

PHILIPPIANS

JESUS OUR JOY

A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of March 14, 2021

Joy & Crown

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [Philippians 4:1](#)

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

For Further Discussion....

- Paul **loves** this church. **Why?**
- Paul uses a word for “**crown**” that does not describe a king’s crown. Rather this is the crown awarded to a **victorious athlete**, or the crown guests of honor were crowned with at a **joyful banquet or party**. Why were the Philippians **Paul’s crown of victory or celebration**?
- What **people** cause you to **rejoice in the Lord**?
- What **people** has God used to give you a sense of **Christ’s victory**? **Why** is this so?
- In the section that immediately preceded this verse, Paul called for the **purity of the church** in the face of empty religion. What does it mean to **stand firm in the Lord** when dealing with the **threat that comes from self-righteous religion**?
- In the section that follows this verse, Paul will plead for the **peace of the church**. What does it mean **to stand firm in the Lord** when the **peace of the church is at stake**?
- **Pray together** in light of this week’s passage.

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