



9 letters to 7 churches

4 letters to 3 individuals: Timothy, Titus, Philemon

Pauline Themes



Suffering and Perseverance

Worship

Grace

Righteous living False teaching

Fruit of the Spirit

Discipleship

Return of Christ

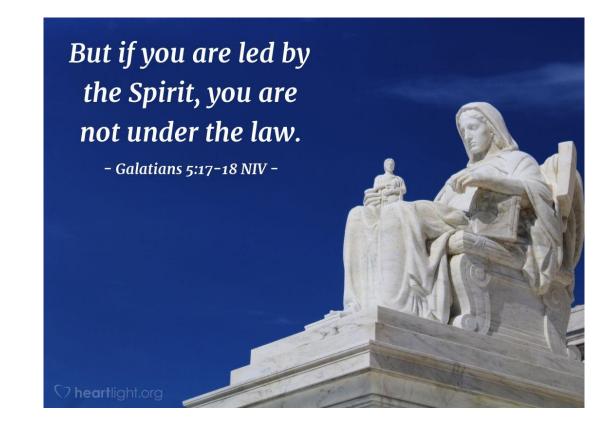
Holy Spirit



¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 15 If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.



¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.



¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.



²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and selfcontrol. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.





1 Corinthians 13

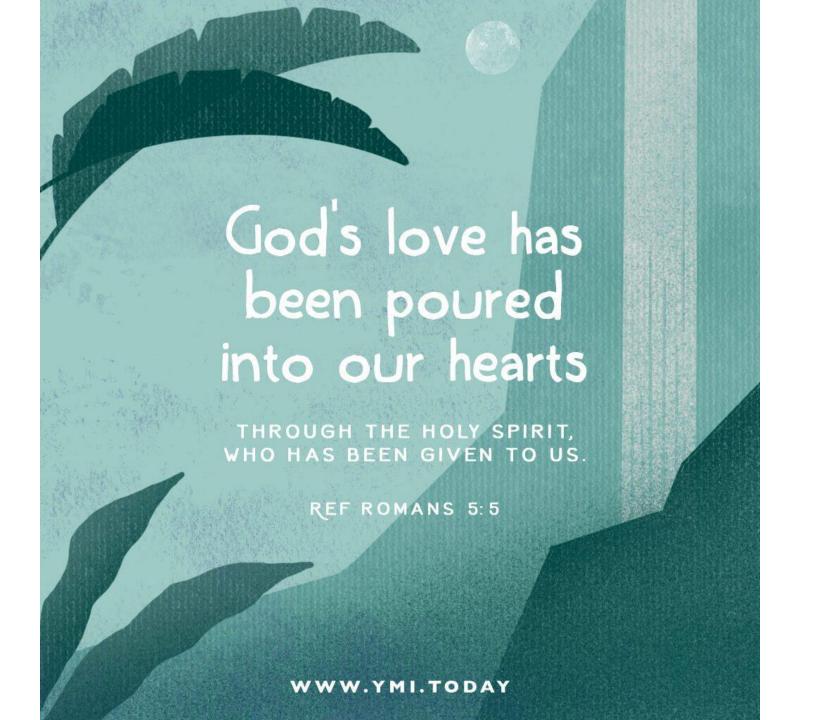
13 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.



