

Philippians

PURSUING AUTHENTIC JOY

Philippians 4:1 ^{NIV}

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

Philippians 3:1-21

Justification

Freedom from the penalty of sin

Sanctification

Freedom from the power of sin

Glorification

Freedom from the presence of sin

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Philippians 4:2-3 ^{NIV}

I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Churches have conflicts

Reconciliation may require
mediation

Spiritual maturity ~~u~~nity

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Philippians 2:1-2 ^{NIV}

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.



To live above with the saints we love,

Oh that will be glory.

But to live below with the saints we know

Well, that is a different story.

Why is there Conflict?

Church Doctrine

Church Practice

Church Leadership

Church Discipline

Church Staffing

Church Finances

Why is there Conflict?

Social Issues

Political Issues

Moral Issues

Relational Issues

Environmental Issues

Romans 14:19 ^{NIV}

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

“ In essentials, unity.
In nonessentials, liberty.
In all things, charity.



Shared Cause

Shared Eternity

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“Where there is agreement as to what the gospel is and what ought to be done with it, there is no room for personal disagreement. The one ought to exclude the other.”

— J.A. Motyer, *The Message of Philippians*

The church should fight for the gospel
and not with each other.

Philippians 4:4-5 ^{NIV}

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

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