

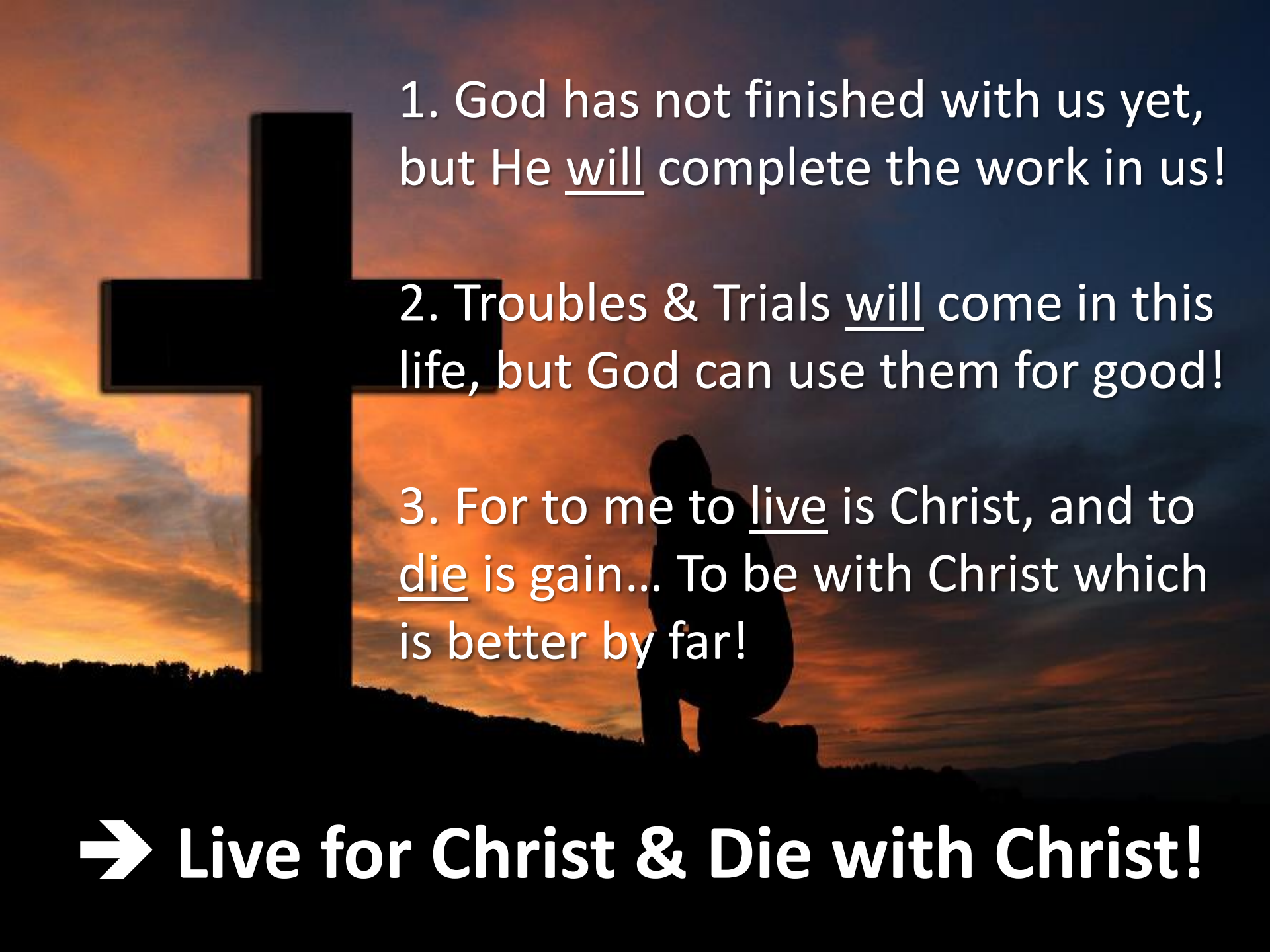
PHILIPPIANS chs. 1-4



A Series of Four Studies

PHILIPPIANS
Chapter 1
Quick Review





1. God has not finished with us yet, but He will complete the work in us!

2. Troubles & Trials will come in this life, but God can use them for good!

3. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain... To be with Christ which is better by far!

→ Live for Christ & Die with Christ!

