

Rejoicing in Christ
“Stability in an Unstable World” – Part 3
(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 the last two today).

- I. Christian stability is characterized by unity (vv. 2-3).
- II. Christian stability is characterized by joy (vs. 4).
- III. Christian stability is characterized by gentleness (vs. 5).
- IV. Christian stability is characterized by prayer (vv. 6-7).
- V. Christian stability is characterized by _____ (vs. 8).

- VI. Christian stability is characterized by _____ (vs. 9).

Conclusion

Text: Philippians 4:1-9

¹ Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in harmony in the Lord. ³ 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. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentle *spirit* be known to all men. The Lord is near. ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ 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. ⁹ 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:

Colossians 3:1-3

Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. ³ For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Proverbs 4:23

²³ Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it *flow* the springs of life.

Proverbs 23:7a

⁷ For as he thinks within himself, so he is.

2 Corinthians 10:5

⁵ *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

John 17:17

¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

Psalm 19:7-10

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether.

¹⁰ They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.

1 Peter 2:1-2

¹ Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, ² like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

Psalm 1:1-3

¹ How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

² But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

³ He will be like a tree *firmly* planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

James 1:22 ²² But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

Philippians 3:17

¹⁷ Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.

Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁴ and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.