philippians 3:3 titled “The True Christian,” Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones reviews one of the most central parts of Scripture—what it means to be a follower of Christ. First, to be a Christian, one must believe in God. This, too, can seem like an obvious statement, yet according to Dr. Lloyd-Jones, it must be said. One can worship religion without worshipping God. True worship is worship in the Spirit. Second, the true Christian has no confidence in human effort, experience, or heritage in order to find justification before God. In and of themselves, they are hopeless to earn their way to a right relationship with God. All are entirely dependent on God’s free gift of salvation to be made right with God. Third, the true Christian rejoices. Dr. Lloyd-Jones presses the urgency that no one rejoice in Christ unless they believe in the Scriptural account of Jesus and trust His salvation.

Living in the Light of Christ—Philippians 3:8-9

How does being a Christian change one’s life? In his sermon on Philippians 3:8–9 titled “Living in the Light of Christ,” Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones says that it changes everything about the Christian as it totally reorients

and directs them to Christ. Before one sees Christ, they are lost in darkness and alienated from God and His love. They live according to the principle of sin and evil. But when the Holy Spirit gives the gift of salvation, the person is moved out of this kingdom of darkness and transferred into the kingdom of God. Christians now are to leave the world and its sinful desires behind and pursue Christ and His kingdom. How does one know that they are a Christian? They are to test themselves and see if they are in the faith and truly believers. All Christians ought to know that they are truly saved and live knowing that they are loved by God because Christ has made Himself known. God gave His word in the Old and New Testaments and in these Scriptures is found God's will for His people and the way that Christians are to live. But most importantly they find the gospel of grace that frees them from sin and reveals the God of all love and peace.

The Loss of All Things —Philippians 3:7-8

How can Christians say that all loss is gain in Christ? This seems like an odd statement. Why is it good to lose things? In this sermon from Philippians 3:7–8 titled “The Loss of All Things,” Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones teaches about the new life that comes by believing in Jesus Christ. He says that Christians must count all worldly greatness as nothing because now they have Christ who is infinitely better than everything else. All those who are now in Christ undergo a radical change that reorients their whole life. Believers have new desires and motives; they now love God and His ways. Christianity is not a mere addition to a person's natural life, but it totally transforms them. It is a new way of living that calls Christians to new standards and values. It is a life of peace because all believers can truly know that they have been saved and are at peace with God in Jesus Christ. This is the most important message that any can hear because it tells that they can be saved and made new. It tells that Jesus offers new life to all who believe in Him. There is peace in the blood of Jesus.

Gain to Me ... Philippians 3:7

Becoming a Christian always involves change. There can be no new life without a putting to death of the old life. There can be no new way of living without a stopping of the old way of living. In this sermon on Philippians 3:7 titled “Gain to Me...,” Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones discusses the conversion of Paul and particular hindrances that were present for Paul, and can still hinder people from coming to the Lord. He shows that Paul could have boasted in his birth as a Jew, his ability and knowledge as a Pharisee, and his zeal and sincerity as a persecutor of the church. However, none of these things are sufficient to save anyone. Dr. Lloyd-Jones points out that many think that to be Christian is to be sincere, knowledgeable, and zealous about God and good things. However, none of these address their relationship with God or their sin. In fact, Paul counts all of these things as trash in comparison with knowing Christ. Furthermore, no one can seek out God by the strength of their own mind. If anyone is to know God it will be through God's self-revelation through His word. Dr. Lloyd-Jones also discusses true fruit of a converted Christian and implores his listeners to examine themselves.

