

Joy in the Gospel Alone (Philippians 1:12-20)

I. Paul's Trials Further the Gospel (12-14)

A. Paul Reassures the Philippians (12)

1. His imprisonment is good
2. He doesn't want them depressed
3. He sees gospel as more important

B. Paul Evangelizes the Romans (13)

1. The Entire Praetorian (imperial guard)
 - a. Paul is able to witness to them
 - b. Paul is able to live before them
2. Everyone Else (everyone he contacts)
 - a. They all know he is there for Christ
 - b. They know it is for Christ's sake

C. Paul Emboldens the Church (14)

1. Believers grow in confidence in the Lord
 - a. They see Paul's imprisonment
 - b. They grow in confidence in God
 - c. They speak the word fearlessly

II. Paul Rejoices in the Furthering of the Gospel (15-18a)

A. All Don't preach for the right reasons (15-17)

Paul even gets trials from people claiming to be Christians

1. Some preach from envy and rivalry
 - a. They do it from selfish ambition (17)
 - b. They don't do it sincerely
 - c. They try to cause Paul trouble in his situation
2. Some preach from love (16)
 - a. They love the gospel
 - b. They know Paul is appointed to defend it

B. Paul Rejoices that Christ is Preached (18a)

1. Paul's chief concern is the gospel
2. Paul gives no concern to holding office or title
3. Paul is not possessed with his own authority

III. Paul Rejoices in His Role in the Gospel (18b-20)

A. Paul is Confident in His Provision (19)

1. He rejoices in his sure deliverance
 - a. His deliverance is through their prayers
 - b. His deliverance is through the Spirit in Him
 - i. These are provided to strengthen him
 - ii. No matter what else happens
2. He trusts in the power of God through them

B. Paul is Confident in His Testimony (20)

1. Paul Desires to Exalt Christ boldly
 - a. no matter what circumstances
2. Paul Desires not to be ashamed in any way
3. Paul Desires this regardless of the outcome

- 4. Paul Desires God's glory more than life
- 5. Paul is Christ's regardless (21)
- IV. Paul Rejoices in His Service to the Body (22-25)
 - A. Paul's Service to the body Glorifies Christ
 - B. Paul's Service is more important than personal desire
 - 1. Life means service to Christ (22a)
 - a. Even if he gets out it means service
 - b. He serves wherever he is
 - 2. Paul is torn between life and death (pressured)
 - a. Death is better for Paul (23)
 - i. "much more better" – very emphatic
 - ii. He will be with Christ
 - iii. He will no longer suffer
 - b. Life is More profitable for Philippians (24)
 - i. They need him more urgently
 - ii. They need his service and ministry
 - 3. Paul expects to be used in Service (25)
 - a. He will live because they need him
 - b. He is convinced of their need
 - c. He will continue by their side (paramenw)
 - i. So they will progress in faith and joy
 - C. Paul's Return will glorify Christ
 - 1. They will rejoice in Christ because of His return
 - D. What are we doing for the Kingdom