

# PHILIPPIANS ... > JOY IN CHRIST <

## CHAPTER 2

God's grace produces real results.

Gospel Advancement at all Costs

Press toward the Goal

How would you define 'humility'?

Focus 1 – 4 ...

Encouragement –

United with Christ –

One in spirit and purpose –

Look to the interests of others –

Focus 5 – 11 ...

Nature God –

Made himself nothing –

Obedient to death ... on a cross –

God exalted him –

Confess Jesus as Lord –

Focus 12 – 18 ...

Work out your salvation –

Fear and trembling –

God who works in you –

See also Ephesians 2:8-10

His good purpose –

See also Romans 8:28

Without complaining or arguing –

Shine like stars –

See also Matthew 5:13-16

Hold out the word of life –

See also Acts 1:8

Poured out like a drink offering –

Focus 19 – 30 ...

Genuine interest in your welfare –

Fellow soldier –

Onward Christian soldiers, Marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe; Forward into battle See his banners go!

Onward Christian soldiers, Marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

*Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God; Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.*

*We are not divided, All one body we, One in hope and doctrine, One in charity.*

*Onward Christian soldiers, Marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus Going on before.*

Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane, But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain.

Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail; We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail.

Onward Christian soldiers, Marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

*Onward, then, ye faithful; Join the happy throng, Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song:*

*Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ the King; This through countless ages Saints and angels sing.*

*Onward Christian soldiers, Marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus Going on before.*

For the help you could not give me –

#### Discussion:

Agree or Disagree. Attitude is everything.

Comment. We are saved by what Jesus has done for us, yet showing ourselves to be on His side can only help solidify our position in heaven.

What words in the Apostles' Creed express the teaching regarding the Humiliation and the Exaltation of Jesus?

(underline six & five)

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

What makes the death of Jesus even more incredible for you to comprehend?

What confidence does this section of Scripture give to you while living in this world, which at times reveals its hostility and rebellion more than at other times?

Comment. It is okay to be a once a week Christian.

What are some things we can do and/or teach to maintain/achieve respect for God and His ways?

Comment. It is always characteristic of human nature to minimize one's own weaknesses and to exaggerate one's own strengths.

Think about it...Triumph over self is the great necessity for believers who truly desire to put their Christian faith into practice.

What are some topics which can derail a congregation from its God-given mission?

What is 'legitimate anxiety'?

Think about it...The Lord graciously promises that in eternity He will acknowledge lives of self-sacrificing service as evidences that believers were truly loyal to Him. And, even though they do not deserve any reward, He will reward believers for lowly, humble service. We call that the 'reward of grace'.

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## CHAPTER 3

Attitude = Christ Jesus.

Shine Like Stars.

Willing to risk life.

How would you define 'confidence'?

Focus 1 – 11 ...

Repetition is the...

Those dogs –

Circumcision –

Put no confidence in the flesh –

Profit - loss –

Rubbish –

Know Christ –

2 Peter 3:18

Romans 6:1-4

Focus 12 - 21:

Christ Jesus took hold of me –

Forgetting –

Straining toward –

Press toward the goal –

Win the prize –

God has called me –

Mature –

Hebrews 5:11-6:3, 12

Pattern we gave –

Psalm 78:1-4

Enemies of the cross –

Citizenship is in heaven –

Transform our lowly bodies –

Discussion:

What is the Doctrine of Fellowship?

Romans 16:17

I John 4:1

1 Corinthians 5:6

2 Corinthians 6:14

1 Corinthians 1:21-25

Is there a time when it becomes necessary for us to 'brag' about our faith?

Would you say we are a 'goal-driven society'? Why does the goal mentioned here miss the 'radar'?