How One Becomes a Christian —Philippians 3:12

In this sermon on Philippians 3:12 titled “How One Becomes a Christian,” Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones continues his series on core truths of Christianity. Perhaps one does not know Jesus Christ, but they are being convicted of their need to be forgiven of sin. Perhaps they are asking how to become a Christian. In this sermon, Dr. Lloyd-Jones preaches on this and addresses related topics to help understand what one must do to be saved. To start, Dr. Lloyd-Jones explains why all are in need of a savior. The answer is because everyone's life is going the wrong direction. From the Apostle Paul's example, he shows what else must happen to be saved. First, they must be arrested by Christ—that is, He must catch their attention and they must realize the eternal danger they are in without Him. Second, they must be convicted about personal sin and feel the weight of sins that have separated them from God. Third, they must be convicted of the truth that the charges Scriptures levels against them, and surrender to them—not fighting them or making excuses. In this way, they hand themselves over to Christ, and as Dr. Lloyd-Jones says, this is essentially what happens when people realize their need for Christ and come to Him.

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JOHN GILL

Spurgeon: A very distinguished place is due to Dr. Gill. Beyond all controversy, Gill was one of the most able Hebraists of his day, and in other matters no mean proficient.

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NORMAN HARRISON - His in Joyous Experience. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians (1926)

D Edmond Hiebert - A non-technical, devotional unfolding of the epistle by means of an outline, chart, notes, and comments on the text. Characterized by devotional warmth and practical applications.

John Cereghin - A Bible study of Philippians, based on a chart. There are outlines and comments on the whole book. He has an interesting digression on the names of Christ in Scripture, defends the deity of Christ.

- [The Approach: The Philippians Message](#)
- [Christ - The Life of life \(Philippians 1\) – The Inward Look](#)
- [Christ —The Pattern of Life \(Philippians2\) – The Backward Look](#)
- [Christ —The Goal of Life \(Philippians 3\) – The Onward Look](#)
- [Christ —The All-Sufficiency of Life \(Philippians 4\) – The Upward Look](#)
- [The Appeal: Christ —The Four-Fold Blessing of Life \(Philippians 1-4\)](#)

ROBERT HAWKER - Poor Man's Commentary

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MATTHEW HENRY

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JAMES HOLCOMB

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- [Expanded Paraphrase](#)
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- [Philippians 2 Commentary](#)
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F B HOLE

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H A IRNSIDE

Cyril Barber - Continuously in print for 50 years, having made its debut in 1947. Ironside always has something good to say. He is easy to read, evangelical, and provides deft applications of the truth to life. One limitation of this revision is the use of the KJV when some other modern translation (e.g., NKJV) would have better served the needs of modern readers. Otherwise, this exposition is lucid and ideal for lay Bible study.

James Rosscup - He is staunchly evangelical, showing good broad surveys based on diligent study, practical turns, even choice illustrations. In prophecy he is premillennial dispensational....Many preachers have found that Ironside works, read along with heavier books on details of exegesis, help them see the sweep of the message and prime their spirits for practical relevance.

John Cereghin - Devotional expositions. There are apt illustrations, thought-provoking comments, a strong defense of the deity of Christ (42), and a warm encouragement of joyfulness. He urges the Premillennial interpretation of the Bible (84).

- [Philippians 1 Commentary](#)
- [Philippians 2 Commentary](#)
- [Philippians 3 Commentary](#)
- [Philippians 4 Commentary](#)

JAMIESON, FAUSSET, BROWN

Published 1871 - Probably best older commentary on prophetic passages as it tends to interpret more literally.

James Rosscup - This is a helpful old set of 1863 for laypeople and pastors to have because it usually comments at least to some degree on problems. Though terse, it provides something good on almost any passage, phrase by phrase and is to some degree critical in nature. It is evangelical....Especially in its multi-volume form this is one of the old evangelical works that offers fairly solid though brief help on many verses. Spurgeon said, "It contains so great a variety of information that if a man had no other exposition he would find

himself at no great loss if he possessed this and used it diligently" (Commenting and Commentaries, p. 3). Things have changed greatly since this assessment! It is primarily of help to pastors and lay people looking for quick, though usually somewhat knowledgeable treatments on verses.

Spurgeon - A really standard work. We consult it continually, and with growing interest. Mr. Fausset's portion strikes us as being of the highest order.

John Cereghin - A conservative exposition. He defends Petrine authorship (xlixff); argues for the deity of Christ (619); holds that assurance in Scripture is doubly sure (622); identifies the elements as "the world's component materials" (627); holds that Paul's Epistles were already known as "Scripture" (628).

