

The Joyful Journey
PART I
The Pursuit of Happiness
Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Introduction:

"But I still haven't found what I'm looking for." - U2

Paul's Letter to the Philippians announces that:

1. Joy is **Divine**.

- *God is Joyful*
- *God Essentially produces Joy*

2. Joy is **Available**.

- *God's Objective...*
- *God's Provision...*
- *God's Command...*

3. Joy **Changes** Everything.

- *The Call to Growth & Faithfulness in Philippians*
- *The Course of Growth & Faithfulness in Philippians*

4. Joy Transcends all External **Circumstances**.

- *Paul*
- *Epaphroditus*
- *The Philippians*
- *All of Us*

Philippians 1:1-11

1 Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ,
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, 5 for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; 7 just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. 8 For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ. 9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, 10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, 11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.