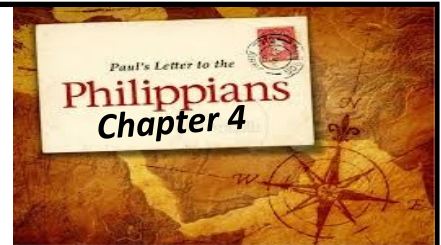


Paul is coming to the end of his very personal letter to the church that is at Philippi. It is clear that he has had a great relationship with these believers and that he cares deeply about them, as they have cared for him. The theme of rejoicing continues right to the end as Paul pens his final exhortation and encouragement.



### Philippians ch.4:2-24

<sup>2</sup> I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

**Read 4:2-3. Mark Euodia and Syntyche including pronouns with a ○**

*List what you learn about these two women.*

*How does Paul seek to resolve their disagreement?*

*What can we learn from this for when differences arise?*

**Read 4:4-7. Underline instructions, mark “rejoice” with a 😊**

**Reasonableness—1933—gentleness, fairness, moderation.**

*What are Paul’s instructions in v4-5? Reflect on what it means to rejoice in the Lord from previous study.*

*How would these instructions help the two women in v2?*

*v6-7 How are we to deal with anxiety? List each detail.*

*What will be the expected outcome?*

**Guard—5432—to guard, to protect by a military guard.**

*How does including the last phrase of v5 impact on v6&7?*

**Read 4:8-9. Underline the instructions and mark the word “learned” with a ⬡**

*What are the two instructions Paul gives? Note the details.*

*What do we need to do in order to control how we think?*

*What does the word “learned” tell you about our walk with God?*

*How does this relate to working out our salvation? (Phil. 2:12)*

<sup>10</sup> I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup> I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. <sup>15</sup> And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. <sup>16</sup> Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

<sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>21</sup> Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. <sup>22</sup> All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

<sup>23</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

**Read 4:10-13. Mark pronouns referring to Paul with a  and mark the word learned with a **

*Make a list of what you learn about Paul?*

*What 2 things has Paul learned?*

*v13 What is the secret to what he has learned?*

*How does rejoicing in the Lord tie in with this?*

**Read 4:14-20. Mark pronouns referring to Paul with a  and the Philippians with a **

*What had the churches past history been with Paul?*

*v17 What was the focus of Paul's response to their giving?*

*v18 How did he view their gifts?*

*v19 How does knowing the context of this verse help you understand it better?*

**Read 4:21-23.**

*What do we learn about those who are with Paul in Rome?*

*v23 How does his final greeting tie in with the letter's focus?*

*Reflect on all you have learned from this letter and write down one key truth. Bring this truth to God in prayer, asking Him to help you live in the light of it.*