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- [Philippians 3 Commentary](#)
- [Philippians 4 Commentary](#)

ROBERT JOHNSTONE - recommended

Spurgeon: A noble volume. A real boon to the man who purchases it.

D Edmond Hiebert - A thorough conservative exposition abounding in apt illustrations and practical applications. The revised translation and notes on the Greek text following the lectures add to the importance of the volume.

Cyril Barber - A valued reprint. Deals admirably with the theme of the epistle. Buy it while it is still available.

John Cereghin, Pastor - A very thorough, practical, and homiletical exposition by a strong Presbyterian. He warns against thinking that church membership, baptism, or adherence to the Westminster Confession is ground for salvation (254,255). On Phil 2:5-11 he maintains that pre-existence and deity of Christ (146-148). The book also includes a considerable number of notes on the Greek text.

- [Philippians 1:1-2 Address and Salutation](#)
- [Philippians 1:3-8 Pleasant Memories and Bright Hopes](#)
- [Philippians 1:9-11 Prayer for Spiritual Discernment](#)
- [Philippians 1:19-20 Sufferings Turned to Salvation](#)
- [Philippians 1:21 The Saint's Life - Christ](#)
- [Philippians 1:21 The Saint's Death - Gain](#)
- [Philippians 1:22-26 A Strait Betwixt Two](#)
- [Philippians 1:27 Conversation Becoming the Gospel](#)
- [Philippians 1:27-30 Steadfastness for Christ](#)
- [Philippians 2:1-4 Christian Concord](#)
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- [Philippians 4:8-9 Summary of Duty](#)
- [Philippians 4:10-13 Christian Contentment](#)
- [Philippians 4:14-23 Christian Liberality and Its Reward](#)

MAURICE JONES - Westminster Commentaries' series

D Edmond Hiebert - A very full introduction to the epistle is followed by a paraphrase and brief judicious verse-by-verse comments on the text. Significant discussion of the Christology of Philippians; supports Christ's full deity.

- [The Epistle to the Philippians - Commentary \(1918\)](#)
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- [Week 8: Rejoicing in the True and Only Gospel \(Phil. 3:1–11\)](#)
- [Week 9: Pressing Forward in Pursuit of Christ \(Phil. 3:12–21\)](#)
- [Week 10: Fighting for Peace, Joy, Trust, and Right Thinking \(Phil. 4:1–9\)](#)
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- [Week 12: Summary and Conclusion](#)

WILLIAM KELLY

Spurgeon: "Much that is excellent placed in "darkness visible.""

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H A A KENNEDY

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- [Paul's Dilemma in Rome \(1:18b-26\)](#)
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- [Work Out Your Salvation in Unity and Mission \(2:12-18\)](#)
- [Travel Plans and Great Examples \(2:19-30\)](#)
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- [Press on Toward the Prize of Eternal Life \(3:12-16\)](#)
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LANGE COMMENTARY

Spurgeon: These volumes are not all of equal value, but as a whole, they are a grand addition to our stores. The American translators have added considerably to the German work, and in some cases these additions are more valuable than the original matter. For homiletical purposes these volumes are so many hills of gold, but, alas, there is dross also, for Baptismal Regeneration and other grave errors occur.

John Cereghin, Pastor - Braune, Karl, Philippians in Lange's Commentary on the Holy Scriptures, n.d. (first American edition 1870), 76 pages. A conservative Lutheran exposition. He has thorough comments based on the Greek text, argues for the unity of the book and its Pauline authorship (5), describes the subjective mediation of Christ (17). On 2:5-11 he teaches the pre-existence of Christ (32) and His deity (33); he denies that He emptied Himself of His deity (35).

- [Introduction](#)
- [Philippians 1 Commentary](#)
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- [Philippians 4 Commentary](#)

J B LIGHTFOOT

James Rosscup - This 1879 work is outstanding in Greek exegesis and thus is valuable to have. Other commentaries like Carson, Hendriksen, King, Lloyd-Jones, MacArthur, Meyer, Pentecost, Robertson and Rees will have to supply the devotional aspect.

