

**Rejoicing in Christ**  
**“Stability in an Unstable World”**  
**(Philippians 4:1-9)**

**Introduction**

**Thesis:** I want you to consider with me six marks of Christian stability, and I trust that they will encourage you, challenge you, and provide you with a firm foundation for your Christian walk (we will look at two today).

I. Christian stability is characterized by \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 2-3).

II. Christian stability is characterized by \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 4).

**Conclusion**

**Text: Philipians 4:1-9**

Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long *to see*, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved. <sup>2</sup> I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in harmony in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Indeed, true companion, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in *the cause of* the gospel, together with Clement also and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. <sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentle *spirit* be known to all men. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. <sup>9</sup> The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

**Related Texts:**

**1 Corinthians 15:58**

<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in vain* in the Lord.

**1 Thessalonians 3:8**

<sup>8</sup> for now *we really* live, if you stand firm in the Lord.

**2 Corinthians 5:17-19**

<sup>17</sup> Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. <sup>18</sup> Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, <sup>19</sup> namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

**Ephesians 4:1-3**

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, <sup>3</sup> being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16**

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always;

**Habakkuk 3:17-19**

<sup>17</sup> Though the fig tree should not blossom  
And there be no fruit on the vines,  
*Though* the yield of the olive should fail  
And the fields produce no food,  
Though the flock should be cut off from the fold  
And there be no cattle in the stalls,  
<sup>18</sup> Yet I will exult in the LORD,  
I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.  
<sup>19</sup> The Lord GOD is my strength,  
And He has made my feet like hinds' *feet*,  
And makes me walk on my high places.

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10**

<sup>9</sup> And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.