

# The Book of Philippians

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## Morning Devotions

In your devotions this morning, read **Psalm 92**. As you read, talk to the Lord about the content of this psalm. When you have finished, go back and find one or two verses and meditate prayerfully on them.

## Morning Study

Yesterday we read through Paul's letter to the Philippians. This morning we take a closer look. Its four chapters form the four sections it naturally falls into. This morning we will look at the first chapter, which can also be divided into three sub-sections. Read each subsection and answer for yourself the questions associated with them. Type out your answers or jot them down on a piece of paper and file your answers with your morning study.

### Read Philippians 1:1-11

- In **1:3-5**, Paul says he is filled with thanks to God, and always prays with joy for the Philippians. Why?
- What does **1:6-7** say Paul is confident about? What gave him that confidence?
- In **1:9-11** what does Paul say he is praying they will experience. List the four outcomes of that prayer.

### Read Philippians 1:12-21

- In **1:12-14** Paul says his "chains" have "served to advance the gospel." He mentions two ways. What are they?
- What are the two things Paul mentions in **1:19** that will make his imprisonment "turn out for [his] deliverance"?
- **1:21** is the pivot scripture in this subsection. Why?

### Read Philippians 1:22-30

- In **1:22-26** what is Paul torn between?
- What are the two reasons for Paul choosing to stay with them.
- In **1:27-28** what are the three things Paul says he wants to hear about them – three things that mean they will be conducting themselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ?

# MEMORY VERSE

For to me, to live is Christ  
and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:21

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!