

Philippians 1:1 Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, 5 in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. 7 For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me. 8 For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. 9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; 11 having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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Philippians 1:29-30



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Christian Joy Is Not Reliant On...

- *An absence of persecution.*
(Phil. 1:12-14; 2 Tim. 2:9; Jas. 1:2-4)
- *An absence of conflict.*
(1:15-18a, 29-30; 1 Pet. 1:6-9; 4:12-16)
- *An absence of sacrifice.*
(1:18b-21; 2:17-18; 3:2-7; cf. Heb. 12:2)



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True Joy Is Reliant On GOD!!!

- ✓ *Heaven is the ONLY promise with any assurance.*
(Phil. 3:12-14, 20-21)
- ✓ *God is the ONLY certain thing in an uncertain world.*
(4:10-13; cf. Heb. 13:8)
- ✓ *He is the ONLY source of *grace*.*
(1:5; 2 Cor. 12:7-9)