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Chapter 2
Quick Review



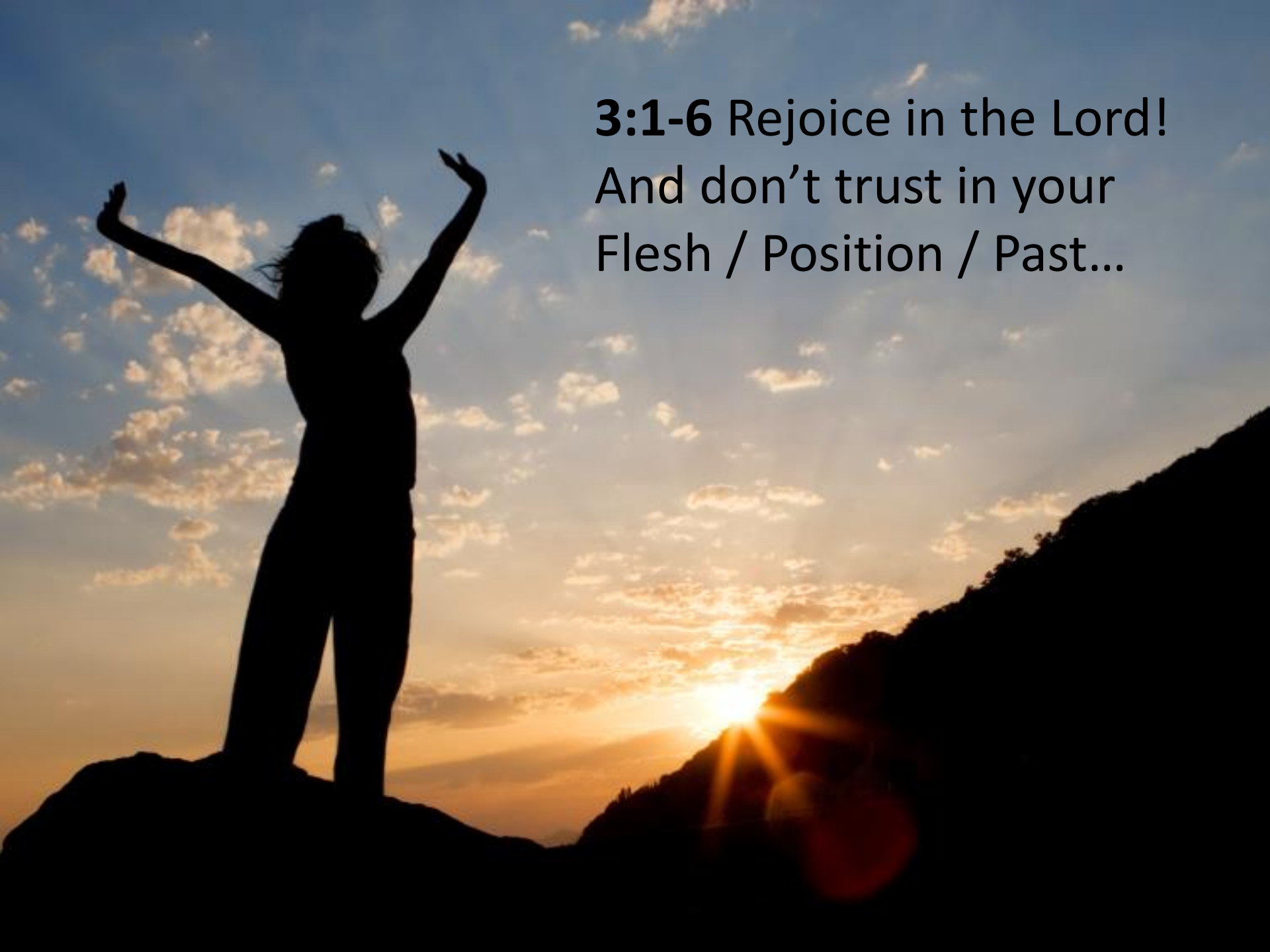
FOUR STARS FOR US TO IMITATE ...

1. **Christ** – perfect Humility & Sacrifice
2. **Paul** – a Life Offered to God
3. **Timothy** – a Faithful Son & Servant
4. **Epaphroditus** – a Fellow Soldier & Worker

**➔ Shine like the bright STAR
God means you to be!**

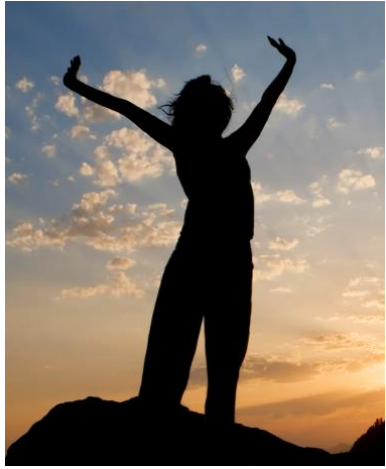


PHILIPPIANS
Chapter 3

A silhouette of a person standing on a rocky outcrop with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or joy. The background is a dramatic sunset sky with scattered clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, partially obscured by a dark mountain range. The overall mood is one of triumph and spiritual freedom.