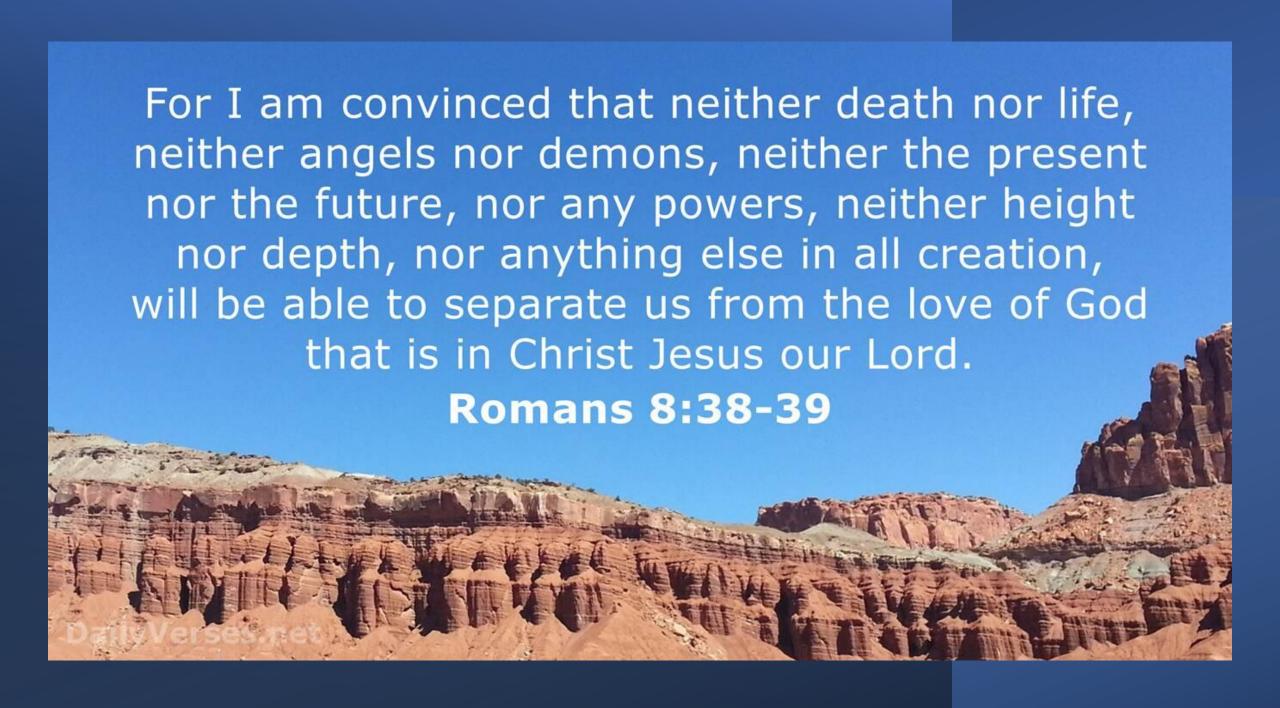
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¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.









Happiness, Pleasure, and Joy

Happiness

 Happiness is often the absence of something undesirable, such as pain, suffering or disappointment. If things are not going well, you are not happy.

Pleasure

• Enjoying a good meal (pleasure) with someone special (joy)

Joy

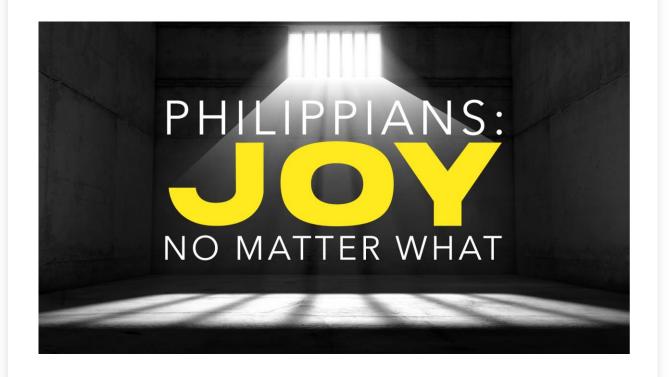
- The more that we are drawn out of ourselves, the more it is joy and less simply pleasure
- Unlike pleasure, joy cannot be pursued for its own sake
- Joy is a byproduct "whose very existence presupposes that you desire not it but something outer and other" – CS Lewis



Philippians: Letter of Joy

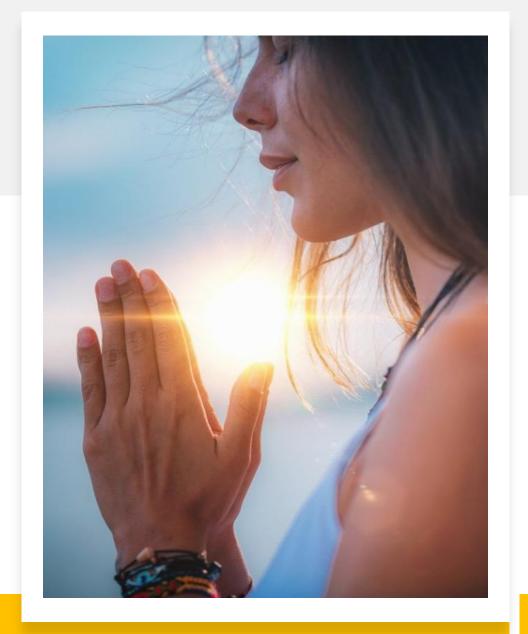
1:4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy...

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



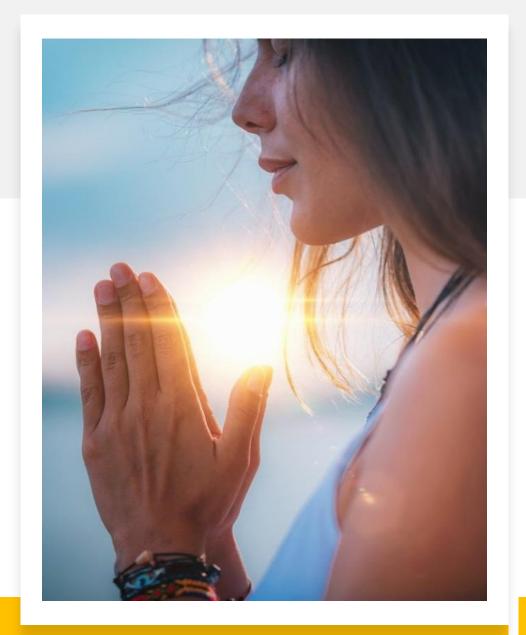
Peace: Philippians 4

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 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.



