

WHERE JOY HIDES

Philippians 1:1-2

Paul's story: Acts 7:58; 8:3; 9:1-30; 13:50-52; 14:19-20; 16:16-34; 18:12-13; 19:23-30; 20:23; 21:10-14; 21:27-26-32

The Philippian church's story: Acts 16:11-40; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; Philippians 1:27-30; 3:2; 4:2

Joy in Philippians: 1:4-5, 18, 25; 2:2, 17-18, 28-29; 3:1; 4:1, 4, 10

Where joy hides (Philippians 1:1-2):

Paul and Timothy, servants (_____) of Christ Jesus,
to all God's holy people (_____) in Christ Jesus at
Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: Grace and
peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

SAINTHOOD: 2 Corinthians 1:1; 5:21; Ephesians 1:1, 4; 3:18; 5:25-27;
Colossians 1:22; 2 Thessalonians 1:10; 1 Timothy 1:13-16; 2 Timothy 1:9;
1 Peter 2:9

SLAVERY: Mark 10:43-44; Luke 1:38; Philippians 2:5-7; James 1:1;
2 Peter 1:1; Jude 1

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Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. If someone were to evaluate the truthfulness of Christianity based on your level of joy, do you think they would be convinced? Why or why not? What has contributed to your level of happiness as a Christian?
2. Read Philippians 1:4-5, 18; 2:17 and 4:10. What do you know about the apostle Paul's life that makes his joy ironic?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; Philippians 1:27-30; 3:2 and 4:2. What can you learn about the Philippian church from these passages?
4. Read Philippians 1:1-2. Do you consider yourself a "saint"? Why or why not? How does an awareness of your own unholiness make you feel about the fact that God calls you holy?
5. Do you think it is healthy to think of yourself as a slave of God? Why or why not? When has submission to His lordship made you more joyful?

