

Series: That We May Know Him

Text: Philippians 1:12-18a

**Main Idea:** We rejoice in Christ proclaimed, come what may.

Title/Hook: Down In My Heart To Stay

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Purpose: To encourage and exhort Christians with Paul's perspective that even in trials and persecution we can rejoice, because Christ is proclaimed and our security and hope is in Him not our circumstances.

FCF/COR: When Christians proclaim Christ they can expect some level of persecution, so is there any hope for joy in the Christian life?

Christ Trajectory: The gospel of Christ is the word that saves us and that we are called to proclaim to others, regardless of the cost, knowing that He is what life is all about (our comfort and joy) and that salvation is only in His name (Acts 4:12).

Apologetic: Don't you long for deep joy that lasts and is not dependent on circumstances? Do you long to have a purpose and be a part of something much bigger and greater than yourself?

Call to Worship: Phil. 4:8 – "...whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

Benediction: Phil 4:6-7 - <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Structure: Inductive

### **Main Idea:**

Subject (What is the passage about?): Why does Paul rejoice even while imprisoned?

Complement (What does the passage say about the subject?): Because it has served to advance the proclamation of Christ.

Exegetical Main Idea: Paul rejoices, even while imprisoned, because it has served to advance the proclamation of Christ, in whom is his hope and joy.

Theological Main Idea: When the proclamation of Christ leads to persecution and, God's people rejoice because Christ is proclaimed.

Homiletical **Main Idea:** We rejoice in Christ proclaimed, come what may.

Outline:

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**1. Even when there is an attempt to block the gospel, it spreads broadly and is proclaimed boldly (vv. 12-14)**

**Acts 28:16** - And when we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who guarded him.

**Quote – Steve Lawson** - “No matter what hard place in which we may find ourselves, God can use us to advance his word in that very situation. You are not where you are by accident. You are where you are by divine appointment, for the purposes of sharing the gospel.”

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**Picture** – Operation Auca missionaries

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**2. Even when messengers are fake, the message of Christ proclaimed brings joy (vv. 15-18a)**

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