

Phil. 4:1 Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

4:2 I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

4:3 And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life.

4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

4:5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

4:7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy-meditate on these things.

4:9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

From today's sermon.

We are finally at the last chapter of the book of Philippians. The following famous and comforting verse has appeared.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. But in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Then the peace of God, which no human being can possibly know, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.

We are easily worried, anxious, concerned, fretful, struggling, and apprehensive. But we are the ones who have been led to believe in God. Instead of worry, the Bible tells us, we can give thanks, which is the opposite of worry. For we can hope in God through Christ Jesus, who loved us enough to give his life for us. We can tell God the thoughts, concerns, pains, and worries of our hearts without hiding them. God listens. God listens and leads us to what is best. He leads us to gratitude. Therefore, we can always be thankful ahead of time.

God's peace is with us, far exceeding our minds, thoughts, attitudes, postures, ideas, intentions, wills, purposes, understandings, and discernments, watching over and protecting our minds, thoughts, spirits, order, paths, plans, and schemes. That is His precious will for us in Jesus. So we can live worthy lives before God in fullness and generosity.

Good morning everyone. We are now in the last chapter of Philippians, and with today's talk, we will have only three more talks from this book. Let's read on, paying attention to what Paul has to say to us in the last part of the book.

Let's look back at the previous verses, where he says, "Therefore, my beloved brethren," and let's read the following verses

3:20 But our nationality is in heaven. 3:20 But our nationality is in heaven; from there we are looking forward to the coming of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

3:21 He will change our lowly body into the same form as his glorious body, by the working of his power, which is able to subdue all things unto himself.

4:1 Therefore, my beloved brethren, I love you. 4:1 Therefore, my beloved brethren, whom I love and adore, you are my joy and my crown. Stand firm in the Lord.

He will change our lowly bodies into the same form as His glorious body. Low, lowly status. A very ordinary, simple, or humiliating, embarrassing, or disfiguring situation. It may mean that we are not overly lowly of ourselves, but that we are merely insignificant. Or it may be saying that if we compare ourselves to the same form of God's own glorious body, we are insignificant and lowly. Our place is ultimately in heaven, and although we are just a common, humble, lowly rather than opportune position and status, failing, humiliated, disgraced, disgraced, and humiliated in our own inchoate and undefined inadequacies and imperfections, when we come to heaven, we will finally have a place in God's kingdom, and we will be able to live in heaven. How exciting and joyful it is to know that we, who have received a place in heaven, will finally be made "the same form as the body of His glory," and that we are assured of receiving such an unmerited honor.

Therefore, Paul tells us to stand firm in the Lord, not wavering, because we are placed in such a situation.

He says, "My beloved brethren, you are my joy and my crown. My beloved ones who are my joy and my crown.

Even though we are weak and fragile, Paul says, "My beloved brethren, whom I love and adore, you are my joy and my crown. My beloved ones who are my joy and my crown. This is the ally that God sees.

Isaiah 43:1 Thus says the Lord who created you, O Jacob. Now thus says the LORD who made you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have glorified you; I have called your name, and you have loved me. I have called your name, and you are mine."

43:2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee. When thou passest through the midst of the rivers, they shall not overflow thee. When thou goest through fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame consume thee.

43:3 I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy deliverer. I will give Egypt to be thy propitiation, and Ethiopia and Sheba for thee.

43:4 Thou art precious and esteemed in my sight: for I love thee, and will give man in thy stead, and a people in the place of thy life.

43:4 Thou art costly and precious in my sight: for I love thee, and I will give thee a man in thy stead, and a people in thy stead. I love thee, and I will give thee to the nations, for I love thee.
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In Philippians 4:1, the words "beloved, dear" are repeated indeed twice, "adore, seek," and "my joy, my crown."

The word "crown" reminds us of something glorious, something like an Olympic award ceremony to honor, or a more prestigious coronation of a king, but that glorious, prestigious crown is us, and Paul is pleased to crown us as a sign of his honor, saying that we are honored without shame. Around here, you can really feel the depth of his affection. But this kind of speech was written in the book of Exodus as a message of God's love.

Exodus 19:4 "You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I brought you to me on eagles' wings.

19:5 So if you will truly obey my voice and keep my covenant, you will be my treasure above all people. For the whole earth is my possession.

19:6 Ye shall be a kingdom of priests unto me, and a holy nation. These are the words you shall speak to the people of Israel.

Deuteronomy 7:6 You shall be a holy people to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples of the earth to be his treasured people.

7:7 The LORD loved you and chose you, not because you were more in number than any nation, but because you were a people of the LORD your God. For you were the least number of all the people of the tares; and you were the most numerous of all the people of the tares.