John Cereghin - The most thorough and helpful commentary on the Greek text. He discusses every grammatical and interpretative problem in the book and has extended notes on special subjects (see on

"bishop" and "presbyter" 95-99). He defends the pre-existence and deity of Christ, holding that He emptied Himself "not of His divine nature, for this was impossible, but of the glories, the prerogatives, of Deity. This He did by taking upon Him the form of a servant" (112). There are also extended dissertations of "The Christian Ministry" and "St. Paul and Seneca."

D Edmond Hiebert - Greek text. A standard commentary; deals thoroughly with grammatical and interpretative problems of the epistle. Contains an elaborate introduction and two lengthy dissertations (half of the volume) on "The Christian Ministry" and "Saint Paul and Seneca."

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P G MATTHEW - sermons

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J VERNON MCGEE - Thru the Bible Commentary

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H A W MEYER

John Cereghin, Pastor - No doubt wonderfully learned, but we cannot get on with it. Quotations from heretics we have happily never heard of before are of no great use to simple believers like ourselves. -

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G CAMPBELL MORGAN (Brief overview)

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JAMES NISBET

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WILLIAM NIVEN

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FREDERICK A NOBLE

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ARTHUR PEAKE

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J B GOUGH PIDGE

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PETER PETT

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A T ROBERTSON (1917)

Rosscup - Though he discusses Philippians in his Word Pictures, Robertson here devotes an entire detailed book on the epistle. He is rich in word studies and in the explanation of the text.

John Cereghin, Pastor - Expository messages based on the Greek text of Philippians. They are warm-hearted and genuinely helpful. He gives the exact vocabulary meaning of words, as well as the interpretation of passages. On Phil 2:1-11 he affirms the full humanity and deity of Christ (130). His exaltation is "the taking up of the humanity of Jesus into His deity with new glory" (140).

[Paul's joy in Christ: studies in Philippians](#) Commentary by A T Robertson

- [Philippians 1:1-2 Commentary](#)
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JOHNNY SANDERS

- [Philippians Commentary \(150 pages\)](#) - published 2005

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- [The Epistle to the Philippians](#)

SPEAKER'S COMMENTARY

Spurgeon: Speaker's in general "contains much which tends to illustrate the text; but if you had it you would not turn to it for spiritual food, or for fruitful suggestion, or if you did so, you would be disappointed. The object of the work is to help the general reader to know what the Scriptures really say and mean, and to remove some of the difficulties. It keeps to its design and in a measure accomplishes it."

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THOMAS TOLLER

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JOHN TRAPP

Spurgeon - Trapp will be most valuable to men of discernment, to thoughtful men, to men who only want a start in a line of thought, and are then able to run alone. Trapp excels in witty stories on the one hand, and learned allusions on the other. You will not thoroughly enjoy him unless you can turn to the original, and yet a mere dunce at classics will prize him. His writings remind me of himself: he was a pastor, hence his holy practical remarks; he was the head of a public school, and everywhere we see his profound scholarship; he was for some time amid the guns and drums of a parliamentary garrison, and he gossips and tells queer anecdotes like a man used to soldier-life; yet withal, he comments as if he had been nothing else but a commentator all his days. **Some of his remarks are far-fetched, and like the far fetched rarities of Solomon's Tarshish, there is much gold and silver, but there are also apes and peacocks.** His criticisms would some of them be the cause of amusement in these days of greater scholarship; but for all that, he who shall excel Trapp had need rise very early in the morning. Trapp is my especial companion and treasure; I can read him when I am too weary for anything else. Trapp is salt, pepper, mustard, vinegar, and all the other condiments. Put him on the table when you study, and when you have your dish ready, use him by way of spicing the whole thing. Yes, gentlemen, read Trapp certainly, and if you catch the infection of his consecrated humor, so much the better for your hearers. ([Lectures to My Students: Volume 4: Commenting on Commentaries](#))

