



THE STABILITY OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Philippians 4:1-7

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Good morning Church! Paul reveals his deep love for the Philippian believers. The Greek term for "longed-for" refers to the deep pain of separation from loved ones. Paul didn't base his joy on circumstances, but from his fellow believers in Philippi. These believers were proof that Paul's efforts were successful.

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"Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. 2 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."

1. The STABILITY of the Christian Depends Upon Our RESPONSE to The Lord's PRESENCE.

- Spiritual stability helps GUARD the INTEGRITY of Christian TESTIMONY.
- Spiritual stability depends on mutual LOVE, HARMONY, & PEACE that are given by God.
- The Lord's PRESENCE is with US.

*"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful." **Colossians 3:15***

*"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. 19 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. 20 The Lord preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy." **Psalms 145:18-20***

2. The STABILITY of the Christian Depends Upon Genuine PRAYERS and Trusting PEACE.

- WORRY indicates a lack of TRUST in God's wisdom, sovereignty, or power.

*“Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ **32** For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. **33** But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”*

Matthew 6:26-33

- DELIGHTING in the Lord and MEDITATING on His Word bring RELIEF to to anxiety.

*“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; 2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.” **Psalm 1:1-2***

- God's PEACE surpasses ALL understanding.

If we are following Jesus Christ, God guards our whole inner being (heart & mind) with His peace from all anxiety, doubt, fear and distress. We have unwavering confidence that God is able and willing to do what is best for His children. Even if we don't understand, we can trust Him & have peace.

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*