

# PHILIPPIANS

## Rejoice

### May 15, 2022

Philippians 1:3–11 | *“Abounding Love”*

As we continue to consider what it means to pursue our mission to “embody Jesus in our neighbourhoods,” we turn to a small letter from the apostle Paul to the churches in Philippi. Paul begins his letter to them with a prayer for them. Namely, that they would continue to abound in love. Abounding in love seems to be the whole key to the Christian life. Let’s find out why.

### May 22, 2022

Philippians 1:12–30 | *“He Took the Road Less Travelled”*

Life has a way of dishing out some pretty difficult and restricting circumstances. Unexpected events, dashed dreams, opportunities hindered by restrictions beyond our control, all change the best plans that we have made for our lives and our future. How do we respond to these surprises that change the course and events of our lives? Do we have choices? The Apostle Paul finds himself in a very difficult and potentially life-threatening situation. How does he respond by the power of the gospel in his situation? Today we too can be encouraged by the good example of the Apostle Paul.

### May 29, 2022

Philippians 2:1–11 | *“Running on Empty”*

Christianity is not simply a collection of truths to be believed. Nor is it all about how a person can get to heaven after they die. Instead, Christianity is a whole new way of living that is at odds with the way of the world. Right at the centre of this new life is the cross and resurrection of Jesus. Just as Jesus willingly humbled himself so God might receive glory, we are to follow after him with this same mindset. Only in this way will we have true joy.

### June 5, 2022

Philippians 2:12–18 | *“Work It Out”*

Salvation is a free gift of God that cannot be earned. It comes through faith in Christ alone. However, we still have an active role to play. We must participate with God’s grace to intentionally ensure that this gift of salvation transforms our entire person. Only as we are being transformed will our works become guiding lights to our neighbours pointing to God.

### June 12, 2022

Philippians 3:1–11 | *“Give It All Up”*

Christians often have a bad reputation because we can be negative about the human person. Of course, proper Christianity has nothing to do with hating people. What we are emphasizing is that we cannot begin to think that we have something to offer God that would make him save us. Even the best of us will not make us right with God. Only dependance on Jesus’s person and work will make us God’s children.

### June 19, 2022

Philippians 3:12–4:1 | *“Keep Moving Forward”*

So many things can get in our way of pursuing our life in Christ. Paul’s sage advice is to keep moving forward with a single-minded focus. Don’t let anything get in the way of finally receiving the resurrected life to come.