

Message #5
Religious
Affections

Philippians

4:1 Therefore, my brothers,
whom I love and long for, my
joy and crown, stand firm thus
in the Lord, my beloved.

Ever Increasing Joy

Philippians

3:8 ...the surpassing
worth of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord.

Catch Phrases

Joy from Progress

Unity from Humility

Christ above All

How can the entire church at Philippi continue to *stand firm*?

Chapter 1: The Philippians would *stand firm* if they rejoiced in the advance of the gospel no matter what.

Chapter 2: The Philippians would *stand firm* if they followed the pattern of joyful humility set out by others.

Chapter 3: The Philippians would *stand firm* if they really, deeply and personally experience the joy of knowing Christ.

Chapter 4: The Philippians would *stand firm* if they rejoiced in God's provision.

Hindrances to Knowing Christ

1 — Reliance on the flesh (3:1-7)

2 — Anything we value more than Christ (3:8-9a)

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How to Know Christ

What does “know” mean? An intimate relationship

1 — We know Jesus Christ by faith

2 — We know Jesus Christ by the experience of our faith

3 — We will know Him best at the resurrection—when faith is sight

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How can the entire church at Philippi continue to *stand firm*?

Chapter 3: The Philippians would *stand firm* if they really, deeply and personally experience the joy of knowing Christ.

The Philippians would know Christ if they trusted in Him, and the resurrection He promises, instead of themselves.