

**Working Together, Rejoicing Together**  
**Philippians 4:1-5**



Here we get several commands not necessarily linked. Our focus will be on the idea of joy (3x) and again a plea for unity (*same mind-set*).

**Stand firm in the Lord. 4:1**

\*This appeal repeats 1:27, where the issue was also unity (*one mind*).

\*My Joy: 2:2, I Thess. 3:8,9, II Tim. 1:4, III Jn. 4. Who's your joy?

\*My crown: victor's crown, II Thess. 2:19,20. What does this suggest?

**Ladies, get along and get on the same page. 4:2**

\*Who were these gals and what caused the all the drama?

See Acts 16:13-15,40. Cf. Lk. 10:38-42, Acts. 15:36-40.

\*Paul takes no sides (urges both) but again pushes a singular *mindset*, as in 1:27, 2:2, 5, 3:15. Why important?

**True Comrade, help these ladies get along. 4:3**

\*Sometimes we need a mediator (I Cor. 6:5). But whom?

\*A big reason for unity is our future together--*Book of Life*:  
Ex. 32:32,33, Dan. 12:1, (7x in Rev.), similar to Lk. 10:20.

**Conflict  
to resolve**



***Rejoice in the Lord. 4:4***

\*Rejoicing has been ever modeled for them, 1:17,18, Acts 16:25.

\*Rejoicing is again urged, 2:18, 3:1. See Rom. 14:17, I Thess. 5:16.

***Be gracious to all. 4:5***

\*This = gracious fair-mindedness (opposite of retaliatory), II Cor. 10:1.

\*Why be gracious? *The Lord is near* = as in Ps. 145:18 or Rom. 13:12.