

What's the Main Point of Philippians?

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I. Introduction

What would your life look like if you lived every moment with Jesus Christ? How would you respond if others tried to hurt you? What would you do if you were asked to put your life on the line for others? How would you respond if you achieved everything you dreamed of in life? How would you react if someone offended you? What would you do if you had an anxiety attack? Would you help someone in need knowing that helping them would leave you in need?

II. What is God Saying to YOU in Philippians?

Repeated Words, Themes, and Ideas in Philippians

1. Jesus Christ, 1:1, 2, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15-18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26, 27, 29; 2:1, 5-8, 9-11, 19, 21, 24, 29, 30; 3:1, 3, 7-9, 10-11, 12, 14, 18, 20, 21; 4:1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 13, 19, 21, 23. **42**
2. God, 1:2, 3, 8, 11, 28; 2:6-7, 9, 11, 12-13, 27; 3:3, 9, 14, 15, 19; 4:6-7, 9, 18-19, 19-20. **19**
3. Getting your identity from Christ, 1:1, 3-11, 12-18, 19-26, 27-30; 2:1-8, 12-17, 19-24, 25-30; 3:1, 3, 7-11, 12-17, 3:20-4:1. **15**
4. Selflessness, 1:1, 3-7, 9-10, 12-18, 19-26, 27-30; 2:1-4, 5-8, 17-18, 19-24, 25-30; 3:7-11, 12-17; 4:14-16. **14**
5. Joy / Rejoice, 1:4, 18, 25, 26; 2:2, 17-18, 28; 3:1, 3; 4:1, 4, 10. **12**
6. Living the resurrection life, 1:3-8, 12-18, 19-26, 27-30; 2:1-4, 12-18, 19-24, 25-30; 3:10-11, 12-17, 3:20-4:1; 4:13. **12**
7. One mind / Like-minded, 1:27; 2:2-4, 5-8, 20-21, 25-30; 3:15-17, 18-19; 4:2, 6-7, 8. **10**
8. Confident / Confidence, 1:6, 14, 19, 20, 25; 2:19, 24; 3:3, 4-6. **9**
9. Gospel, 1:5, 7, 12, 15-18, 27; 2:22; 4:3, 15. **8**
10. Getting your identity from yourself and the world around you, 1:15-16, 28; 2:14, 20-21; 3:1-6, 18-19; 4:4. **7**
11. To partner together, 1:5, 6-7, 27; 2:19-24, 25-30; 4:3, 14-16. **7**
12. Abound / Well-Supplied, 1:9, 26; 4:12, 16-17, 18, 19. **6**
13. Blameless / Without fault, 1:6, 10, 27; 2:12-16; 3:6. **5**
14. Faith / Believe, 1:25, 27, 29; 2:17; 3:9. **5**
15. Glory, 1:11; 2:11; 3:19; 4:19, 20. **5**
16. Love, 1:9, 17; 2:1, 2, 12. **5**
17. Chains, 1:7, 13, 14, 16. **4**
18. Flesh, 1:22, 24; 3:3, 4-6. **4**
19. Holy Spirit / spirit, 1:19, 27; 2:1; 3:2-3. **4**

20. <u>Need</u> , 2:25; 4:10-11, 12, 19.	4
21. <u>Pray / Prayer</u> , 1:4, 9, 19; 4:6.	4
22. <u>Deliverance / Salvation</u> , 1:19, 28; 2:12-13.	3
23. <u>Learn</u> , 4:9, 11, 12.	3
24. <u>Peace</u> , 1:2; 4:6-7, 9.	3
25. <u>Righteousness</u> , 1:11; 3:6, 9.	3
26. <u>Bondservant</u> , 1:1; 2:6-8.	2
27. <u>“Day of Jesus Christ”</u> 1:6, 10.	2
28. <u>Fruit</u> , 1:11, 22.	2
29. <u>Law</u> , 3:5-6, 9.	2
30. <u>Unity</u> , 1:27; 2:2-8.	2

Philippians is urging you to live your daily life with Jesus Christ and here’s what it looks like if you do:

The key to life is to live every moment with Jesus Christ; when you do, everything looks different: you won’t mind when you suffer, in fact, you’ll see it as another opportunity to be like Jesus. You’ll be willing to give up your life for others the way Paul, Timothy, and Epaphroditus did, and especially the way Jesus Christ did. In short, your identity changes; you become Christ-like. You refuse to define yourself by your successes. Instead, you’ll be willing to give up everything you have and everything you are in order to grab a hold of the identity that Christ has for you, even if it means your life. Because you know that your citizenship is not of this world. Your destiny is to become like Christ permanently and when He returns, He will make this a reality. (Philippians 1-3)

Therefore, you need to make this a reality now. So instead of fighting with those around you, you’ll treat them and love them like family the way Jesus did. Instead of being angry all the time, you’ll find joy regardless of your circumstances. Instead of suffering from anxiety, you’ll take your concerns to God because you know that He’ll do something about them. He will protect you emotionally and mentally, thus giving you an inexplicable peace. Instead of thinking through problems on your own, you’ll rely on Christ’s thinking, on His mind which will give you thoughts that are noble, virtuous, and praiseworthy. You will sense that the God of peace is with you because He is. Instead of thinking of yourself and what you need, you’ll offer those in need everything you have because you know that God will always provide what you lack. In short, you will learn how to be content no matter what. Whether you have it all or not, you will be able to do all things through Christ who strengthens you.

III. Conclusion

Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,