



# PHILIPPIANS

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**Title:** Philippians Part 1: Unspeakable Joy

**Speaker:** Neil Chotai

**Scripture:** Philippians 1.1-2

**Big Idea:** To have 'Unspeakable Joy' we must accept 2 spiritual blessings from God.

Paul writes to the church in Philippi addressing all members of the church:

The saints - the church members

The overseers - the spiritual leaders

The deacons - those who ministered to the needs of the church

Encouraging them to experience Joy through the blessings of:

1. Grace from God
2. Peace from God

**Other Scripture:** Acts 16, John 15.11, 2 Corinthians 12.7-9, Psalm 16.11

**Title:** Philippians Part 2: Living the Gospel Centred Life

**Speaker:** Neil Chotai

**Scripture:** Philippians 1.3-11

**Big idea:** To have a Gospel Centred Life we must actively pursue 4 priorities.

**Priority 1: Pray**

Paul, even in chains, prays for the Philippian church, and they for him.

**Priority 2: Partner with Others**

Paul and the Philippians seek to care and support each other's spiritual and physical needs.

**Priority 3: Proclaim the Gospel**

Paul commends the Philippians for proclaiming the gospel, as he is in chains for proclaiming the gospel.

**Priority 4: Persevere in the Journey**

Paul prays that the Philippians may continue to grow in knowledge and love for God.

**Other Scripture:** John 10.10, 17.21, Lev. 1-7, Ps. 133.1, Gal. 5.22, 1 Cor. 13, Col. 3.14, 2 Cor. 5.10, 1 John 3.3



**Title:** Philippians Part 3: Let Your Light Shine – Even In Difficulty

**Speaker:** Kevin Norcross

**Passage:** Philippians 1.12-18

**Big idea:** Your difficulty and struggle can be a blessing and inspiration to others.

Belong in Community

We journey together sharing with each other our joys and burdens.

Believe in the Gospel

We hear and speak the message of Jesus to each other.

Become more like Jesus

We pursue Christ likeness and serve others.



**Title:** Philippians Part 4: Empowered by the Holy Spirit.

**Speaker:** Neil Chotai

**Passage:** Philippians 1.19-26

**Big idea:** There are 3 empowerments that the Holy Spirit gives us to live out our journey.

1. Strength for Deliverance – [Philippians 1.19](#)
2. Courage to Exalt God – [Philippians 1.20-23](#)
3. Service in the Faith – [Philippians 1.24-26](#)

[Philippians 1.21](#), “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain”

Do you have this assurance of eternal life?

**Other Scripture:** Eph 4.16, Job 13.16, Matt. 10.20, Mark 13.11, Luke 12.11-12, 1 Thess. 4.17, 5.10, 1 Cor. 11.28

## **Title:** Philippians Part 5: Markers of a Gospel Centered Community

**Speaker:** Corey Brown

**Passage:** Philippians 1.27-30

**Big idea:** To live as Gospel Centered Citizens we must maintain 3 Gospel “S”s.

1. Stand Firm Together – [Philippians 1.27](#)
2. Saved by God in Opposition – [Philippians 1.28](#)
3. Suffer for Christ Willingly – [Philippians 1.29-30](#)

“When you STAND firm in the reality of the gospel, it shows to the world that you’re SAVED. And because you are Saved, the reality is that the Gospel Centered Christian will SUFFER for Christ.”

**Other Scripture:** John 15:18-19 & 16:7, Mat. 10:24 & 16:24, Eph. 6:12, 2 Tim. 3:12, 1 Peter 4:13-14

## **Title:** Philippians Part 6: The Mind of Christ: Humility

**Speaker:** Corey Brown

**Passage:** Philippians 2.1-11

**Big idea:** The Christian life should exude Jesus centered humility.

1. Share the mind of Christ in Unity – [Philippians 2.1-4](#)  
Because we are in Christ, we experience encouragement, comfort, participations, affection, and tenderness
2. Model the Humility of Christ in his incarnation – [Philippians 2.5-8](#)  
“Jesus is capable to do and will whatever he wishes. He is all powerful, all wise, fully transcendent. Yet, he chooses to take on mankind, he chooses to live within the boundaries of humanity. Jesus does not subtract his deity but instead adds humanity and becomes the God-man, being both fully God and fully man.”
3. Exalt Christ in his Resurrected Glory – [Philippians 2.9-11](#)  
Because Jesus was willing to empty himself, God was pleased to exalt him to the highest place of honour.

