

# SERMON NOTES

*Joy for the Journey: A Life of Perpetual Joy  
Trusting God's Provision  
Philippians 4:14-23*

When we began our study of Philippians, I shared that Philippians is saturated with joy. Paul was under house arrest in Rome, yet he wrote to fellow believers in Philippi to rejoice in the Lord despite their circumstances. **“Joy” is mentioned in one way or another nineteen times in these four brief chapters. Another emphasis is the mind. As we read Philippians, note how many times Paul talks about remembering and thinking.** We can summarize the theme of the book as “the Christlike mind that brings Christian joy.” Notice the progression of our study in Philippians:

TEXT	TITLE
Philippians 1:1-11	Living with an Eternal Perspective
Philippians 1:12-30	Living with an Eternal Purpose
Philippians 2:1-11	The Fullness of Joy
Philippians 2:12-30	A Shared Joy
Philippians 3:1-11	Sustaining Your Joy
Philippians 3:12-21	Focus Forward
Philippians 4:1-5	A Life of Perpetual Joy: Enjoying God's People
Philippians 4:6-9	A Life of Perpetual Joy: Resting in God's Presence
Philippians 4:10-13	A Life of Perpetual Joy: Relying on God's Power
Philippians 4:14-23	A Life of Perpetual Joy: Trusting God's Provision

Today, we conclude our study in the final verses of chapter 4. Paul had learned to trust God and His provision for every need in life. The key passage in these final verses is *Philippians 4:19*, “And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

## THE LOCATION OF YOUR TRUST: “IN GOD” (V. 19)

- Trust in God, He is sovereign  
“The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all.” *Psalms 103:19* (NASB95)
- Trust in God, He is good  
“What does the goodness of God really mean? To say that God is good means that God always acts in accordance to what is right, true, and good. Goodness is part of God's nature, and He cannot contradict His nature. Holiness and righteousness are part of God's nature; He cannot do anything that is unholy or unrighteous. God is the standard of all that is good.” *David Jeremiah*  
  
(Exodus 34:6; 1 Chronicles 16:34; Ezra 3:11; Psalm 25:8; Psalm 23:6; Psalm 145:9; Mark 10:18; James 1:17; Matthew 7:11; Psalm 27:13; Psalm 145:5-7; Psalm 33:5; Psalm 34:8; Psalm 100:4-5; Psalm 107:8-9; Psalm 103:13-14; Psalm 143:10; Psalm 92:15; Psalm 119:68; Nehemiah 9:20; Psalm 69:16; Nahum 1:7; Psalm 31:19-20)
- Trust in God, His resources are abundant – “according to His riches”  
“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” *John 10:10* (NASB95)

## THE APPLICATION OF YOUR TRUST:

- One evidence of your trust in God's providence, is your own demonstration of stewardship. (v. 14)  
"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." *Romans 8:28* (NASB95)
- There are some things in your spiritual life that can only be gained through exercising biblical generosity. (v. 17)
- You may be the instrument God uses to fulfill His purposes and to be a blessing to others. (v. 18)
- You can be confident that God has the ability and the willingness to meet your needs. (v. 19)