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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your willingness to go through this study of Philippians. We will be looking at not only what the text says but looking at it through an “in Christ” versus an “in self” filter as well as personal application. I pray the Lord will open your eyes in new and deeper ways as you go through Philippians.

Meditation of Scripture

If the idea of meditation is new to you, it means to engage the Spirit of God to give you personal revelation of a scripture(s). It involves being quiet before the Lord and allowing Him to insert whatever thoughts He wants to share. Meditation is a crucial part of the revelation and transformation process.

Revelation

Since I will be using the word “revelation” throughout the study I want to define what I mean when I use this word. “Revelation” simply means the Holy Spirit supernaturally takes His truth and makes it personal to you and to your life situations. Revelation takes you from intellectual understanding to spiritual understanding of God’s truth.

Information - Revelation - Application - Transformation

Think about these four words as you go through Philippians.

- **Information** – for you to know intellectually what God’s word says.
- **Revelation** – for the Holy Spirit to give you personal revelation of His word.
- **Application** – depending on God to give you the willingness to apply His truth in every area of your life.
- **Transformation** – into Christ-likeness will be the result.

As important as it is to know the Biblical information (God's truth), we must seek the Holy Spirit to give us revelation and then depend on God to give us the willingness, understanding and discernment to apply it to our lives. The result will be spiritual transformation.

Focus Of This Study

My purpose in this study is to help you see God's word in light of the meaning of Christ being our Life. Therefore, before we get into Philippians, I will first lay a foundation of what it means to find Life from Christ. We will continue building on that foundation by looking at what it means and how to grow into Christ-likeness and finally look at how we read scripture through an "in Christ" filter versus an "in self" filter. As we go through Philippians, we will be applying these three foundational truths to various passages.

CHAPTER ONE

Finding Life From Christ

Introduction

Let's begin laying the foundation by looking at what it means to find life "from Christ." We will start with this truth.

***Either we are living the Christian life
"FROM SELF" or "FROM CHRIST."***

When we talk about living the Christian life, the key word is "source." This word has many meanings: produce, provide, supply and initiate. When it comes to living the Christian life, there are two sources: you or Christ. If you are the source to live the Christian life, this is called living "from self." If Christ is your Source, this is called living "from Christ." Let's start with looking at what it means to live the Christian life from self.

Living The Christian Life "FROM SELF"

Living the Christian life "from self" means:

It is up to YOU as the SOURCE using your intellect, IQ, ability, self-discipline, willpower and Biblical knowledge with GOD'S HELP to PRODUCE the Christian life.

Let's look at some examples to explain the definition.

If you are the source, it is up to you with God's help to:

- Take God's word and consistently do what it says.
- Consistently keep God's commands.
- Produce spiritual victory and freedom.
- Set yourself free from your sinful behaviors.

- Produce victory over your strongholds.
- Transform yourself.

Concerning this list, think about these two questions: If you have been trying to accomplish these things, how well is that working for you? Have you been consistently successful in accomplishing any of these things? The last question: if not, why not? Answer: Because John 8:32 ~~says~~ tells us:

*“You will know the truth and the **truth will set you free.**”*

Have you thought about the converse of this verse? If we are not being set free, doesn't that mean we are not living from the truth. Anything that is contrary to God's truth is a false belief. Think about this. If living from self is not working, then we are living from the following false belief.

***You can SUCCESSFULLY live the Christian life by
YOU being the source with God's help.***

How do we know it is a false belief? Because it is not producing freedom, victory and transformation.

The truth is that living from self as the source will only produce:

- More frustration
- More failure
- More defeat
- More bondage
- More disillusionment
- More inner turmoil
- More of the same and worse.

Can you identify? Are any of these things true of you? If so, is it possible that living from self with God's help is not the life that God intends for us to live? Therefore, let's look at living the Christian life "from Christ."

Living The Christian Life “FROM CHRIST”

Living the Christian life “from Christ” is defined this way:

***Depending on Christ as your SOURCE to
PRODUCE “THE” Christian life in you.***

To help you better understand living “from Christ,” we will look at the answers to these questions.

- **What is THE Christian life?**
- **What does it mean for Christ to be THE Christian life?**

1. What Is THE Christian Life?

If someone were to come to you and ask, “What is the Christian life?” what would you tell them? Many Christians believe THE Christian life is about keeping a set of rules or commands or having a spiritual checklist: reading the Bible, praying, going to church, serving in the church, being involved in a small group study and doing the best they can for God. Even though all of these things are biblical, is it possible that THE Christian life is something more?

- a. Look at what Jesus says about THE Christian life.

Jesus says in the following verses:

“... I AM the way, the truth, and THE LIFE...” John 14:6

“... I AM the resurrection and THE LIFE.” John 11:25

Think about these verses for a minute. What is Jesus saying? It is clear Jesus is saying that He Himself is **THE** Life. What does He mean when He says that He is **THE** Life?

He Himself is “THE” Christian life.

