

Title: Gospel Joy

Reading: Philippians 1:12-30

Pro-Presenter

Structure of the Passage:

Verses 12-26: Paul's Gospel oriented joy

Verses 27-30 Paul's Gospel oriented charge

1. Gospel Oriented Joy

Paul was able to have joy because his troubles:

- Magnified Christ (13)
- Emboldened other believers (14)
- Spread the message of Christ (15-18)
- Based on confidence in Christ to be honored in life or death (19-26)

Application Question: What keeps you from rejoicing?

2. Gospel Oriented Charge

The charge in verse 27: "Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ..."

A life worthy of the gospel:

- Perseveres (stands firm) in the gospel (27)
- Unites with other believers for the gospel (27)
- Does not fear opposition to the gospel (28)
- Is encouraged in the midst of suffering for the gospel (29-30; Romans 8:32)

Application Question:

"To live is Christ and to die is gain." Where do you need to hear and believe this?