

Philippians

AN UNCOMMON JOY

Chapter 4

With the right focus of mind (chapter 1), the correct state of heart (chapter 2), looking through spiritual eyes, we find security, peace and contentment. When the apostle Paul heard about the struggles of his closets brothers and sisters in Christ he had every reason to worry. They were being attacked by forces outside the church as well as disagreements within the church. His concern could have overwhelmed him. It would seem that there was nothing he could do to help from such a long distance. His solution was to write one of the greatest books in the New Testament about changing the world of our present into a world that has an eternal future. Paul knew that in order to help his brothers and sisters in Philippi, he had to teach them the secret of enduring through tough times. He had to help them see the right things and think in a way that brought peace and security. In this final chapter he focuses on the victory that they could receive because of the power their God possessed. Paul reminds the Philippians that they could solve any problem, live without worry, contented and safe in the arms of Jesus. As you pursue the following study questions pay close attention to the puzzle pieces so that when assembled we can get the whole picture in all of its glory!!

Read Philippians 4:2-23 Look at worksheet #1. Don't forget to take notes on Chapter 4

1. Conquering worry requires three conditions. Can you find them in the verses listed? 4:2-9

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____

2. Paul's amazing ability to remain steady under the pressure and danger he was facing comes as a result of the secret he had learned. Three phrases unwrap this secret, "I learned" (4:11), "I can" (4:13), "I have" (4:18). What are the objects of these three phrases? Philippians 4:10-23

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____

3. Paul was secure because he knew three things (4:10, 4:11-13, 4:14-20) about his Father in heaven. Can you dig them out? Philippians 4:10-20.

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____