If this is true, THE Christian life is not a checklist of what we are to accomplish “for” God. Rather, THE Christian life is a Person, Jesus Christ, whom we are to live “from.” If you have believed that the Christian life is what we do for God, doesn’t it change how you think about the Christian life knowing it is a Person rather than a checklist you are trying to do through self-effort? To further confirm this truth let’s look at the words of Paul.

b. What Paul says about living “THE” Christian Life

Paul confirms what Jesus said about being THE Life in Philippians 1:21 when he says:

*“For me, to live **IS CHRIST....**”*

Paul confirms that living “THE” Christian life is living from Christ, which means it is not about completing a checklist, trying to keep a set of rules, trying to keep from sinning, or trying to do the best you can to live for God. For Paul, living THE Christian life is Christ Himself. He makes it even more personal in Colossians 3:4:

*“...Christ who is **YOUR** life ...”*

At this point you might be scratching your head and asking this question: “What does it mean for Christ to be THE Life and ‘your’ life?”

2. What Does It Mean For Christ To Be THE LIFE?

***Christ as THE Life and YOUR Life means that
He is the SOURCE for living life.***

We see this in 1 Corinthians 1:30:

“He is the SOURCE of your life in Christ Jesus, ...”
(Revised Standard Version)

Paul is telling us that Christ is our Source for life. When we look at this truth in light of the definition of the word “source,” at the beginning of this chapter, Jesus as our Source is our:

- Initiator (of THE Life)
- Supplier (of THE Life)
- Provider (of THE Life)
- Producer (of THE Life)

Look at these four words in light of Philippians 1:6:

“For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began (initiates) a good work in you will carry it to completion (provide, produce and supply) until the day of Christ Jesus.”

God **initiates** His work in us at salvation and, as our Source, will bring it to completion because He is the **provider, supplier and producer** of THE Life.

Let’s look at two other verses that reveal that Christ is your Source for living the Christian life:

“In Him we live and move and have our being.” Acts 17:28

“For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things....”
Romans 11:36

These are just two of many verses in the Bible that reveal to us that Christ is to be our Source for living THE Christian life.

Before we go on, let’s address the issue of God’s helping us live THE Christian life. The question was, “Will God help us live THE Christian life?” Let’s answer this question with a question.

***If Christ is your SOURCE for living THE Christian life,
WHY would He HELP you be the source?***

To clarify, if you asked God to help you, weren't you really asking Him to help you be the source? However, since He is the Source, doesn't it make sense that He will not help you be the source?

Let's look at surgery to better understand this truth. Imagine if you were having brain surgery performed on you and you came out of the anesthesia, took the scalpel from the surgeon and asked him/her to help you perform the surgery. I think we would agree that would not end well. In like manner, God is not going to help you be the source because He and He alone is the Source to produce THE Christian life in you.

Therefore, since Christ is our Source as the initiator, supplier, provider and producer should we not live "from" Him? Now that we know we are to live from Christ, let's look at the objective of living from Christ as our Source.

CHAPTER TWO

Growing Up Into Christ-Likeness

Another way of saying we are to live from Christ is to grow into Christ-likeness. Let's begin by leaning what it means to grow up spiritually.

1. What Does It Mean To Grow Up?

Growing up spiritually FROM Christ means growing into CHRIST-LIKENESS.

Let's look at four verses that reveal this. First, in Ephesians 4:15 it says:

*"Instead, we will speak the truth in love, **growing in every way more and more like Christ**, who is the head of his body, the church."*

The word "growing" in this verse means "inward spiritual growth." The second verse is Romans 8:29:

*"For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become **conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the first-born among many brethren."*

The word "conformed" means to "align our beliefs and thoughts with another or having the same form as another."

The third verse is 2 Corinthians 3:18:

*"And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being **transformed into His (Christ) likeness** with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who **Is the Spirit.**"*

The Greek word for “transformed” is “metamorphoo” which means “a change of the form or nature of a person into a completely different person by supernatural means.” It is where we get the word “metamorphosis.”

The last verse is Galatians 4:19.

*“My children, with whom I am again in labor until **Christ is formed in you.**”*

The word “formed” in the Greek means “in the same nature as.” Let’s combine these four verses to affirm that we are to grow and who we are growing into.

- “**Growing** in every way more and more **like Christ**” – Ephesians 4:15
- “**Conformed** to the **image of His Son.**” – Romans 8:29
- “**Transformed** into **His [Christ’s] likeness.**” – 2 Corinthians 3:18
- “**Christ** being **formed** in you.” – Galatians 4:15

Therefore, let’s sum up growing up spiritually this way.

Christ being FORMED in you is the result of you being CONFORMED to His image which occurs when you are being TRANSFORMED into Christ-likeness (i.e., growing to become more like Christ).

2. The Definition Of Christ-Likeness

Christ-likeness is LIVING FROM and EXPERIENCING the SUPERNATURAL characteristics of Christ in us.

The fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22, 23a is a great example of Christ-like characteristics:

“But the fruit of the Spirit is [Christ’s] love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control....”

The fruit of the Spirit is not something God gives us or that we try to produce, it is who Christ is in us (i.e., He is our love, joy, peace, etc.). We see a great example of this in Ephesians 2:14:

“For He [Christ] Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall.”

The key truth is this:

***Christ is NOT GIVING us love, joy, peace, etc.
He IS our love, joy, peace, etc.***

Here is a longer list of Christ-like characteristics:

Christ In You Is Your:

Unconditional love	Victory	Grace
Acceptance	Faith	Freedom
Patience	Strength	Peace
Forgiveness	Understanding	Security
Fearlessness	Wisdom	Discernment
Christ-confidence	Adequacy	Humility
Boldness	Righteousness	Selflessness
Rest	Compassion	Courage
Hope	Gentleness	Christ-control
Faithfulness	Power	Joy
Worth/Value	Kindness	Goodness
Affection	Respect	Thanksgiving

3. Christ-like Characteristics Are SUPERNATURAL

When we talk about Christ-like characteristics, we are not talking about human thoughts, feelings or attitudes. We are

talking about supernatural characteristics of Christ. What is meant by “supernatural” when it comes to Christ-likeness?

It means they are GOD-PRODUCED and are UNEXPLAINABLE but they can be EXPERIENTIAL.

Let’s look at this definition in light of Philippians 4:7:

“Then you will **experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand.** His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”

The peace Paul is referring to is a God-produced peace that Paul could not explain (*which exceeds anything we can understand*) because it was supernatural. Even though could not put into words a description of God’s peace, he was experiencing it. Even though Christ-like characteristics are supernatural, you can eventually experience them.

3. Key Truths About Christ-Likeness

Let’s look at three key truths about Christ-likeness.

a. We contain ALL of these Christ-like characteristics.

The first key truth is since Christ is in you, how much of Christ’s love, acceptance, humility, etc. do you contain? The answer is: all of it. How do we know? Look at Colossians 2:9, 10 for the answer.

“For in Him [Christ] **ALL the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him [Christ] you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority.**”

If we have the fullness of Christ in us and we are complete in Him then how much of His love, peace, joy, etc. do we contain? Answer: All of it.

- b. Living from Christ-likeness means Christ will meet ALL of your SPIRITUAL needs.

As we live from Christ-likeness, Christ as our Source will meet all our spiritual needs. We see this in Philippians 4:19

“And my God will meet ALL of your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ.”

When you look at the list of Christ-like characteristics on the previous page, is there anything on that list that you don’t need? I hope you would agree we need everything on that list. The good news is we don’t have to try to meet our own spiritual needs because Christ Himself is our need-meeter.

- c. Negative circumstances or relationships won’t ROB you of your Christ-likeness.

Adversity, negative relationships or circumstances can rob us of our human joy, peace, rest, etc. but living from Christ-likeness, (Christ’s love, acceptance, security, rest, etc.) means you can live from a place where adversity, negative relationships or circumstance won’t rob you of your Christ-likeness. Paul gives us a personal example of this in Colossians 1:24:

“I am overflowing with JOY in the midst of all our suffering....”

In spite of Paul’s suffering (beatings, whippings, stoning, etc.), he was experiencing a supernatural, Christ-like joy that no suffering could rob him of. We know this is a supernatural, Christ-like joy because we would not be feeling a human joy in the midst of our suffering. Now that we understand that living from Christ means growing into Christ-likeness, let’s look at how we grow up/live from Christ.

4. How Do We Grow UP - Live “From Christ?”

I believe the heart of the answer to this question is found in John 15:5:

“I AM the VINE, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit...” John 15:5a

Jesus is saying that just as the physical branch is designed to be totally dependent upon the physical vine for life, you, as a “spiritual” branch, are designed to live totally dependent upon Him, the spiritual Vine, for life. The word “abide” means **“dependence.”** Other words for “abide” are:

- Remain
- Rely on
- Draw from
- Live from

Doesn't it make sense that if Christ is our Source, then our part is to depend on Him to be our Source? That is why Jesus uses the perfect example of the branch being totally dependent on the vine for life.

So, God's design for you that allows Christ to live His life through you is:

***DEPEND ON, RELY ON and DRAW FROM
God as your Source.***

[Note: The word “bears” in John 15:5 does not mean “produce.” The word “bears” means “to carry.” The key point is the branch does not produce the fruit. The vine is the source for producing the fruit while the branch only manifests the fruit that the vine produces.]

Another word for dependence is **faith**. We see this in Galatians 2:20:

*"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, **but Christ lives in me**. The life I now live in the body, **I live by FAITH in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave himself for me."*

Why do we need to live by faith in Christ?

As we walk by faith in Christ (walking in the Spirit), the Holy Spirit will TRANSFORM us into Christ-likeness.

