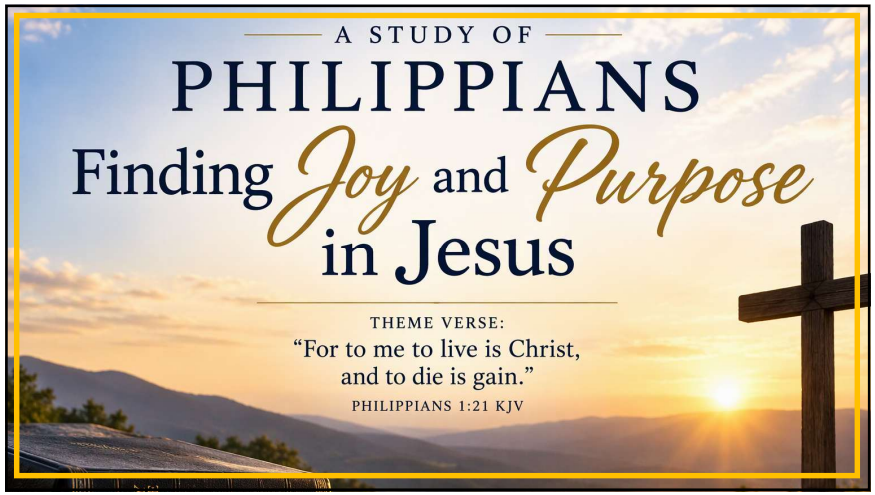


1

Study Overview

- In Ecclesiastes, we learned that life apart from God is vanity & that earthly pursuits cannot provide lasting satisfaction.
- In Philippians, Paul teaches believers how to experience true joy, peace, purpose & contentment through a relationship with Jesus.

2

Study Overview

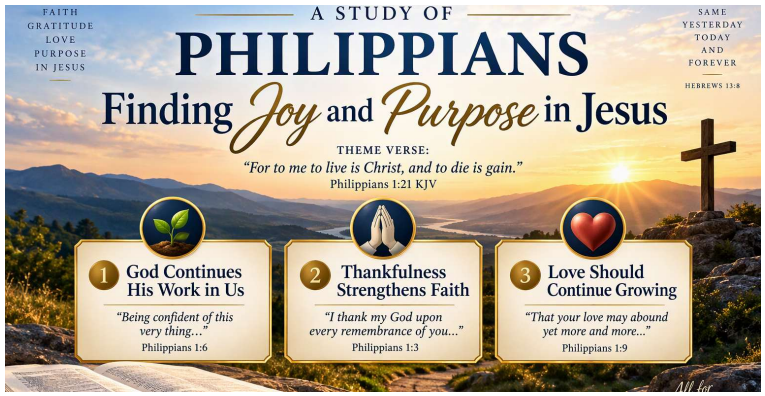
- Although Paul wrote Philippians while imprisoned, he repeatedly encouraged believers to
  - Rejoice in the Lord
  - Trust God in every circumstance
  - Keep their eyes on eternity

3

Study Overview

- In this study we will discover how to
  - Live faithfully
  - Finish well
  - Maintain hope & purpose during the later seasons of life

4



5

Philippians 1 KJV

1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: 2 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, 5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; 6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

6

Philippians 1 KJV

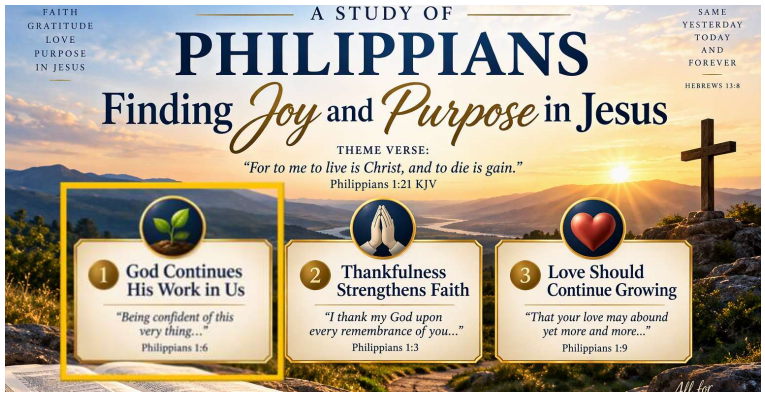
7 Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace. 8 For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ. 9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; 10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ. 11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

7

Theme

True joy and lasting purpose are found in Jesus Christ as we trust God's continuing work in our lives, cultivate thankful hearts, and grow in Christlike love regardless of our circumstances.

8



9

God Continues His Work in Us

- God began His good work in every believer.

6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: (Philippians 1:6 KJV)

- He continues shaping us throughout our lives.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. (Romans 8:29 KJV)

10

God Continues His Work in Us

- Spiritual growth does not end with age.

12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. 13 Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. 14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; (Psalm 92:12-14 KJV)

11

God Continues His Work in Us

- God's grace sustains us daily.

