

Philippians 4:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Gnēsie syzuge ("true yokefellow")—identity unknown. Women synēthlesan ("contended together") in gospel work. Book of life (Phil 4:3; Rev 20:15) assures their salvation despite current conflict. 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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does this verse challenge your perspective on Help reconcile sisters?
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

καὶ ἐρωτῶ καὶ σέ σύζυγε γνήσιε συλλαμβάνου

And I intreat And thee yokefellow true help
G2532 G2065 G2532 G4571 G4805 G1103 G4815

αὐταῖς αἵτινες ἐν τῷ εὐαγγελίῳ συνήθλησάν μοι
those women which are in the gospel laboured with me
G846 G3748 G1722 G3588 G2098 G4866 G3427

μετὰ καὶ Κλήμεντος καὶ τῶν λοιπῶν συνεργῶν μοι
with And Clement And G3588 with other fellowlabourers my
G3326 G2532 G2815 G2532 G3062 G4904 G3450

ῶν τὰ ὄνόματα ἐν βίβλῳ ζωῆς
whose G3588 names are in the book of life
G3739 G3686 G1722 G976 G2222

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 13:8 (Parallel theme): And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Revelation 3:5 (Parallel theme): He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Luke 10:20 (Parallel theme): Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

Revelation 21:27 (Parallel theme): And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Philippians 1:27 (Parallel theme): Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

Revelation 20:12 (Parallel theme): And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Revelation 17:8 (Parallel theme): The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Revelation 20:15 (Parallel theme): And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Psalms 69:28 (Parallel theme): Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.

Exodus 32:32 (Parallel theme): Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.