Another reason we are to depend on Christ is that He, through the Holy Spirit, is the initiator, provider and producer of Christ-likeness. (Philippians 1:6; 4:19). Our part is to depend on Him moment by moment to transform us into Christ-likeness.

5. Practical Steps of Faith

Before we look at the outcome of being transformed into Christ-likeness, let's look at some practical steps of faith to engage God to be transformed into Christ-likeness.

Example #1: Let's assume you struggle with rejection.

Step of faith: "Lord, I am trusting you to **BE my acceptance**. I am seeking you to renew my mind to the truth that I am totally accepted in You with the result, I no longer have to take ownership of someone's rejection."

Example #2: Let's assume you struggle loving someone.

Step of faith: "Lord, I am trusting you to **BE my unconditional love**. I am seeking you to renew my mind to the truth that not only am I unconditionally loved by You, but through me, You can unconditionally love this unlovable person through me."

Example #3: Let's assume you struggle forgiving someone.

Step of faith: "Lord, I am trusting you to **BE my forgiveness**. I am seeking you to renew my mind to the truth that I am totally forgiven by You. Transform my heart so that I will be willing to forgive this person with Your forgiveness."

6. Examples of What Our Lives Will Look Like As We Are Being Transformed Into Christ-Likeness

What will be the inward and outward results in our lives as we are being transformed into Christ-likeness? Here are some examples:

- You live from **Christ's unconditional love** rather than trying to find unconditional love from others.
- You live from **Christ's acceptance** which means you no longer have to take ownership of someone else's rejection of you and you can accept others unconditionally.
- You no longer have to live in fear because you are living from **Christ's courage**.
- You no longer have to try to be in control because you are living from **Christ's control**.
- You can live from **Christ's peace** when adverse circumstances occur (like receiving a life-threatening health diagnosis).
- You can live from **Christ-confidence** in spite of all the negativity and evil that is going on in the world.
- You can live from **Christ's forgiveness** when someone has offended you.
- You can live from **Christ's humility** when your pride is hurt or you feel unappreciated.

- Living from **Christ's selflessness** means that you put others' needs above your own.

I hope you see through these examples of living from Christ-likeness how radically our lives can be changed. Would you agree that if you are more and more living from Christ-likeness you would call that "abundant life?" Let me sum up this section this way:

Living "from Christ" means that we **DEPEND** on Christ as our Source in order to be **TRANSFORMED** into **CHRIST-LIKENESS**.

[NOTE: Sometimes when people hear the term "Christ-likeness" they believe it means we are becoming deity. That is not true. Rather, as we walk in dependence on God, He transforms us to live from Christ-like characteristics (e.g., a Christ-like love, joy, forgiveness, etc.)]

Before we end this chapter, let's summarize the difference between living from self-versus living from Christ:

Living From SELF

The Christian life is a set of rules to follow or a spiritual checklist.

Self is the source with God's help to live the Christian life.

Depend on my self-effort, will-power, self-discipline and ability with God's help to live the Christian life.

Results in living in bondage and defeat

There is no transformation.

Self-centered, self-absorbed life.

Living From CHRIST

THE Christian life is a Person: Jesus Christ

Christ is the Source to live the Christian life.

Depend on God and His, power moment by moment to live His life in me.

Results in living in Christ's victory-freedom.

I am being transformed into Christ-likeness.

Christ-centered and other-focused life

CHAPTER THREE

An “In Christ” Versus “In Self” Filter

Introduction

We can look at God’s word through two filters: and “in Christ” or “in self” filter. In this chapter, we will look at the difference between the two.

The Difference Between An “In Self” Versus An “In Christ” Filter

a. Through An “In SELF” Filter

Let’s first define an “in self” filter:

We learn God’s word and try to apply it to our lives using our OWN intellect, ability, self-discipline and willpower with GOD’S HELP to be TRANSFORMED.

b. Through “In CHRIST” Filter

An “in Christ” filter is defined as:

Seeing God’s word through the truth of Christ being our SOURCE from whom we live in a moment-by-moment DEPENDENCE in order to be transformed and grow up spiritually.

Example #1:

To understand the difference between and “in self” versus “in Christ” filter let’s look at a passage of scripture.

"I can do all thing through Him (Christ) who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Looking at this verse through an "in self" filter, we conclude that we, in and of ourselves, using our own strength and ability can do all things with Christ's help.

Looking at Philippians 4:13 through an "in Christ" filter means we understand Christ as our Source will do all things through us with the result we will grow up spiritually (be transformed into Christ-likeness).

Example #2

Look at the commands listed in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19.

"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

Through An "In Self" Filter

Reading this scripture through an "in self" filter means that it is up to me using my willpower, strength and self-discipline to try and keep these commands.

What do you believe will be the results?

Through An "In Christ" Filter

Reading this verse through an "in Christ" filter, means I, in and of myself being the source, cannot keep any of these commands. However, as I depend on Christ as my Source, through me He will rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in everything and not quench the Spirit.

