

The image is a composite graphic. In the background, a man with a full beard and a red and green robe is shown from the chest up, looking upwards and to the right. He is bound with heavy metal chains around his wrists. Behind him is a large, aged parchment scroll with two columns of text in a Gothic script. In the foreground, there is a green, leather-bound book with a red bookmark sticking out from the bottom. The word "Philippians" is written in a large, white, cursive font across the center of the image, overlapping the man and the scroll.

# Philippians



God

“began a good work”  
“will perfect it”

You

“work it out”

*Philippians 2:12-13*

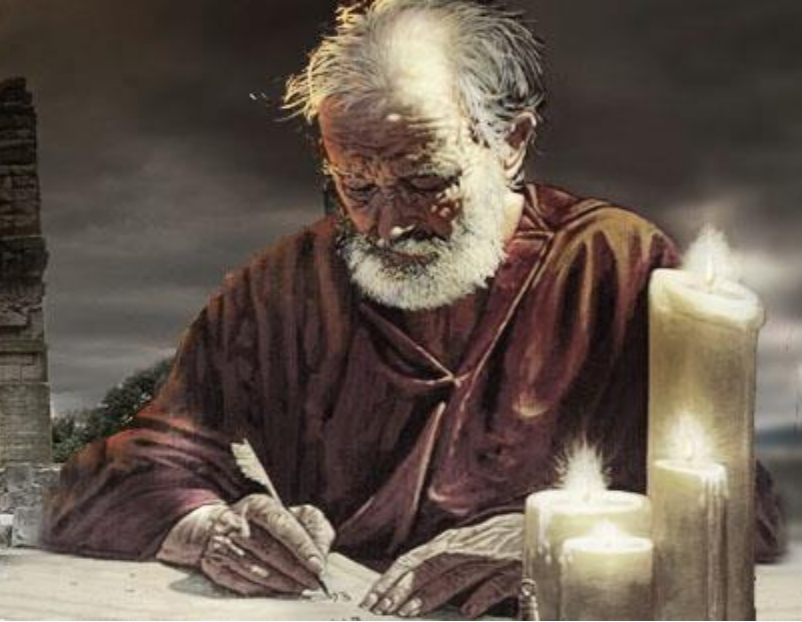
“a good work”

1:6 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.

## Chapter Two

2:12 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; <sup>13</sup> for it is **God who is at work in you**, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

# APOSTLE PAUL'S LETTER TO PHILIPPIANS



**Class 1:** God's perfect work, 1:1-11

**Class 2:** Dealing with trials & death, 1:12-30

**Class 3:** Learning to love, 2:1-18

**Class 4:** Being a Brother, 2:19-29

**Class 5:** Pressing On 3:1-16

**Class 6:** **Joining in**, 3:17 – 4:9

**Class 7:** I can do this, 4:8-23





Lay hold of the real joy of  
the future by letting go of your  
affections for the present.

Brethren, **join in** following my example.

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Find and **example** to follow.

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.

**FOLLOW EXAMPLE:** *fellow-imitator*

**OBSERVE:** look at, watch, contemplate  
(Romans 16:17)

**WALK:** 'peripateo', to walk around, behavior

*Philippians 3:15-17*

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**LIVING, STOICHOS:** signifies "to walk in line," and is used metaphorically of "walking" in relation to others

**STANDARD, KANON:** originally denoted "a straight rod," used as a ruler or measuring instrument

1 Corinthians 11:1



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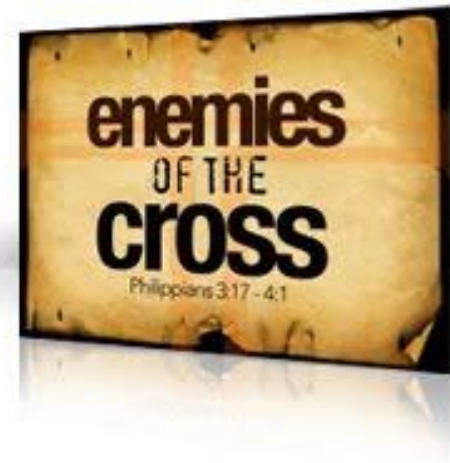
Brethren, join in following my example.

- ❖ The plan is **progress**, not perfection
- ❖ The path is **possible**
- ❖ The past is **over**, forget it
- ❖ Hope lies ahead, ***reach for it!***

BE CAREFUL WHO YOU FOLLOW!

## Enemies of the Cross

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.



*Philippians 3:18-19*

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REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE!

# HEAVENLY CITIZENS

CITIZENSHIP: *politeuma*; the condition or life of a citizen

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 3:20-21*



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# MISSION: “Walk as citizens of heaven.”

