

A serene landscape featuring a river flowing through a wooded area. The river is the central focus, with its surface reflecting the sky and surrounding trees. The banks are lined with trees, some of which are bare, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

AN EPISTLE OF JOY:

PHILIPPIANS

*4. The reason for Joy*

# Where We've Been



*(Chapter)*

1. Thanksgiving; warm, personal comments;  
a hint of concerns about the Philippians
2. Call for "one mind": Christ-Hymn; God working within; Timothy & Epaphroditus as examples;  
joy, service, humility, love
3. Paul's "resume"; "boast" only in Christ; call to strive for heavenly goal & being "like Christ"

# Chapter 4:1



Therefore, my brothers and sisters,  
whom I love and long for, my joy and  
crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way,  
my beloved.



# Is There a Theme Here?!



- 1:27 standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind
- 2:3-4 be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind
- 2:5-11 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...Christ-Hymn
- 2:14 Do all things without murmuring and arguing
- 3:15 Let those of us, then, who are mature think this way.

# Chapter 4:2-3



<sup>2</sup> I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

# Chapter 4:4-7



Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

# Chapter 4:8-9



Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>...and the God of peace will be with you.

# Chapter 4:10-11



I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me but had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> Not that I am referring to being in need, for I have learned to be content with whatever I have.

# Chapter 4:12-13



<sup>12</sup> I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

# Chapter 3:11-13



**Thanksgiving** *(chap. 1)*

**Humility, Service, Love** *(chap. 2)*

**Hope** *(chap. 3)*

**Joy** *(chap. 4)*

# Chapter 4:19-20, 23



And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory forever and ever...<sup>23</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.  
Amen.