7:8 Only because the LORD loved you, and because he wanted to keep the oath which he

swore to your fathers, he led you out with a strong hand, and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, out of the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

7:9 Therefore you must know. The LORD thy God, the LORD thy God, the God of truth, loveth him, and keepeth his covenant unto them that keep his commandments, and giveth grace unto them, unto a thousand generations,

7:10 And that they that hate him shall be destroyed in recompense each one of them. 32:9 And the LORD will not spare those who hate him, but will recompense each one individually; and the LORD will not spare those who hate him, but will recompense each one individually. 32:9 For the LORD's portion is his people, and Jacob is his appointed inheritance.

32:10 The LORD found him in the land of the wilderness, and met him in the wasteland where the beasts roared, and compassed him about, and guarded him as the eye of an eye.

32:11 And I will call up the chicks of their nests, and will soar over their young, and will spread out my wings and carry them, and will bear them on my wings,

32:12 And the Lord alone led him, and there were no other gods.

1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen race, a kingdom of priests, a holy nation, a people for God 1

Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen race, a nation of priests, a holy nation, a people unto God, that ye might speak of his works, which hath brought you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

2:10 Formerly ye were not God's people, but now ye are God's people; formerly ye were without mercy, but now ye have received mercy.

Stand firm in the Lord.

4:2 I exhort Y'huodaea, and I exhort S'ntkeh. Please be of one mind in the Lord.

I believe that our life of faith is a series of shaking of our feet. The ground shakes and we stagger, unable to stand our ground. We wobble left and right. God used Paul and Silas here in Philippi (Acts 16) to firmly lay the foundation of the gospel. They saved a woman who had been possessed by the spirit of divination and who was being held back by those who wanted to use her power to make money, and when they were imprisoned, the earth trembled and the prison doors were opened, but the prisoners never escaped because of their fear of God's work that appeared to Paul and Silas, and the guards also saw God's work and The jailer also saw God's work and baptized his family in Jesus.

In the Lord, who is the firm foundation, we are protected in His hand even when we are shaken and dropped into difficulties.

In the midst of all this, there was concern in the church. Two women, Yuwodea and Suntke, were at odds with each other. Were they both excellent workers? Was it because of this that they had different ideas? Or was it rivalry? At the beginning of the church, they must have supported each other even though they were both inexperienced. However, as time progressed, their positions became different, differences in thinking emerged, and irreconcilable differences arose. However, Paul did not want to leave it at that.

Paul did not want to leave it at that. "Please be of one mind in the Lord." It was Christ Jesus who, through His own precious life, reconciled those who were at enmity with one another. He reconciled the rebellious people, the people who were hostile to God, who were separated from God by sin. And a people separated from God by sin.

Ephesians 2:11 Remember, therefore, that you were once a people in the flesh, but now you are a people in the Spirit. For ye were formerly Gentiles according to the flesh, called uncircumcised, by them that are called the circumcised of the flesh, who did it with their hands; and ye are now called the Gentiles according to the flesh, by them that are called the circumcised of the flesh, who did it with their hands,

2:12 And at that time you were without Christ, and without the nationality of Israel, and without the various covenants which were promised to you, and without hope and without God in this world.

2:13 But thus were ye before far off, but now are ye in Christ Jesus, and have become near by the blood of Christ.

2:14 For Christ is our peace, who has made two things one, and has removed the middle wall of separation, which is enmity, by his own flesh,

2:15 He has laid aside the law of commandments, which consisted of numerous regulations.

2:15 For he hath made peace in him, having made peace between the two in one new man,

2:16 And by the cross he reconciled them to God as one body, and destroyed enmity by crucifixion.

4:3 Therefore, O true cooperator! I implore you. Help these two women. These are the women who fought with me for the gospel in cooperation with Clement, whose name is written in the "Book of Life," and with the other workers.

In this letter, Paul asks those "true co-workers" to intercede with these women. It was a crisis for the church to have these women, whose names were written in the "book of life" because of Christ's redemption and who had fought with me for the gospel in cooperation with other

co-workers, continue to be in the midst of quarrels with each other. Some people may think that disagreements are inevitable, no matter how big they are within the church, and that once such a situation arises, there is nothing left to do but to give up trying to repair the damage. However, this is not appropriate for a church united by Christ. It would seriously damage the church's very identity.

So, although it is a disgrace to their honor for their names to be revealed to us to this day, I believe that Paul is bold enough to write here so that those who originally did great work might be honored for their work in the praise of God, beyond any small rancor. I believe that Paul is boldly sending this message. This is a theme that we should deeply consider in our churches today.

4:4 Rejoice ye always in the Lord. Again I say to you, rejoice.

4:5 Show your forbearance to everyone. The Lord is near.

Rejoice, rejoice!

