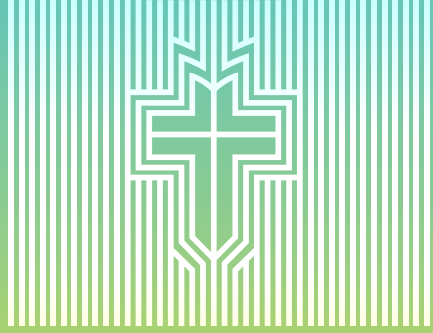


PHILIPPIANS

The Joy of Gospel Faith



EXPERIENCING GOSPEL PEACE IN THE CHURCH

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Philippians 4:2-9
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SERMON OUTLINE NOTES

I. GOSPEL PEACE AS RECONCILIATION (PHILIPPIANS 4:2-3)

- A. An appeal for reconciliation (Philippians 4:2; Philippians 2:2)
- B. Since these women labored with Paul in the gospel, they should be able to reconcile in the gospel (Philippians 4:3; Philippians 1:3-5)
 - 1. Our greatest unity is found in the gospel (Philippians 1:27)
 - 2. The gospel has reconciling power (2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Ephesians 2:14-16, 22)

II. GOSPEL PEACE IN THE NEARNESS OF GOD (PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7)

- A. Rejoice always in the Lord! In Christ, we are brought near (Philippians 4:4; Ephesians 2:13)
 - 1. We are commended to rejoice (Philippians 4:4; 3:1)
 - 2. We have every incentive to rejoice (1 Peter 1:3-9)
- B. Be gentle and reasonable like Jesus (Philippians 4:5; Matthew 11:28-30)
 - 1. Our gentleness and reasonableness reflects on Jesus (1 Peter 3:15)
 - 2. Our words especially, should be gentle (Colossians 4:5-6; Proverbs 15:1, 4)
- C. Don't be anxious, the Lord is near (Philippians 4:6a; Matthew 6:25, 31, 34)
 - 1. We shouldn't be anxious because God cares for us (1 Peter 5:7)
 - 2. The nearness of God is assured to us (Hebrews 13:5)
- D. Pray with thanksgiving about everything (Philippians 4:6)
 - 1. All of our prayers should be offered with thanksgiving (Colossians 3:17)
 - 2. God's will for us is to rejoice, pray, and give thanks (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
- E. Gospel peace is our guardian in Jesus Christ (Philippians 4:7)
 - 1. Sanctification is a lifelong process, which means we won't always get this right and there may not be instant change (Philippians 3:12-14)
 - 2. Keeping the gospel central guards our hearts and minds (1 Peter 1:3-5)

III. GOSPEL PEACE IN OUR THINKING AND DOING (PHILIPPIANS 4:8-9)

- A. Guard your mind with God-glorifying thinking (Philippians 4:8; 2 Corinthians 10:5)
- B. Practice the things Paul and other mature believers exemplify (Philippians 4:9)

SERMON REFLECTIONS

PHILIPPIANS 4:2-9

I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. 3 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.

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

8 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. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

1. Think about the people in your church community that you have the closest relationships with. Are there cultural, ethnic, political, or socio-economic differences between you? If it were not for the gospel, do you think you would be as close to them as you are?
2. How should we approach reconciliation within the church? How does the gospel reconcile people to one another?
3. A lot of the discussion or discourse in our culture takes place online through social media platforms. What are some ways we can reflect the gentleness and reasonableness of Jesus as we interact with others online?
4. What are some ways that people typically cope with or try to prevent anxiety? How does Paul suggest we approach anxiety?
5. Do you struggle to “take every thought captive”? What does it look like to glorify God in our thinking?