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C J VAUGHN

Spurgeon: Deservedly esteemed. Dr. Vaughan gives a literal translation of his text from the original Greek, and then expounds it, believing it, as he says, "to be the duty of every Christian teacher to assist his congregation in drinking not of the stream only, but at the spring of revealed truth." [St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians - commentary \(1885\)](#)

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John Cereghin, Pastor - Devotional meditations on Philippians by a missionary. He gives the theme verse of the book (Phil 1:21); stresses the recognizing, not appointment, of elders; gives many illustrations from Chinese missions; distinguishes between Greek words; shows 7 steps down in Christ's humiliation and 7 up in exaltation provides insight from the papyri ; holds that "work out" means "cultivate"; teaches the Pre-tribulation Rapture ; warns about the ease with which misunderstandings arise between believers.

- [Philippians Commentary - Sacrifices of Joy](#)
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- [Philippians 3 Commentary](#)
- [Philippians 4 Commentary](#)

KENNETH WUEST - recommended resource - 53 pages - online.

D Edmond Hiebert - A simplified commentary on the Greek for the benefit of the English reader; seeks to convey the meaning of the original by means of an expanded translation with exegetical comments and word studies.

- [Philippians Commentary - Verse by Verse Comments](#)
- Borrow [Philippians in the Greek New Testament : for the English reader](#) by Wuest, Kenneth

PHILIPPIANS 1

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- [Philippians 1 Resources](#)
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- [Philippians 1:3 Devotional](#)
- [Philippians 1:21 Devotional](#)

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- [Philippians 1:1-11 The Trees of Righteousness Blossoming and Bringing Forth Fruit](#)

JOHN KITTO

- [Philippians 1:8 The Heart of Flesh - 45th Week](#)

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- [Philippians 1:11 Devotional](#) - go to October 14

A W PINK

- [Philippians 1:9-11 Prayer for Discerning Love](#)
- [Philippians 1:11 Prayer for Fruits of Righteousness](#)

ROBERT MORGAN

- Philippians 1:12 Insignificance Into Influence (Ro 8:28)

WILLIAM GRAHAM SCROGGIE

- Philippians 1:9-11 Prayer for Discerning Love

D MARTYN LLOYD JONES

- [Philippians 1:21 He and He Alone](#)

PAUL TAYLOR

- [Philippians 1:27-30, Philippians 2:1-4 Stand As One](#)
- [Philippians 1:1-11 A Model of Love](#)

ALAN REDPATH

- [Philippians 1:20-21 Response to Suffering](#)
Excerpt - The most important effect of any adversity is not its outcome on the world or upon other Christians, but its outcome in your own life. We are not saved in order to be a blessing to other people--you will be that inevitably--but primarily we are saved in order to be conformed to the likeness of Jesus Christ, God's Son. In order to fulfil that purpose, God will put His children through any fire if only He may mould and fashion them and make them what He wants them to be--like Jesus. Everyone of us, without exception, as we apply these words to our own lives, would support the statement I have made because what you have gone through has either hardened you or melted you. ([Read more >](#))

C H SPURGEON

- [Philippians 1:21 For Me to Live is Christ](#)

JAMES HASTINGS

- [Philippians 1:21 Paul's Ruling Passion](#)

OCTAVIUS WINSLOW

- [Philippians 1:21 Devotional](#) - see Dec 23
- [Philippians 1:29 Devotional](#) - see Feb 6

THOMAS WATSON

- [Philippians 1:21 The Death of the Righteous](#)
- [Philippians 1:23 The Saint's Desire to be with Christ](#)

H C G MOULE

- [Philippians 1:20-21 Homesick for Heaven](#)

SERMON CENTRAL - 100's of sermons - Be discerning - these are of variable quality.