One Final Thought Concerning An In Christ Filter

Let's look again at John 15:5:

*"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do **nothing**."*

The word I want to focus on in this verse is "nothing." When you look this word up in the original Greek it means "nothing." When Jesus says, "*apart from Me you can do nothing*" what does that mean.

"Nothing" means that in and of ourselves,

- We can't do what the Bible asks, tells us or commands us to do.
- We can't take God's promises and make them an experiential reality in our lives. (i.e. set ourselves free, transform ourselves)
- We can't change or transform the lives of others.

What To Look For As We Go Through Philippians

As we delve into Philippians, seek the Holy Spirit to develop in you an "in Christ" filter through which you see every scripture.

In each chapter, I will be highlighting what I believe are key verses and sharing what they look like through an "in Christ" filter. You will also see verses that include the word (Christ-like) which will be referring to the list of Christ-like characteristics on the following page.

Christ-Like Characteristics:

Unconditional love	Victory	Grace
Acceptance	Faith	Freedom
Patience	Strength	Peace
Forgiveness	Understanding	Security
Fearlessness	Wisdom	Discernment
Christ-confidence	Adequacy	Humility
Boldness	Righteousness	Selflessness
Rest	Compassion	Courage
Hope	Gentleness	Christ-control
Faithfulness	Power	Joy
Worth/Value	Kindness	Goodness
Affection	Respect	Thanksgiving

Note: In addition to being God's word, I would encourage you to read Philippians as Paul's testimony because he is not only teaching but, he is also bearing witness to you and me how the Lord has transformed his life.

All the verses will be from the New American Standard Version unless otherwise noted.

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CHAPTER FOUR

Philippians - Chapter One

Chapter 1 - Verses 1-14

- 1 Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus,
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi,
including the overseers and deacons:
- 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,
4 always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for
you all,
5 in view of your participation in the gospel from the first
day until now.
- 6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began
a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ
Jesus.
- 7 For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all,
because I have you in my heart, since both in my
imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of
the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me.
- 8 For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the
affection of Christ Jesus.
- 9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more
and more in real knowledge and all discernment,
10 so that you may approve the things that are excellent,
in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of
Christ;
- 11 having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which
comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of
God.
- 12 Now I want you to know, brethren, that my
circumstances have turned out for the greater progress
of the gospel,
13 so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has
become well known throughout the whole praetorian
guard and to everyone else,

- 14 and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear.

Philippians 1:6

“For I am confident (Christ-like confidence) of this very thing, that He (God as the Source) who began a good work in you will carry it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

We saw in Chapter One that God as the Source initiated the work (“*began a good work in you*”) in our lives and will be the Source to transform us into Christ-likeness (“*Will carry it to completion*”).

When Paul says, “I am confident,” this is not a self-confidence but a Christ-confidence produced as a result of experiencing transformation into Christ-likeness. The promise is that as you abide in and depend on Christ to be your Source, the Holy Spirit will transform you into Christ-likeness which will result in Christ-confidence.

Philippians 1:8

“God knows how much I (Christ-like) love you and long for you with the tender (Christ-like) compassion of Christ Jesus.” NLT

Think about who is saying these words. Paul, the self-righteous Pharisee who murdered the very people he now says he loves and longs for. Paul is bearing witness to the power of the Holy Spirit to supernaturally transform our lives because the Spirit transformed Paul from self-righteousness and hatred into a Christ-like love and compassion.

Philippians 1:9

*“And this I pray, that **your (Christ-like) love** may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all **(Christ-like) discernment.**”*

When Paul says “your love” this is not a man-produced love. This is the unconditional love of Christ (Christ-likeness). Not only will you live from Christ’s love, it will abound (overflow) to others. (One of the original meanings of the word “abound” is overflow.)

The discernment Paul is talking about is not a human discernment. Rather, it is Christ-like discernment.

Philippians 1:11

*“**having been filled with the fruit of righteousness (Christ-like)** which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”*

Many people struggle with the truth that in Christ we are righteous because they believe righteousness is something we are to earn. This verse tells us that we have already been filled with Christ’s righteousness. Since you contain all of Christ’s righteousness you are to live FROM Christ’s righteousness rather than trying to earn or produce it. (See Romans 5:18-19; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 1:11; Philippians 3:9)

Your Thoughts

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Chapter 1 - Verses 15-30

- 15 Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy
and strife, but some also from good will;
- 16 the latter do it out of love, knowing that I am appointed
for the defense of the gospel;
- 17 the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition
rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me
distress in my imprisonment.
- 18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense
or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice.
Yes, and I will rejoice,
- 19 for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance
through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of
Jesus Christ,
- 20 according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I
will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all
boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in
my body, whether by life or by death.
- 21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.
- 22 But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful
labor for me; and I do not know which to choose.
- 23 But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the
desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very
much better;
- 24 yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your
sake.
- 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and
continue with you all for your progress and joy in the
faith,
- 26 so that your proud confidence in me may abound in
Christ Jesus through my coming to you again.
- 27 Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the
gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or
remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing
firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for
the faith of the gospel;
- 28 in no way alarmed by your opponents—which is a sign
of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and
that too, from God.