This is a message that has often appeared in this letter.

Now I say to you, rejoice in the Lord, and once again I will say in the future (future tense), rejoice.

Rejoice, this is our faith. Joy is what Jesus and God give to us as we gather in His Church. We can continue to rejoice in Him now and in the future.

So we can be generous in our overflowing joy and gratitude. We can be gentle, soft, gentle, kind, attentive, patient, generous, compassionate, careful, and thoughtful. For the coming of the Lord is near, and the time of our labors is about to be fulfilled. It is in this time of the end that we will reveal our full and God-filled character, along with the joy that fills us. Not in strife and quarrels, for we are one in Christ. We are to rejoice together and help each other to create a church-like atmosphere.

4:6 Do not be anxious about anything. But in everything, with thanksgiving, with prayer and supplication, present your requests to God.

This is a wonderfully gracious verse.

Anxiety, worry, concern. The Bible tells us that we have no need of these things.

Our daily lives are filled with these things. Anxiety, worry, concern. Anxiety, worry, concern.

Worry, worry, worry.

We wake up in the morning and wonder if we are feeling okay. Is my work, my community,

my relationships okay? Will I be dragged down at work or in the community? Am I being looked down upon? Will the company survive? Will my family's economy collapse? Is my future secure? Is each family member moving forward safely? Are the family members united in their hearts and thoughts? Are they not falling apart? We are concerned about the past, worried about the present, and anxious about the future. The Bible clearly tells us not to worry.

Just offer up your prayers and supplications with thanksgiving for everything, and present your requests to God.

Pray and ask. If you have time to worry, offer your prayers and petitions to the living God. That is our way of life. There is no use in being anxious. And in the past, our life was just an inevitable, ineffectual repetition. But now the way is open for us to pray to the One who loves us. This One loves us all. He does not spare us what we need. How grateful we are! We can speak our petitions to such a God with gratitude. What a blessing it is to be able to ask God joyfully, believing, hoping, and rejoicing.

Instead of fearfully approaching God and whispering to ourselves, "Please don't be angry with me, I have asked you over and over again and you have not answered me," thinking that our requests will not be answered in any case, we can approach a loving God with thanksgiving. Instead, we can approach a loving God with joy and gratitude and offer our petitions with expectation and thanksgiving. Why are we so anxious, worried, and downcast as if God is not present?

4:7 Then the peace of God, which no human knowledge can possibly measure, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.

Human knowledge. Human knowledge. This is the tricky part. What is human knowledge? What is human wisdom? Human knowledge. This word has the following meaning. Our mind, thoughts, attitudes, posture, ideas, intentions, will, purpose, understanding, and discernment.

It means that we are skilled in human knowledge. This is a wonderful thing. We are excellent in our minds and thoughts. Excellent in attitude, attitude, and thought. Excellent in intention, purpose, and will. They have great understanding and discernment. You could say that these people have the conditions for success.

But God's wisdom far surpasses this "human wisdom," human wisdom. The peace that comes from God in his mercy, love, and power. Peace based on peace of mind and God's forgiveness.

This is the one who watches over and protects our hearts and thoughts, our minds, our spirits, our order, our paths, our plans and initiatives. God has a plot, a plan, a design for our lives. Our lives, our hearts, and our thoughts are protected by God. We are thankful for this.

4:8 Finally, brethren. If anything is true, if anything is honorable, if anything is right, if anything is pure, if anything is lovely, if anything is praiseworthy, if anything is called virtuous or praiseworthy, take heed to these things.

4:9 Whatsoever ye have learned from me, and have received, and have heard, and have seen, do this, and the God of peace will be with you. Then the God of peace will be with you.

In the end, it is all about seeking God, believing, learning, offering our requests with thanksgiving, and asking for guidance. All that is true, all that is honorable, all that is right, all that is pure, all that is lovely, all that is praiseworthy, and all that is virtuous and praiseworthy are about God and flow from Him.

Put into practice what you have learned. Do not just listen. Do not be timid or walk without strength, as if you knew but did not know, but stand firm and walk strongly in Jesus. What you have learned from me, what you have received, what you have heard and what you have seen, do it. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Guided by the Lord's grace, peace, filling and protection, we hope to be powerful witnesses this week, showing our generous hearts of love.

Prayer; Heavenly Father, we thank you for today's worship. Thank you so much for the fact that God watches over and protects all of our thoughts, our heart's attitude, our intentions, our purposes, our understanding far beyond our understanding, the course of our lives, our conception, and our plans. Because of His perfect protection, we can proceed with a broad, generous, kind, and generous heart. Thank you so much for filling our lives with good things and giving us hope. Please guide all sufferers into God's salvation and peace. Bless our families and the people in our community. Use us. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.