- [Philippians 1 Sermons](#)
- [Philippians 2 Sermons](#)
- [Philippians 3 Sermons](#)
- [Philippians 4 Sermons](#)

PHILIPPIANS 2

BOB DEFFINBAUGH

- [Philippians 2:1-18 Implications of the Incarnation](#)
- [Philippians 2:5-18 Personal Implications of the Incarnation](#)

J H JOWETT

- [Philippians 2:3 Strife and Vain Glory](#)

KENNETH BOA

- [Philippians 2 - Humility](#)

JAMES SMITH

- [Philippians 2:5-11 The Self-Humbled But God-Exalted Christ](#)
- [THE SELF-HUMBLED BUT GOD-EXALTED CHRIST. Philippians 2:5-11](#)

JOHN WALVOORD

- [Philippians 2:5-11 The Humiliation of the Son of God](#)

TRACIE WALLACE

- [Philippians 2:5-11 The incarnation of Christ](#)

G CAMPBELL MORGAN

- [Philippians 2:5 The Life of the Christian - Its Consciousness](#)

WIL POUNDS

- [Philippians 2:5 The Attitude of Christ](#)

JOHN OWEN

- [Philippians 2:5-8 The Humiliation and Condescension of Christ](#)

GORDON FEE

- [Philippians 2:5-11 Hymn or Exalted Pauline Prose?](#)

GENE BROOKS

- [Philippians 2:5-11 Get an Attitude](#)

MARTIN LUTHER

- [Philippians 2:5-11 Threefold Righteousness](#)

PAUL TAYLOR

- [Philippians 2:5-8 Becoming Nothing](#)
- [Philippians 2:19-24 Kingdom Companions](#)
- [Philippians 2:5-11 Imitating the Impossible](#)
- [Philippians 2:1-30 Kingdom Power](#)

ALVA MCCLAIN

- [Philippians 2:5-8: Doctrine of Kenosis](#)

CHARLES T. BUNTIN

- [Philippians 2:5-8: The Empty God](#)

JOHN FLAVEL

- [Philippians 2:8: Of Christ's Humiliation in his Life](#)
- [Philippians 2:8: Of the Necessity of Christ's Humiliation](#)

OCTAVIUS WINSLOW

- [Philippians 2:6-8 Devotional](#) - September 15

JAMES HASTINGS

- [Philippians 2:12-13 Work Out Your Own Salvatio](#)

D MARTYN LLOYD JONES

- [Philippians 2:12-13 Working Out Our Own Salvation](#)

Excerpt - But, then, what is the manner in which we do this (WORK OUT OUR SALVATION)? The Apostle says that we are to do it **'with fear and trembling'**. Here again we must define our terms. He does not mean that we must do it in fear of losing our salvation. You will find that in the New Testament these words never carry that implication. When Paul wrote to the Corinthians **'I was with you ... in fear, and in much trembling'** (1 Cor 2:3), he did not mean that he was afraid that he would lose his soul. Neither is it a kind of craven fear, one of self torment. It means humility and a holy reverence, or, if you like, a holy vigilance and circumspection. It means that as I work out my salvation, I should realise the tremendous seriousness of what I am doing. I wonder whether this is not the thing which needs to be emphasised most at the present time, not least in the ranks of evangelical people? I wonder why it is that the whole idea of the godly man has somehow or other got lost amongst us? **Why is it that Christian people are not described as 'god-fearing' people? Why is it that there is such a difference between us and the Christian of a hundred or two hundred years ago, or the Puritan of the seventeenth century?** They were truly Christian. *'Methodist'*, too, was a kind of nickname given to people because of their *methodical* life. I wonder why it is that somehow or other we have lost this particular sense of the Christian life? I have no doubt but that the explanation is that it is an overreaction on our part from the [pure legalism](#) that was so common at the turn of the century when many people had lost the true spirit of the New Testament. They imposed a certain kind of life upon themselves and upon their children; they laid down rules and regulations; and people then reacted and said, 'That is pure legalism, not Christianity.' **But now we are so much like everybody else because we have forgotten this about 'fear and trembling', vigilance and circumspection.** Sometimes I am afraid we have been so anxious not to give the impression that to be Christian means being miserable, that we have imagined that we must be smiling and laughing all the time and we have believed in this so-called 'muscular' Christianity. Now I suggest that that is somewhat of a denial of what is taught here. The Christian must of necessity