**Other Scripture:** Mark 10:45, Matthew 4:2-4.



# Title: Philippians Part 7: How to 'Work Out' Your Salvation

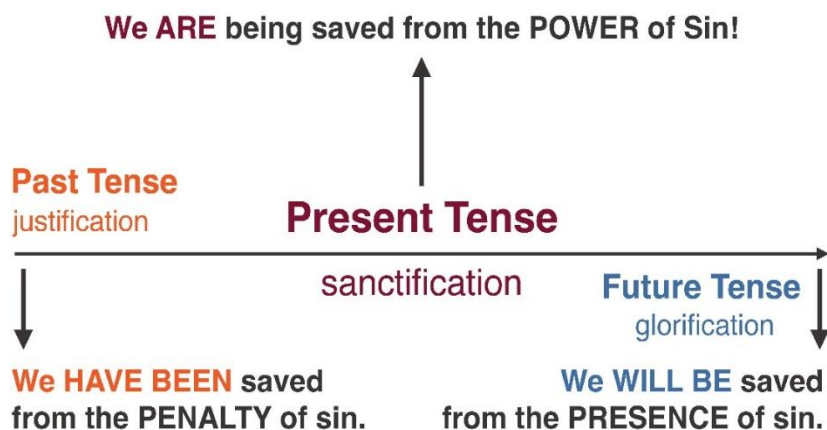
Speaker: Charles Stone

Passage: Philippians 2.12-18

Big idea: What God has already worked in us through salvation, we must work out in 5 ways

We work out our salvation when we...

1. Obey God, regardless of circumstance
2. Take our faith seriously
3. Check our attitude
4. Live a godly lifestyle
5. Please our leaders



Other Scripture: Eph. 2.8-9, Titus 3.5, James 2.17, Eph. 2.10, 2 Cor. 5.17, Heb. 13.17, John 15.9-14

# Title: Philippians Part 8: Character Matters

Speaker: Charles Stone

Passage: Philippians 2.19-30

Big idea: The Apostle Paul illustrates five character traits Jesus wants to build into your life.

## Character Traits

1. Heart Filler
2. Authentic
3. Other's Focused
4. Testable Faith
5. Emotionally Self-aware

## Opposite Traits

1. Heart Drainer
2. Façade Like
3. Self-focused
4. Safe & Secure "Faith"
5. Emotionally Oblivious

The Christian lives in Christ as a bird in the air, a fish in the water, the roots of a tree in the soil.

Other Scripture: Philippians 1:15

**Title:** Philippians Part 9: How to Pull Out of One

**Speaker:** Charles Stone

**Passage:** Philippians 3.1-11

**Big idea:** When you're stuck in a spiritual rut, remember what's on your spiritual resume, or should be.

If you are in a spiritual rut...

1. Review your spiritual resume.
2. Remove what shouldn't be there. (Everything)
3. Turn to the only one who should be on your resume, **Jesus**.

What's on your spiritual resume that shouldn't be there?

**Other Scripture:** Romans 1.16, 2.29

**Title:** Philippians Part 10: Finishing Life Well

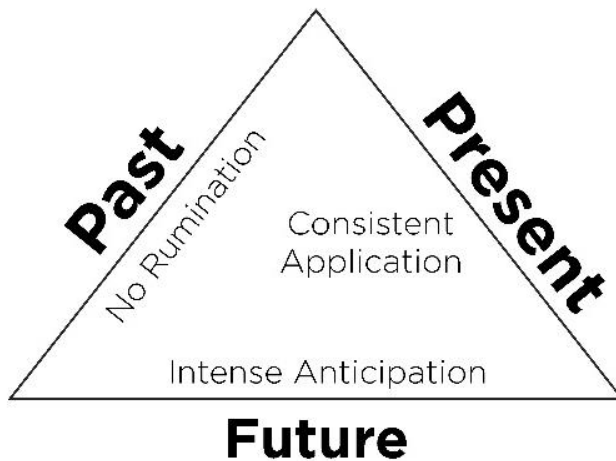
**Speaker:** Charles Stone

**Passage:** Philippians 3.12-21

**Big idea:** Finishing well in life requires specific action in three time horizons.

No Rumination

*Don't dismiss the past, but don't dwell in past failure or success.*



Consistent Application

*Apply what you already know about finishing well.*

Intense Anticipation

*Keep your eyes on Jesus and seek to honor and please him.*

**Other Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 11:1

**Title:** Philippians Part 11: Standing Firm against the Battles of Life

**Speaker:** Charles Stone

**Passage:** Philippians 4.1-9

**Big idea:** We can strong in life's battles when we take both external and internal steps.



**Other Scripture:** Ephesians 6.10-11, 1 Peter 5.7, Psalm 125.1

**Title:** Philippians Part 12: Joy's Fertilizer

**Speaker:** Charles Stone

**Passage:** Philippians 4.10-23

**Big idea:** We fertilize the life of joy through our generosity in 4 ways

“God loves a cheerful giver.” - 2 Corinthians 9.7

1. Keep the right **Perspective** about money.
2. View giving as a **Partnership** with God to spread the Gospel.
3. Enjoy the **Pleasure** that giving brings.
4. Practice a consistent **Pattern** of generosity.

**Other Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 9.7, Acts 16.14, Luke 12.48, 1 Timothy 6.17, Matthew 6.20,  
2 Corinthians 9.6, Proverbs 19.17, Proverbs 11.25