9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (2 Corinthians 12:9 KJV)

12

God Continues His Work in Us

- Jesus will complete His work when He returns.

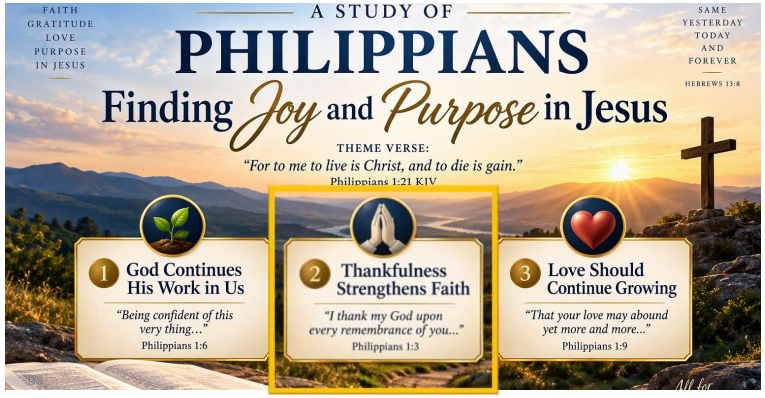
6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: (Philippians 1:6 KJV)

13

Discussion Questions

- How have you seen God work in your life over the years?
- What spiritual lessons have become more important with age?
- How does knowing God is still working in you bring comfort?

14



15

Thankfulness Strengthens Faith

- Paul thanked God for fellow believers.

3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, (Philippians 1:3 KJV)

- Remembering God's blessings encourages gratitude.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: (Psalm 103:2 KJV)

16

Thankfulness Strengthens Faith

- Thankfulness helps overcome discouragement.

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
(1 Thessalonians 5:18 KJV)

- Gratitude draws us closer to God.

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.
(Colossians 3:15 KJV)

17

Thankfulness Strengthens Faith

- Thankful hearts honor the Lord.

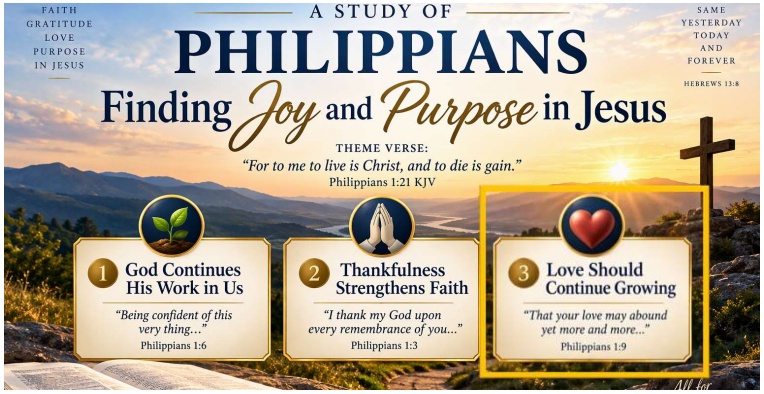
4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. (Psalm 100:4 KJV)

18

Discussion Questions

- What blessings are easiest to overlook?
- How can gratitude improve daily life?
- Why is thankfulness important during difficult seasons?

19



20

Love Should Continue Growing

- Christian love grows through God's help.

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; (Philippians 1:9 KJV)

- Love is a mark of discipleship.

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. (John 13:35 KJV)

21

Love Should Continue Growing

- Love seeks the good of others.

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7 KJV)

22

Love Should Continue Growing

- Love strengthens Christian fellowship.

14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. (Colossians 3:14 KJV)

- Love reflects God's character.

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. (1 John 4:7-8 KJV)

23

Discussion Questions

- How can seniors demonstrate Jesus' love daily?
- What makes loving difficult people challenging?
- How does love strengthen a community?

24

Practical Applications

- Trust that God is still working in your life.
- Thank God each day for His blessings.
- Look for reasons to be grateful, even in difficult times.
- Tell someone "thank you" this week.
- Show Jesus' love through a kind word or action.
- Pray that your love for God & others will grow.

25



26

Demonstrating God's Love

- Greet others with a smile & a kind word - A friendly greeting can brighten someone's day.
- Pray for fellow residents & staff - Lift others up to God in daily prayer.
- Listen when someone wants to talk - Giving your attention shows care & respect.
- Encourage someone who is discouraged - Share a comforting word, Scripture, or promise from God.

27

Demonstrating God's Love

- Thank caregivers & staff members - Expressing appreciation reflects Jesus' love.
- Include someone who feels lonely - Invite them to sit with you, join an activity, or share a meal.
- Be patient & forgiving - Show grace when others are difficult or make mistakes.
- Send a card or note of encouragement - A few thoughtful words can bring great comfort.

28

Demonstrating God's Love

- Offer help when you are able - Small acts of service, such as helping a neighbor or sharing resources, demonstrate Jesus' love.
- Speak positively about others - Use words that build up rather than criticize or complain.

29