

# Philippians

PURSUING AUTHENTIC JOY



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## Philippians 3:1-21

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**Justification**

Freedom from the penalty of sin

**Sanctification**

Freedom from the power of sin

**Glorification**

Freedom from the presence of sin



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**Churches have conflicts**

**Reconciliation may  
require mediation**

**Spiritual maturity ≠ unity**

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**Philippians 2:1-2** <sup>NIV</sup>

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.





To live above with the saints we love,

Oh that will be glory.

But to live below with the saints we know

Well, that is a different story.



# Why is there Conflict?

Church Doctrine

Church Practice

Church Leadership

Church Discipline

Church Staffing

Church Finances



# Why is there Conflict?

Social Issues

Political Issues

Moral Issues

Relational Issues

Environmental Issues



**Romans 14:19** <sup>NIV</sup>

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to **peace** and to mutual edification.



**“ In essentials, unity.  
In nonessentials, liberty.  
In all things, charity.**





**Shared Cause**

**Shared Eternity**

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“Where there is agreement as to what the gospel is and what ought to be done with it, there is no room for personal disagreement. The one ought to exclude the other.”

— J.A. Motyer, *The Message of Philippians*



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and not with each other.**



**Philippians 4:4-5** <sup>NIV</sup>

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.



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