- 29 For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not
only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,
30 experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me,
and now hear to be in me.

Philippians 1:18

"What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice (Christ-like joy). Yes, and I will rejoice. (Christ-like joy)."

Because of what the false teachers were teaching, Paul could be very angry or frustrated. Rather, he was experiencing a Christ-like joy that these false teachers could not rob him of. This is the beauty of walking in Christ-likeness. Nothing or no one can rob you of Christ's joy, love, peace, etc.

Philippians 1:20

"... according to my earnest expectation and (Christ-like) hope", that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all (Christ-like) boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death."

The "hope" Paul is talking about is not a human hope that may or may not happen. It is a Christ-like hope which is translated "confident expectation" or "certainty." The boldness Paul is referring to is Christ-like boldness which means "free and fearless confidence."

Philippians 1:21

"For to me, to live is Christ (Christ as my Source) and to die is gain."

This verse for me is the thesis of the whole book of Philippians. Paul is exclaiming and bearing personal witness to truth that real Life can only be found in Christ. Paul is affirming

that Christ Himself is the Christian life and as such is the Source to live it in and through us.

Philippians 1:27

“Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ (moment by moment dependence), so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that **you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.**”
(the results if we, together, are living in dependence on Christ)

How do we conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ? We walk in moment-by-moment dependence on Christ as our Source. As Christ lives in you, He will produce in you and through you the spiritual conduct (i.e., behavior) that Paul is referring to.

“*Striving together*” means that as we depend on God as the body of Christ, we will be of one mind (i.e., unity). Is it possible that all the division going on in our churches today is the result of our not growing into Christ-likeness? I believe it is.

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CHAPTER FIVE

Philippians - Chapter Two

Chapter 2 - Verses 1-13

- 1 Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if
there is any consolation of love, if there is any
fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,
- 2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind,
maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on
one purpose.
- 3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with
humility of mind regard one another as more important
than yourselves;
- 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests,
but also for the interests of others.
- 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in
Christ Jesus,
- 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not
regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,
- 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant,
and being made in the likeness of men.
- 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled
Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
- 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and
bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,
- 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of
those who are in heaven and on earth and under the
earth,
- 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is
Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- 12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed,
not as in my presence only, but now much more in my
absence, work out your salvation with fear and
trembling;

- 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Philippians 2:1-2

*“1 Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of **(Christ-like) love**, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, **if any (Christ-like) affection**, and **(Christ-like) compassion**, 2 make my **(Christ-like) joy** complete by being of the **same mind**, maintaining the **same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.**”*

Love, affection, compassion and joy are Christ-like characteristics that we will experience as we are being transformed. The overflow of Christians living from these Christ-like characteristics will result in the body of Christ living from the same mind, living from and expressing Christ's love, united in spirit and intent one purpose.

I believe that the “one purpose” is to share Christ for salvation to the non-Christian and to share Christ as Life to the Christian. This doesn't mean we will agree on everything but even when we don't, it will not result in division.

Philippians 2:3-4

*“3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with **(Christ-like) humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves (Christ-like selflessness)**; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also **for the interests of others (Christ-like selflessness).**”*

Remember that we can only keep the commands in this verse as we depend on Christ's power in us to accomplish that. As we seek the Holy Spirit to transform us to live from Christ-like humility, it will produce a heart of Christ-like selflessness.

Philippians 2:5

*“Have this **(Christ-like) attitude** in yourselves which was also **in Christ Jesus.**”*

The key truth is that the Christ-like characteristics lived out over time become Christ-like attitudes. This is one of the key goals of spiritual transformation.

Philippians 2:12-13

*“12 Dear friends, **you always followed my instructions (obedience)** when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. **Work hard** to show the results of your salvation, **obeying God with deep reverence and fear.** 13 **For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him. (obedience)**” NLT*

“Work hard” does not mean you produce the work. It means you depend on Christ to work in and through you to transform you and others into Christ-likeness. [**Note:** This verse has nothing to do with salvation based on works.]

“*You always followed my instructions*” and “*Obeying God with deep reverence and fear*” means we obey God with a Christ-like attitude of humility and respect. Obedience can be misunderstood as an obligation or something we must initiate towards God. However, in the last part of verse 13, God is the Source to initiate and produce the desire in you rather than a self-produced obligation to obey Him. Obedience is simply saying “yes” to a God-produced desire.

