

Philippians

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Sojourners Fellowship

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I. The News: Christ Is Proclaimed in Suffering

Philippians 1:12-18a

A. Paul's Suffering: "my chains" (12-13)

B. God's Purpose: "greater progress of the gospel" (12-14)

1. The gospel to Rome: "my chains have become well known" (13)

2. The courage to proclaim: "brothers have.. courage to speak" (14)

C. Paul's Acknowledgement: "some, to be sure" (15-17)

1. Dishonorably motivated (15, 17)

2. Honorably motivated (15-16)

D. Paul's Verdict: "Christ is proclaimed" (18a)

E. Paul's Response: "and in this I rejoice" (18a)

II. The Joy: Christ will be Magnified in Suffering

Philippians 1:18b-20

A. The Joy Emphasized: “Yes, and I will rejoice” (18b)

B. The Joy Explained: “For I know” (19-20)

1. The confidence stated: “this will turn out for my salvation” (19)
 - i. Through your prayers (19)
 - ii. Through the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ (19)
2. The confidence defined (20)
 - i. “I will not be put to shame in anything” (20a)
 - ii. “Christ will even now, as always, be magnified” (20b)
 1. With all boldness
 2. In my body, whether by life or by death

III. The Conviction: Christ Is All in Life or Death

Philippians 1:21-26

A. Paul's Conviction: "to live is Christ and to die is gain" (21)

B. Paul's Life: "to live on in the flesh... fruitful labor for me" (22a)

C. Paul's Conflict: "I do not know which to choose" (22b-23)

1. Option 1: depart and be with Christ (23)

2. Option 2: remaining on in the flesh (24)

D. Paul's Assurance: "I know that I will remain" (25-26)

1. Immediate Purpose: "For your progress and joy in the faith" (25)

2. Ultimate Purpose: "So that.. boasting may abound in Christ Jesus" (26a)

IV. The Charge: Stand Firm in Suffering

Philippians 1:27-30

A. The General Charge: “conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ” (27a)

B. The Specific Charge: “standing firm” (27b-28)

1. In one spirit (27b)

2. With one mind (27b)

3. Contending together for the faith of the gospel (27c)

4. In no way alarmed by your opponents (28a)

i. A sign to unbelievers: destruction (28b)

ii. A sign to believers: salvation (28b)

C. The Shocking Explanation: suffering is granted for Christ’s sake (29)

D. The Shared Struggle: the same conflict you saw in me (30)