Romans 5

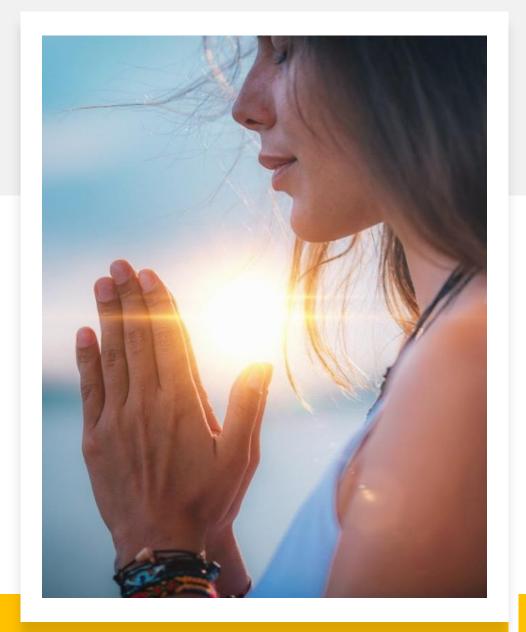
1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,



Ephesians 2

Regarding Jews and Gentiles...

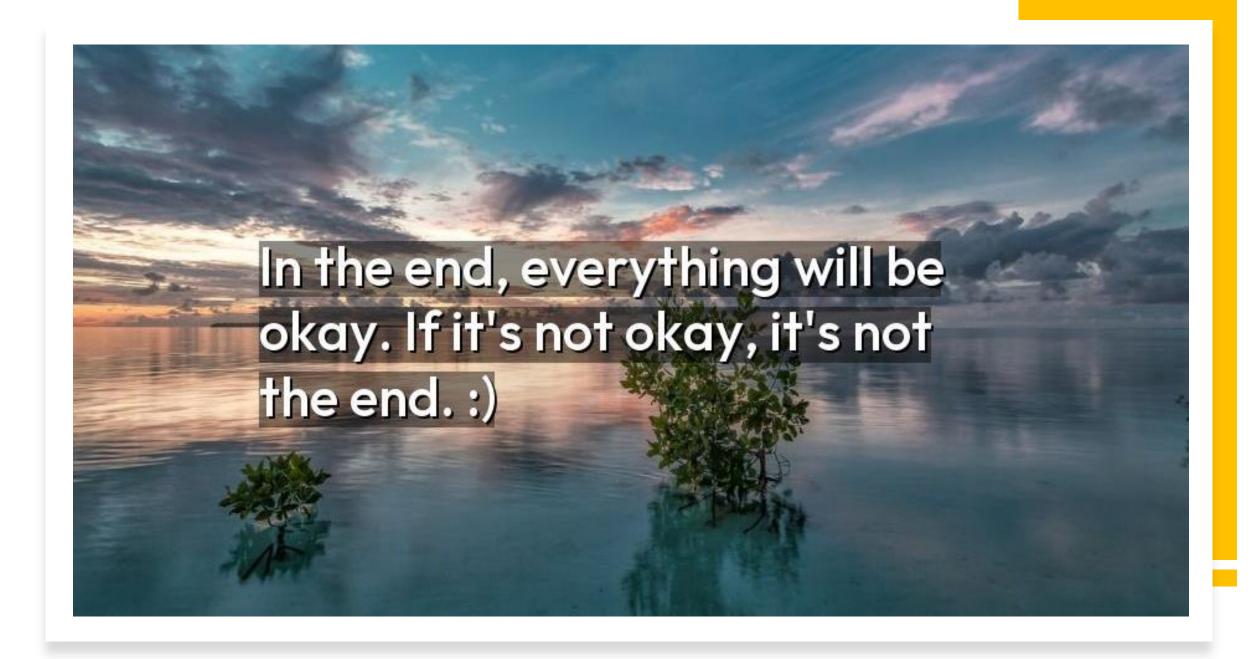
¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility...