be a serious and sober man. **'With fear and trembling' means a holy reverence and awe of God.** I must realise that the God with whom I am concerned is 'the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning' (Jas. 1: 17), that 'God is light, and in him is no darkness at all' (1 John 1:5). If he is in the light, I must walk in the light (v.7). Also, I should have a **fear of the world** in the sense that I realise that the world is opposed to me, that it is there to drag me down and away from God. I should have a healthy respect for it. I should also **fear myself**. A man who knows his own heart is a man who cannot be light and carefree and flippant. He knows that in his flesh there 'dwelleth no good thing'. The Christian is one who works out his own salvation with fear and trembling; fear lest he should fail or falter, lest he should not discern the subtlety of the world, the power of sin and his own weakness, and the holiness of God. So he walks with gravity lest he should be unworthy of this great salvation. ([Read more>](#))

WIL POUNDS

- [Philippians 2:12-18 Work out Your Salvation](#)

G CAMPBELL MORGAN - 15 page article

- [Philippians 2:12-16 The Life of the Christian - Its Value](#) (Pdf allows copy and paste)

Excerpt - Many years ago, before the Christian Mission had become the Salvation Army, and before its evangelists became officers, wearing uniforms, William Booth was one day travelling in a railway carriage, when three men stepped in at a wayside station, and as the train proceeded, engaged in conversation concerning the fact that they had procured for certain premises a license for the sale of strong drink. They spoke of the advantages of the situation, and of the great success that was assured to them in the conduct of the business. William Booth sat and listened until his soul burned within him, and then turning to them, he told them that he had listened to their conversation with interest, that he had heard all they had said about the advantages of the property and the certainty of great financial success. But, he continued, that there were things of which he had not heard them say one word, that would invariably be connected with the conduct of their business. He told them they had said nothing about ruined homes and broken hearts and degraded womanhood and blighted children and damned souls. "All these things, gentlemen," said he, "will result from your successful business." Of course, an argument ensued, until at last one man, feeling the force of the passionate words of the earnest man, said in self-defence, "But, Sir, I must live, and I have no other means of livelihood." The reply of the Christian came clear and sharp, "My dear sir, there is no necessity that you should live at all. The one thing necessary is that you should be pure, and if to keep your purity you must die, then you had better die." That is undoubtedly a superlative illustration, and yet it is a true illustration of the Christian's attitude toward evil. Evil is never necessary, and under no circumstances need it be chosen. Sin is utterly useless to men for the fulfillment of the highest possibilities of their lives, and consequently is always unnecessary. There can come no occasion when it is needful to choose even what may be spoken of as a "less evil!" Death is for ever preferable to wrongdoing. That is surely the meaning of the whole story of the martyrs and confessors of the past, and surely also it is the testimony that Christians should constantly bear in the present age, and, indeed, the testimony which they must bear, if in them and through them Christ lives and works. The value of the life of the Christian is that it, and it alone, bears unequivocal and uncompromising testimony against sin. ([Read on>](#))

ED COMMENT - The preceding excerpt reminds me of the definition of the word **compromise** - **Compromise** means to give up some demands and agree on something less than what was originally wanted. Compromise is an adjustment of opposing principles, systems, etc. by modifying some aspects of each. Finally, and especially relevant to a Christian's life and its value, compromise is exposure, as of one's reputation, to danger, suspicion, or disrepute, a weakening, as of one's principles! Beware when you begin to compromise dear brother or sister. As they say compromise is a "[slippery slope](#)!"

JOHN WESLEY

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- [Philippians 2:12-13 On Working Out Our Own Salvation](#)

THOMAS WATSON

- [Philippians 2:12-13 The One Thing Necessary](#)

ROBERT MORGAN

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- [Philippians 2:12-13 We're Made to Bring God Pleasure](#)

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- [Christ's Humility and Exaltation](#) - Philippians 2:1-11

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