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Chapter 2 - Verses 14-30

- 14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing;
15 so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and
innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst
of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom
you appear as lights in the world,
16 holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ
I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain
nor toil in vain.
- 17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering
upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice
and share my joy with you all.
- 18 You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share
your joy with me.
- 19 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you
shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn
of your condition.
- 20 For I have no one else of kindred spirit who will
genuinely be concerned for your welfare.
- 21 For they all seek after their own interests, not those of
Christ Jesus.
- 22 But you know of his proven worth, that he served with
me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving
his father.
- 23 Therefore I hope to send him immediately, as soon as I
see how things go with me;
- 24 and I trust in the Lord that I myself also will be coming
shortly.
- 25 But I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus,
my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, who
is also your messenger and minister to my need;
- 26 because he was longing for you all and was distressed
because you had heard that he was sick.
- 27 For indeed he was sick to the point of death, but God
had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me,
so that I would not have sorrow upon sorrow.
- 28 Therefore I have sent him all the more eagerly so that
when you see him again you may rejoice and I may be
less concerned about you.

- 29 Receive him then in the Lord with all joy, and hold men like him in high regard;
30 because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was deficient in your service to me.

Philippians 2:14-15

“14 Do everything without complaining and arguing, 15 so that no one can criticize you. (From God’s power) Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.” NLT

Apart from Christ’s power working in us, we cannot “do everything.” Through His power He transforms us to a place where we will complain or argue less often. Living “clean, innocent” lives will be the result of being transformed into the likeness of Christ. As we do, we will reflect Christ’s life through us which will be like a bright, shining light to a dark world.

Philippians 2:16

“Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ’s return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless.”

“Hold firmly to the word of life” means continue living in a moment-by-moment dependence on Christ as your Source.

Philippians 2:17

“17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my (Christ-like) joy with you all.”

When Paul says “poured out as a drink offering” he is referring to his death. However, even the potential for being killed did not rob him of his Christ-like joy.

Philippians 2:20-21

“20 For I have no one else of **kindred spirit (spiritual maturity)** who will **genuinely be concerned for your welfare.**

***21 For they all seek after their own interests,
not those of Christ Jesus.”***

Through Paul's discipleship Timothy grew into Christ-likeness to a point that he was spiritually mature (kindred spirit). As such, Paul could trust Timothy to be look out for the Philippians' welfare and minister to them. (Christ-like sacrifice and selflessness)

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CHAPTER SIX

Philippians - Chapter Three

Chapter 3 - Verses 1-11

- 1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things again is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.
- 2 Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision;
- 3 for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,
- 4 although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more:
- 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee;
- 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.
- 7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.
- 8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,
- 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,
- 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;
- 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:3

*“... for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and **put no confidence in the flesh.**”*

What does Paul mean when he says, “*put no confidence in the flesh.*” (Flesh is defined as anything we do independent of God as our Source.) Why do we put no confidence in the flesh? Because living from the flesh leads to “death” according to Romans 8:6. “Death” in the Bible is defined as “misery in the soul as a result of sin.” Therefore, we are to put our confidence in Christ as our Source to transform us and to live His life in and through us.

Philippians 3:8,9

*“More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the **surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord (As my source and Life)**, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I **may gain Christ, (As my source and Life)** and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, **the (Christ-like) righteousness** which comes from God on the basis of faith.”*

When Paul says, “*I count all things loss,*” he is proclaiming that anything outside of knowing Christ is of little value (rubbish) compared to the “*surpassing value of knowing Christ*” as His Life and Source. Through our dependence on Christ and our spiritual transformation, we will have no greater priority than knowing Christ at the deepest levels. (*gaining Christ*)

We saw in a previous chapter that the righteousness referred to in this verse is not self-righteousness. It is God’s righteousness in us that we can live from as we walk by faith.

Philippians 3:10

“that I may **know Him** and the **power of His resurrection** and the **fellowship of His sufferings**, being conformed to His death (to self.)”

This is one of the most powerful verses in Philippians. Paul has just acknowledged in the previous verses that he counts all things loss to gain Christ. Gaining Christ means to “know Him.” This isn’t simply knowing about Christ. It is an intimate relating to Christ at the deepest levels. It also means to live moment by moment from Christ’s power. Gaining Christ also means that Paul will suffer (“*the fellowship of His sufferings*”) but he knows that suffering is necessary in order to draw him into a deeper dependence on Christ and to walk in the death (“*being conformed to His death*”) TO his flesh. Walking in death to our flesh means we choose to depend on God versus ourselves as the Source.

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Chapter 3 - Verses 12-21

- 12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.
- 13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,
- 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
- 15 Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you;
- 16 however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.
- 17 Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.
- 18 For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ,
- 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things.
- 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;
- 21 who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

Philippians 3:12, 14

*“12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I **press on (in moment-by-moment dependence on Christ)** so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.”*

“14 I press on (in moment by moment dependence on Christ) toward the goal (Christ-likeness and spiritual maturity) for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

Even as spiritually mature as Paul is, he admits that he is still in a life-time process of being transformed. (“*Not that I have already obtained it.*”) “*Press on*” does not mean we are to work more or try harder in and of our own strength and ability. It means we are to continue depending on Christ moment by moment in order to continue being transformed into Christ-likeness and spiritual maturity (“*the goal.*”)

Philippians 3:15-16

“15 Let us therefore, as many as are perfect (spiritually mature), have this (Christ-like) attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; 16 however, let us keep living by that same standard (depending moment by moment on Christ) to which we have attained.”

