

Philippians 4:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Fourfold learning: emathete, parelabete, ēkousate, eidete (learned, received, heard, saw). Prāssete ("practice")—do what you learned. Result: ho theos tēs eirēnēs ("God of peace") with you. 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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does this verse challenge your perspective on Imitate and experience?
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

ὃ	καὶ	ἐμάθετε	καὶ	παρελάβετε	καὶ	ἠκούσατε	καὶ	
which	and	learned	and	received	and	heard	and	
G3739	G2532	G3129	G2532	G3880	G2532	G191	G2532	
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seen	in	me	Those things	do	and	G3588	the God	G3588
G1492	G1722	G1698	G5023	G4238	G2532		G2316	
εἰρήνης	ἔσται	μεθ'	ὑμῶν					
of peace	shall be	with	you					
G1515	G2071	G3326	G5216					

Additional Cross-References

James 1:22 (Parallel theme): But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Philippians 3:17 (Parallel theme): Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

2 Peter 1:10 (Parallel theme): Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

John 13:17 (Parallel theme): If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

Philippians 4:7 (Peace): And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Romans 16:20 (Peace): And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Matthew 28:20 (Parallel theme): Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Matthew 7:21 (Parallel theme): Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

2 Corinthians 13:11 (Peace): Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Luke 6:46 (Parallel theme): And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?