



Paul's Letter to the Philippians:

MAY 16TH – INTRODUCTION AND CHAPTER 1:1 TO 1:20

MAY 23RD – CHAPTER 1:19 TO 2:18

MAY 30TH – CHAPTER 2:19 TO 3:16

JUNE 6TH – CHAPTER 3:17 TO 4:23

Review of Last Week

#1 To Live is Christ, and to die is gain To Know Christ is To Know Joy

- ▶ 2. Adversity (1:27 - 1:30)
- ▶ 3. Unity (2:1 - 2:4)
- ▶ 4. Humility (Christ the ultimate example) (2:5 - 2:11)
 - *Obedience *Sacrifice *Service
- ▶ 5. Continuing to work out our salvation (2:12 - 2:18)

This Week

Examples of a LIFE IN CHRIST

***Humility *Obedience *Sacrifice *Service**

- ▶ 1. The Example of Timothy (2:19 – 2:24)
- ▶ 2. The Example of Epaphroditus (2:25 – 2:30)
- ▶ 3. The Example of Paul's past life (3:1 – 3:11)
- ▶ 4. The Example of Paul's present life (3:12 – 3:16)
- ▶ 5. The Example of Paul's future life (next week)

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The 3-Fold Progression of Christian Relationships

1. Brothers (**being together**)

Vs. 1:5 “the fellowship of the Gospel”

2. Fellow Workers (**working together**)

Vs. 1:7 “in the defense and confirmation of the gospel”

3. Fellow Soldiers (**suffering together**)

Vs. 3:10 “fellowship of [Christ’s] sufferings”



Our Joy is in the Lord

John 15:11 These things I [Jesus] have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.



The Example of Paul's past life (3:1 – 3:11)

True circumcision is of the heart

Romans 2:28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; 29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; **and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.**

The Insufficiency of Works and the Law

Romans 8:3 **For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.**

The Lord

Looks at the Heart

1 Samuel 16:7b For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, **but the Lord looks at the heart.**”



Abraham Believed!

Romans 4:3 For what does the Scripture say? "**Abraham believed** God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."



The One True Work

John 6:28 Then they [the Pharisees] said to Him, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?” 29 Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, **that you believe in Him whom He sent.**”

The 3-Fold Progression of Our Relationship with Christ


1. “that I may know him”
(**believing in Him**)
2. “knowing the power of his resurrection”
(**working with Him**)
3. “fellowship of His suffering”
(**suffering for Him**)



The Example of Paul's present life (3:12 – 3:16)

Called with a Holy Calling

2 Timothy 1:8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, **9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling**, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began



Warren Wiersbe's 5 Essentials to Winning the Race

Working out our own Salvation

- ▶ 1. Dissatisfaction
- ▶ 2. Devotion
- ▶ 3. Direction
- ▶ 4. Determination
- ▶ 5. Discipline

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