- Being citizens of heaven makes us strangers here:
  - **1 Peter 2:9, 11**
  - **1 Cor. 7:10; John 17:14**
- **Foreigners are easily recognized**

- Our **speech** (Ephesians 4:29 Colossians 4:6)
- Our **dress** (1 Timothy 2:9)
- Our **behavior** (1 Peter 2:11,12; 1 Timothy 4:10)
- Our **Companions** (2 Corinthians 6:17)

# “STAND FIRM!”

Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and **crown**, in this way **stand firm** in the Lord, my beloved.

*stephanos*

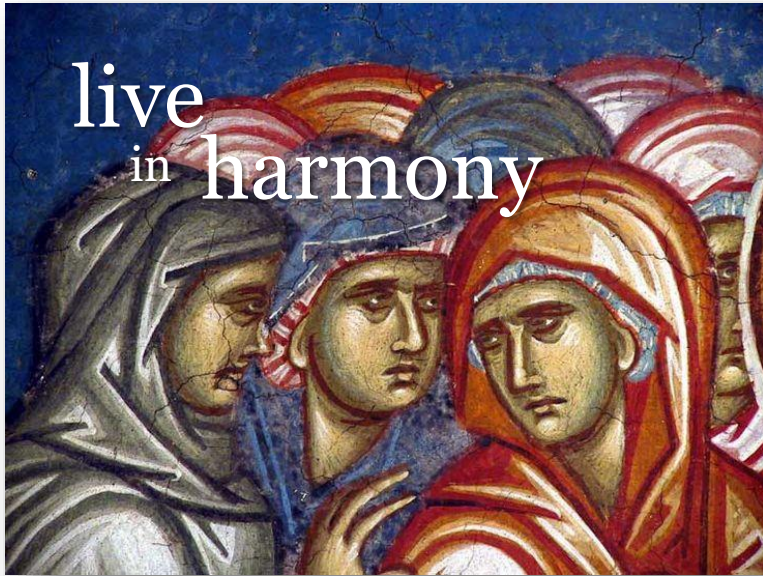
*Philippians 3:7-11*

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**Paul's joy and crown!**

shared, cause, fellow-workers  
names in book of life

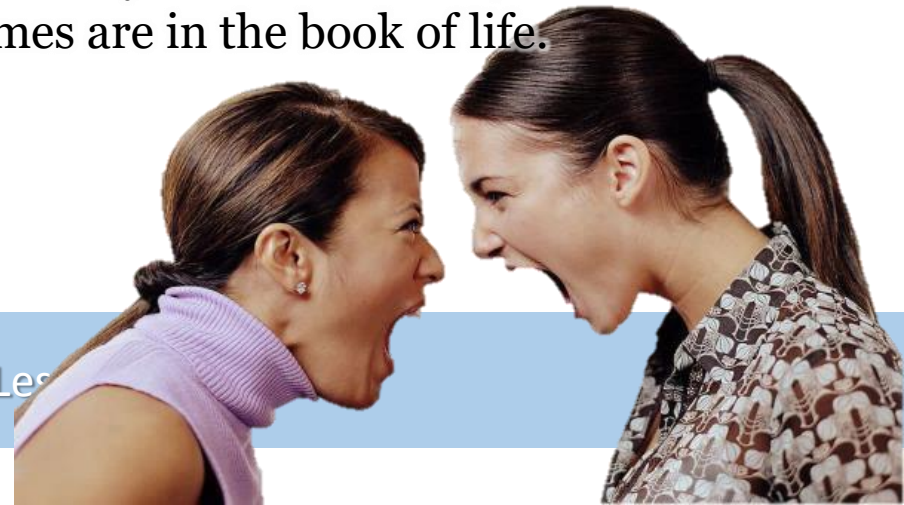


*Philippians 3:12-14*

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# “GET ALONG!”

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.



# “Rejoice!”

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.

“Perfectionists are people who take pains –  
and give them to others”

Chuck Swindoll

To rejoice is a **choice** I can make.

# “Sweet Reasonableness!”

5 Let your **gentle spirit** be known to all men. The Lord is **near**.



The  
Lord  
is near.



# “Stop worrying, Start praying”



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.

anxious

# Six Words

Worry about nothing,  
Pray about everything.

peace  
of God



# Worry about nothing.

- **Worry Defined:**

a state of mental and emotional agitation and distress resulting from **undue concern** over something impending or anticipated.

Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrow, it only saps today of its joy.

~Leo Buscaglia

(. 6:30)

occupation

- **Negative stimuli (ex: news)**



*Worry Wart*

# “Think Right”

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.

