

Finding The Source Of Joy
A Study in Philippians

1. In verse one the word "if" occurs four times, it is used in the same sense that we use the word "since" and describes four conditions. What are the four conditions Paul cites in verse 1 to encourage the Philippians to do the things he asks of them in verse 2

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____

2. What 4 things is Paul asking the Philippians to do in verse two and how would Paul benefit if they did so or what was the source of Paul's joy?

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____

3. What word or ideal appears several times in Verse 2? _____

4. What does God tell us to do in verses three and four of this second chapter of Philippians? List the three things we are to do?

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____

5. Verse five tells us that our attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Study verses six, seven and eight and fill in the blanks.

Who, being in the form of God, _____ God: But made himself _____, and took upon him the form of a _____, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he _____, and became _____ unto death, even the death of the cross.

6. What should be our attitude from the lessons of verses six, seven, and eight?

7. In verse 12 the Philippians are told to continue to "work out their salvation". The Greek word which is translated "work out" is the word katargazesthe. It means to carry out to full perfection or to carry out to the goal. In verse 13 we see that it is God who works in us according to his will and acts according to his good purpose. The Greek word which is translated "worketh" in verse 13 is energoon which means "to be at work" or "working effectually". How can Christians carry out their salvation to full perfection so as to reach their goal? In regards to salvation, what work is ours and what work is Gods? The following verses may help you:

John 6:44,65
Rom 10:9-11
Eph 2:7-10
Phil 1:3-4

Heb 13:20-21
1 John 4:12-17
1 John 5:1-5

8. Why do you think we are told to work out our salvation with fear and trembling?

9. In verse 14 Paul exhorts the Philippians to do everything without murmurings or arguing. According to verse 14 why are we to do this?

10. We all complain, but sometimes we complain for the wrong reasons

- A. Numbers 14
- B. Psalm 106:24-27
- C. Matthew 20:1-16
- D. Mark 14:1-9
- E. James 5:9
- F. I Peter 4:9
- G. Jude 16

11. We also argue. So when we have an argument how should we handle it according to the following verses?

- A. Lev 19:17-18 _____
- B. Matt 5:23-24 _____
- C. Matt 18:15-17 _____
- D. Matt 18:21-35 _____
- E. Luke 17:1-4 _____
- F. Col 3:12-14 _____