Part of being spiritually mature (“perfect”) results in having the same Christ-like attitude as Paul to press on (live in dependence on Christ) for the rest of our lives to experience ever-deepening Christ-likeness and spiritual maturity. The “same standard” means living moment by moment dependence on Christ.

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CHAPTER SEVEN

Philippians - Chapter Four

Chapter 4 - Verses 1-9

- 1 Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.
- 2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in harmony in the Lord.
- 3 Indeed, true companion, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel, together with Clement also and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.
- 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice!
- 5 Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near.
- 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
- 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- 8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.
- 9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:4

“Rejoice (Christ-like joy) in the Lord always (as you depend on Christ); again, I will say, rejoice (Christ-like joy).”

We fulfill this command as we live from, depend on and draw on Christ's joy. Christ is the source of His supernatural joy. If we lived moment by moment in dependence on Christ, would we not "always" experience Christ's joy even in the midst of our struggles? Look again at what Paul says in Colossians 1:24:

*"I am overflowing with **(Christ-like) joy** in the midst of my suffering."*

Philippians 4:6, 7

"Be anxious for nothing (depend on Christ as your Source), but in everything by prayer and supplication with (Christ-like) thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the (Christ-like) peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

This command, "*be anxious for nothing*," becomes a promise when we depend on Christ as our Source to be our peace. In other words, if I am walking in Christ's peace, I won't be anxious. This peace, as we talked about earlier, is a supernatural ("*which surpasses all understanding*") Christ-like peace that no person and nothing else (e.g., adverse circumstances, negative relationships, ill health, etc.) can steal from you. As you grow in Christ's peace, you will find His peace replacing your fears, anxieties and worries.

Philippians 4:9

"The things you **have learned** and received and heard and seen in me, **practice these things**, and the God of peace will be with you."

We initially learn God's truth through our intellect. We receive His truth by faith and we apply (*practice*) God's truth through abiding in Christ moment-by-moment. Practicing = abiding in Christ.

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Chapter 4 - Verses 10-23

- 10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned before, but you lacked opportunity.
- 11 Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.
- 12 I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.
- 13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.
- 14 Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my affliction.
- 15 You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone;
- 16 for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs.
- 17 Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.
- 18 But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.
- 19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
- 20 Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.
- 21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you.
- 22 All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.
- 23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Philippians 4:11, 12

*“Not that I speak from want, for I **have learned (through dependence on Christ) to be content (Christ-like contentment)** in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; **in any and every circumstance** I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.”*

First of all, the contentment described here is a supernatural, Christ-like contentment which, unlike a human contentment, does not change regardless of what we are experiencing. When Paul says he has “*learned*,” it means that as he lived in dependence on God, Paul received a supernatural contentment that did not change regardless of his circumstances. Remember some of his circumstances in 2 Corinthians 11:24-25:

*“24 **Five times** I received from the Jews **thirty-nine lashes**.
25 **Three times** I was **beaten with rods**, **once** I was **stoned**,
three times I was **shipwrecked**, a night and a day I
have spent in the deep.”*

None of these adverse circumstances robbed him of his Christ-like contentment according to 2 Corinthians 12:10.

*“Therefore, I **am well content with weaknesses**, with **insults**, with **distresses**, with **persecutions**, with **difficulties**, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.”*

Philippians 4:13

*“I can do all things **through Him (Christ as my Source)** who strengthens **(Christ-likeness)** me.”*

As I shared in Chapter Three, this is a crucial verse to see through an “in Christ” filter because people tend to use the first part of this verse (“*I can do all things*”) as proof that they can be

the source with God's help to do all things. But what this verse is really saying is that as we depend on Christ as our Source, He will do "all things" in and through us. And the phrase "strengthens me" means that as we walk by faith in Him, He will be our (Christ-like) strength.

Philippians 4:19

"And my God will supply (as your Source) all your needs (physical, financial, emotional, spiritual) according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

In this verse, the word "all" not only refers to financial and physical needs, but emotional and spiritual needs as well. Christ is your Source (*in Christ Jesus*) to supply all of your needs. Emotional and spiritual needs are defined as Christ-likeness.

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Summary

I hope this study has given you a clearer perspective of how Paul describes and walks in Christ as His Source. As brilliant and capable as he was, Paul realized that his intellect and ability was not enough to live THE Christian life. This is why he said in Galatians 2:20:

*“...I **no longer live** (I can’t do it) but **Christ** (as my Source) **lives in me.**”*

Paul was our model in understanding how to depend on Christ as our Source. I pray the Holy Spirit has given you deeper revelation of what that looks like and how it applies to your life.

Blessings in Christ,

Bill Loveless

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- Learn the difference between understanding God's word through an "in Christ" filter versus an "in self" filter.
- Learn the meaning of Christ-likeness and what it looks like to be transformed to live from it.



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