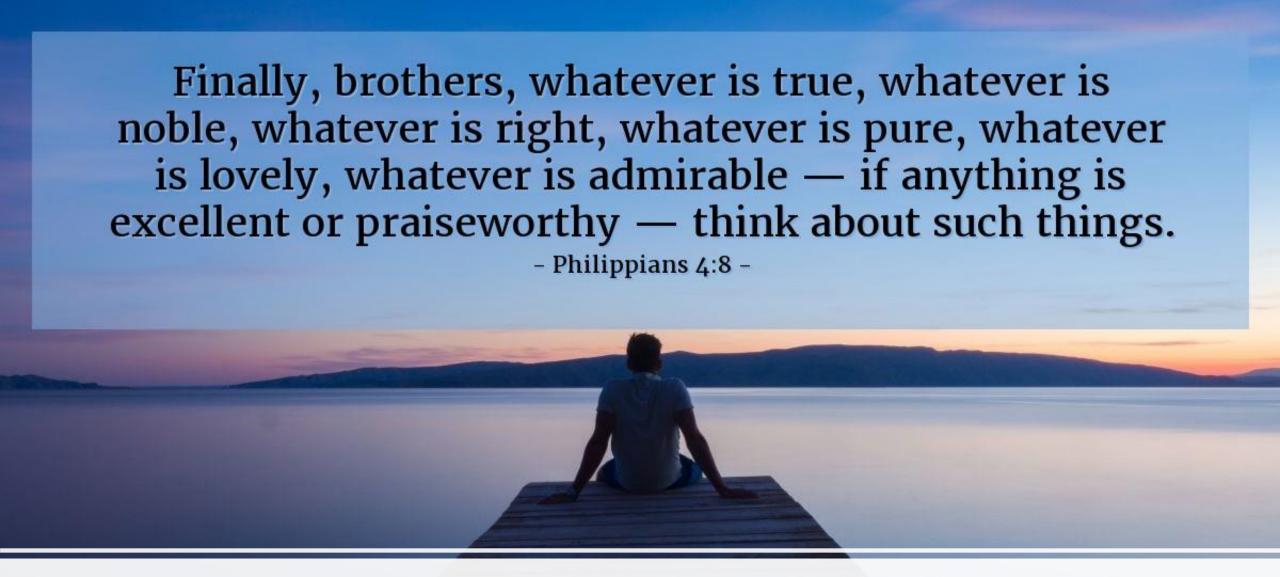
Patience: Romans 12

¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

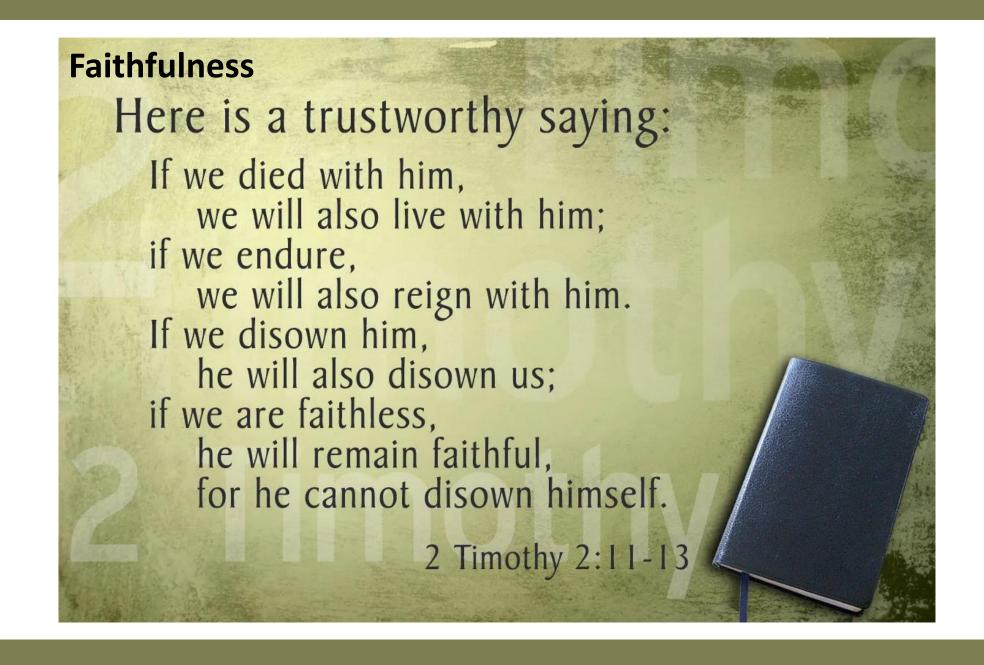


Kindness





Goodness



Gentleness

1 Timothy 6

¹¹ But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith.

Self-Control

^{1 Cor. 9:24} Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ²⁶ Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air.



Themes and Key Takeaways







The Fruit of the Spirit