3:1-6 Rejoice in the Lord!
And don't trust in your
Flesh / Position / Past...

Rejoice in God; Don't trust your Flesh / Position / Past



- My brothers, rejoice in the Lord
// **4:4** “Rejoice in the Lord always,
again I say rejoice!” → Do I rejoice?
- Reminders from **Paul**: → Let's get
back to the Basics of Christian Life...
- // **2 Peter 1:12-13** “So I will always
remind you of these things, even
though you know them and are
firmly established in the truth you
now have. I think it is right to refresh
your memory as long as I live...”



Rejoice in God; Don't trust your Flesh / Position / Past



- Watch out for false teachers “those dogs, men who do evil, mutilators...” // Legalist preachers... Outward form of rites and religion, but no reality...

- Don't put any confidence in your Flesh / Family advantages / Ethnic background / Nationality / Religious Reputation / Sincere Zeal / Legalistic Righteousness / Past History...

- ➔ So what should I aim for?



3:7-11 Above all get to Know Jesus Christ...
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Above all get to Know Jesus Christ, all else is rubbish!



- Everything is a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus as our Saviour & Lord...
- Paul considered all his previous advantages to be rubbish in order that he might gain Christ...
- He didn't want a righteousness of his own, but that which is through faith in Jesus... → Do you have this?
- → What is MY priority in Life?!

3:12-16 Forget the Past and Press on
towards the Goal and Prize!



Forget the Past... Press on towards the Goal and Prize!



Paul had not yet obtained all this...
Nor had he reached perfection...
He had not yet taken hold of it...

➔ How much less we!

➔ This is a lifelong Process...

v.12 But I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me... = Our calling in Christ!

v.14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize = called to Heaven!

➔ Life is a Long Marathon Race...

➔ So let's press on, don't give up!

Forget the Past... Press on towards the Goal and Prize!



- Forget all what is behind...
(both good things & bad things),
and strain towards what is ahead...
- Let us be Mature Believers:
 - Take this view of Reality...
 - Be patient when differences of opinion exist, allowing God to make the things that confuse us clear to us in His time...
 - Live up to what we've learned...



3:17-21 Follow the
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- Join with others (fellowship) in following my example (imitation)
// **4:9** “Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me, put it into practice...”
- → I should “take note” (study carefully) and imitate the good examples in my life...
- → In turn, I should become a good example who lives according to the pattern given in God’s Word...

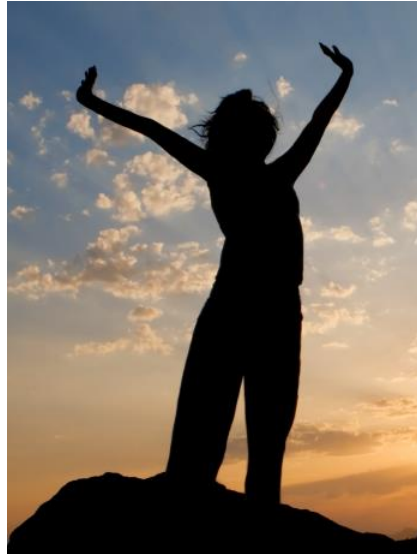
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- Don't follow the sad & bad example of those who live as enemies of the cross... destined for destruction...
- If we believe in Jesus Christ:
 - Our citizenship is in Heaven!
 - We await the return of Jesus!
 - He will transform us by giving us glorious new bodies!
- → Is this your certain hope and earnest expectation also?!

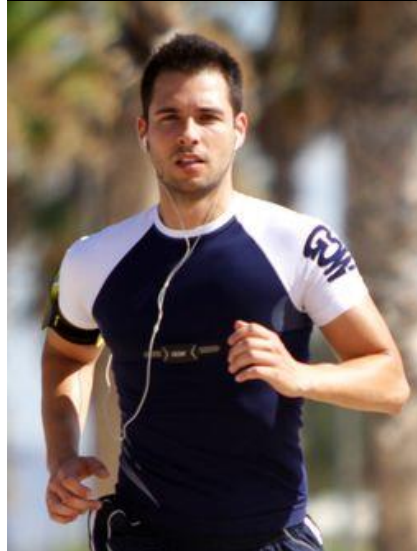
Philippians Chapter 3 → Conclusions for Today

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