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*Phil 2:5-11* Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Phil 3:10* I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection...

*Phil 3:13* ...Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on...

*Phil 4:4* Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

*Phil 4:6-7* Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

*Phil 4:8* ...whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.

*Phil 4:13* I can do everything through him who gives me strength. NIV

### 8 'practical' truths from the letter to the Philippians

What is one overall key thought in this letter? 1:18; 2:17, 18; 4:4

**It's a letter of joy in the Lord. Rejoice, regardless of your circumstances. Rejoice!**

What is your analysis of Paul's prayer for the Philippians? 1:9-11

1) What is Paul's famous *philosophy of life*? 1:21; 1:20-24 see 1:27a

**For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. Live or die, it's all to His glory.**

2) And what is his famous *standard for attitude*? 2:5-11

**Have the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus, ...gave up 'rights' as God, to die for us.**

How does this apply to us in our day-to-day living?

3) What was the *consuming desire* of Paul's heart? 3:10

**I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and fellowship of His sufferings.**

4) How did this work in Paul's life? What's his famous *encouragement* here? 3:13-14

**Forgetting what's behind, straining toward what's ahead, I press on to win the prize...**

What is the fundamental truth that lets Paul say/do this? IJn.1:5-10; Rom.2:12-15; Rev.12:10

**In Christ, ALL sin is forgiven. This is NOT teaching a license to sin! Rom.6:1-15**

5) What is Paul's famous admonition to believers in *how to live*? 4:4

**Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say, Rejoice! This in spite of circumstances.**

6) What is his '*cure*' for stress? 4:6

**Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer/petition w/thanksgiving offer prayer.**

7) And his guide for *discipline in our life*? 4:8

**Think about whatever is lovely/admirable/excellent/praiseworthy. Think of such things.**

8) And, finally, where does he get the *strength to do all these things*? 4:13

**I can do all things through Christ, Who strengthens me. The Divine Co-operative!**

May we each abide in Him for the strength to serve Him.

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