# Looking at the text...

## Philippians 4:8-9

*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, **think about these things.***

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

**Think.**

**Act.**

**Feel.**

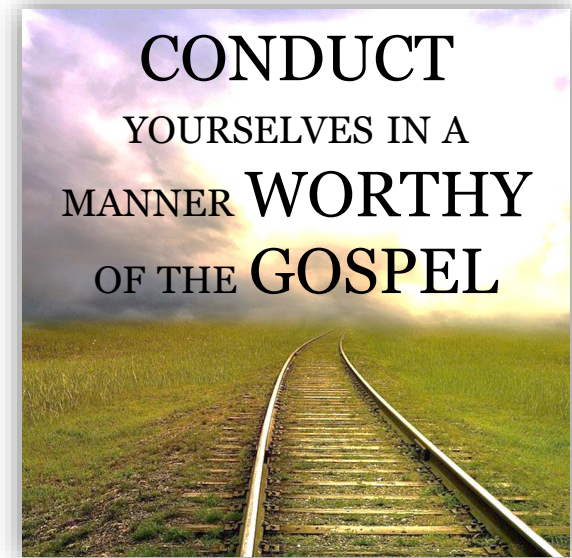
Our thoughts are something  
we can **always control!**

# “Do Right”

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.



*Work it out!*

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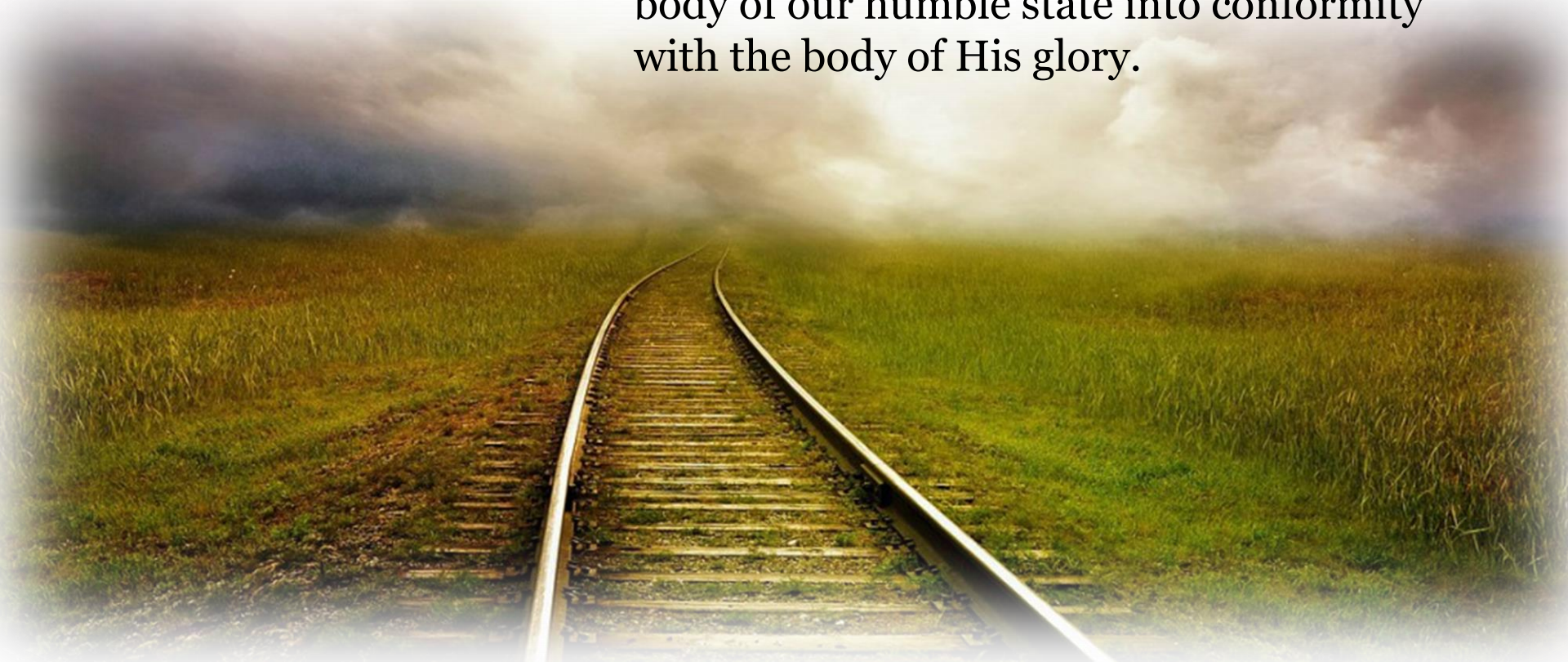
Joining in...

- Observe others
- Remember who you are!
- Stand firm!
- Get along!
- Rejoice always!
- Let them know!
- Pray for everything!
- Think excellent thoughts!
- Live what you believe!

# The Great Reward...

**3:20**

we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; <sup>21</sup> who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory.



*Philippians*

WORK  
IT  
OUT

PEACE ON THE OUTSIDE  
COMES FROM KNOWING  
GOD ON THE INSIDE.

THE WORD FOR THE DAY