

PHILIPPIANS 6

1. Why do we rejoice in the Lord?

-Because we know that our Father will win over sin and death and Satan.

2. Can any difficulty that a true Christian has on earth ever take away our eternity with God in heaven?

-No.

3. How are Christians the “circumcision”?

-Because the Lord Jesus has cut out our old, sinful heart and given us a new heart.

4. Why does a Christian put no confidence in the flesh?

-Because our flesh and the work of our flesh cannot save us.

5. After Paul met Christ, what was changed about his thinking?

-After Paul met Christ, he understood that all that he had worked for was a loss compared to knowing Christ.

6. Why is it not possible to have a righteousness of our own that comes from the law?

-No one can have a righteousness from the law because we have all broken the law.

7. What did Paul mean when he said that he wanted to know Christ?

-Although Paul already knew the Lord Jesus, he wanted

to know Him as much as he could.

8. Can Christians become perfect on earth?

-No.

9. Because we cannot become perfect on earth, should we stop trying to allow our God to perfect us?

-No.

-Our God is using every day in our lives to perfect us, and when we reach heaven, we will finally be perfect.

10. What is the “beauty” of remembering our past sins?

-We remember what God has saved us from, and we thank God for saving us.

11. What is God’s goal in the life of every Christian?

-To make us like Christ.

12. At the end of our life, what will be our prize?

-That we will be perfect without sin.

Let’s read Philippians 3:15-16

15-All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.

16-Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

-To understand these verses, we must remember the teaching of the last lesson.

-In the last lesson, God through Paul taught us that we are not yet perfect, but that we must press on, allowing God to continue to work in our lives.

-When Christians think differently, we must read and study God's Word so that God will teach us..

-What is important is that we stay on the spiritual path that our God has put us on.

-It is God who has given us life on earth.

-It is God who has caused us to believe in Him.

-It is God who has put us on this spiritual path to perfection.

-How do we continue on this spiritual path that God has put us on?

-By continuing to read and study God's Word.

Let's read Philippians 3:17

17-Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.

-Do we Christians need encouragement?

-Yes, very much.

-When we are alone, the world, the flesh, and Satan can

hurt us very much.

-When we are with other Christians who are strong in their faith in Christ, then we will be encouraged.

-This is why the Word of God through Paul is encouraging the Philippians to follow his example.

-This is why the Lord Jesus sent out the disciples two by two.

-We must be careful, however, to follow the example of a person who does not exalt himself, but rather exalts Christ in his life.

-Some Christians have followed the example of a false prophet or a pastor who has led them away from Christ and into many problems.

-If we follow the example of another, what must we be sure of?

-That the example of the one we are following is the same example of Christ.

Let's read Philippians 3:18-19

18-For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.

19-Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.

-Paul was crying because of the enemies of the cross of Christ.

-Who are those who are enemies of the cross of Christ?

-Their minds are on earthly things, and not eternal things.

-Their god is their stomach.

-Their destiny is destruction in the Lake of Eternal Fire.

Let's read Philippians 3:20-21

20-But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

21-who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

-Our lives on earth are very temporary.

-Our lives in heaven will be forever.

-Although we may have a home on earth, where is our best home?

-In heaven.

-Although we live on the earth, we belong in heaven.

-Although our bodies are lowly, they will one day be glorious like the body of Christ after His resurrection.

Let's read Philippians 4:1

1-Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

-The faith of the Christians in Philippi was a part of Paul's joy and crown.

-Our only place which is firm or secure is in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let's read Philippians 4:2-3

2-I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

3-Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

-Who are Euodia and Syntyche?

-They were women in the church at Philippi who were fighting with one another.

-Even though Euodia and Syntyche had helped Paul with beginning the church, they were now fighting and hurting the church.

-Satan does not need to hurt non Christians as they are still a part of his family.

-Therefore, Satan tries to hurt Christians and break up the church.

-For all Christians, nothing in heaven will separate us which means that nothing on earth should separate us.

-From verse 3, who is Paul's "true companion"?

-We do not know for sure.

-Who are those whose names are in the book of life?

-All Christians.

Let's read Philippians 4:4-5

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

5-Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

-Even when life is difficult, we can rejoice because God has given us eternal life.

-How is the Lord near?

-He is closer than breath itself.

-Why is it important to understand that the Lord is near?

-If we can understand and remember that the God who

has created the universe is near and with us, this will help us to never be afraid or worry.

-The problem is that we forget this truth.

-When we have a problem, we may forget that the Lord is near.

-When others hurt us, we may forget that the Lord is near.

-When we are sick, we may forget that the Lord is near.

-If we can remember that our God is near to us and with us, our lives will be completely changed for the better.

Let's read Philippians 4:6-7

6-Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

7-And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

-We must talk to our God about everything.

-Our God wants us to talk to Him about everything.

-By being thankful to God, we have the peace of God which guards our hearts and minds.