



# #1 Introduction to the Epistle of Christ-Centered, Gospel-Fueled, Joy-Filled Teamwork

“The Gospel-Driven Church”

- Gospel at the Center
- Gospel-Shaped Identity
- Gospel-Formed Community
- Gospel-Driven Mission



## PHILIPPIANS

**Philippians 1:1-2 NIV** Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus to all the saints 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.

### Recurring Themes in Philippians

Jesus Christ... Advancing the Gospel... Thinking like Jesus... Joy and Rejoicing... Suffering for Christ... United Partnership

#### Sermon In a Sentence

As we increasingly allow CHRIST to BE our life, He will UNITE us in partnership with other like-minded kindred spirits to advance His GOSPEL through boldly speaking His message and humbly SERVING others, strengthening us with His JOY to sustain us in all circumstances.

## FAMOUS VERSES

### The God Who Finishes What He Starts

**Philippians 1:6** ... being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

### Paul’s Philosophy of Life & Death

**Philippians 1:21** For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

### The “Kenosis” – What Jesus Gave Up To Become Our Savior

**Philippians 2:6** Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

### Treasuring Christ Above All Else

**Philippians 3:7** But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him...

### Overpowering Worry through Prayer

**Philippians 4:6** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### Strength to Endure Anything

**Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)** I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

### The God Who Meets Our Needs

**Philippians 4:19 (KJV)** But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

TEAMING UP TO ADVANCE THE GOSPEL IN WHITEHALL...

#### BIBLE READING PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Philippians 1    | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: 1 Corinthians 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday: Philippians 2    | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday: 1 Corinthians 2   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: Philippians 3   | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday: 1 Corinthians 3 |
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