

Philippians 4:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Echarēn...megalōs ("I rejoiced greatly")—Philippian support renewed. Anethaletē ("flourished again")—botanical metaphor. Ēkaireis the ("you lacked opportunity")—not negligence but circumstances. This verse contributes to Philippians chapter 4's themes of joy, peace, contentment, and gratitude—Paul's prison epistle climax showing joy transcending circumstances through Christ's sufficiency.

Historical Context

Philippians chapter 4 concludes Paul's most joyful letter, written from Roman imprisonment (c. AD 60-62). The Philippian church, Paul's most faithful financial partner, sent support via Epaphroditus. Paul's gratitude, exhortations to joy and peace, and contentment teaching modeled Christ-centered living regardless of external circumstances—a powerful witness in the Roman world.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does this verse challenge your perspective on Gratitude for gift?
2. What specific application can you make from this teaching this week?
3. How does this verse point to Christ's sufficiency in all circumstances?

Interlinear Text

Ἐχάρην δέ ἐν κυρίῳ μεγάλως ὅτι ἡδη ποτὲ
I rejoiced **But** **in** **the Lord** **greatly** **that** **now** **at the last**
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ἀνεθάλετε τὸ ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ ἐφρονεῖτε ἐφ' ὧ καὶ
hath flourished again **of** **me** **careful** **wherein** **also**
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ἐφρονεῖτε ἡκαιρεῖσθε δέ
careful **ye lacked opportunity** **But**
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Additional Cross-References

2 Corinthians 11:9 (Parallel theme): And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself.

Galatians 6:6 (Parallel theme): Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

Philippians 1:3 (Parallel theme): I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,

2 Corinthians 6:7 (Parallel theme): By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

Galatians 6:10 (Parallel theme): As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Psalms 85:6 (Parallel theme): Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

Philippians 1:1 (Parallel theme): Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Philippians 2:30 (Parallel theme): Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.

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