Philippians 4: 1 – 9

**Focal Truth: Believers must live joyfully in these last days**

**Observations**

1. **Believer’s should confidently stand firm in these last days – 3:20 - 4:1**
2. Our citizenship is in heaven – 3:20
3. We wait for a Savior from heaven to come again, Jesus Christ – 3:20
4. Jesus Christ at His coming will transform our corrupted bodies into glorified bodies -3:21
5. Jesus Christ will transform our bodies by the exertion of His power – 3:21
6. Jesus Christ authority subjects all things to Himself – 3:21
7. Stand firm = steko – persist, persevere

1 Cor. 16:13 – be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, strong

Gal. 5:1 – only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will heart of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel

1 Thess. 3:8 – for now we really live, if you stand firm in the Lord

Eph. 6:11, 14, put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil…stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness

1. **Believers should live in harmony helping one another in these last days – 4:2 -3**
2. Live in harmony = phroneo – have understanding, agree together
3. Phil 2:2 – being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose
4. **Believers should rejoice in the Lord in these last days – 4:4**
5. Rejoice = chairo – be glad
6. Rejoicing in the Lord Jesus Christ

Rejoice that He fills you with the fruit of righteousness - 1:11

Rejoice in His continued completing work in you - 1:6

Rejoice in His humiliation in his death on the cross for you – 2:5 - 8

Rejoice that Jesus Christ is Lord – 2:11

Rejoice in our coming Savior – 3:20

Rejoice in His power & authority – Phil 3:21

Rejoice in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

His sacrificial grace

His loving grace

His saving grace

His rich grace

His sustaining grace

His abiding grace

His abundant grace

2 Cor. 8:9 – for you know the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich,

yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become

rich

1. Rejoice in the Lord – delight in Him

Ps. 37:4 – delight yourself in the Lord

Ps. 111:2 – great are the works of the Lord, they are studied by all who delight in them

1. **Believers should be known for their gentleness because the Lord coming soon – 4:5**
2. Gentle spirit = epiekes – mild, equitable attitude
3. Humble attitude – 2:5
4. Hopeful attitude – 3:14 -15
5. Gentle attitude – 4:5

Gentleness in words

Gentleness in actions

Gentleness when treated wrongly

Gentleness when suffering trials

James 3:17 – the wisdom from above is first pure, peaceable, gentle reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering without hypocrisy

1. **Believers must remember that the Lord is near – 4:5**
2. Near = engys – of time, imminent and soon to come to pass

Matt. 24:32 -33 – now learn the parable from the fig tree, when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near, so you too when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door

James 5:9 – do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged, behold the judge is standing right at the door

1 Pet. 4:7 – the end of all things is near, therefore be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer

1 John 2:18 – children, it is the last hour, and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared, from this we know that is it the last hour

Rev. 1:1 – the Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond – servants, the things which must soon take place

Rev. 1:3 – blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it, for the time is near

Rev. 22:20 – Yes, I am coming quickly