

Today we begin our new series on the book of Philippians titled JOY! Paul is writing the church of Philippi from prison, where he expects he will die. He writes this letter as his last words to the church he started. It presents an interesting question. What would you want to tell people if you knew it could be your last words?

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3

Songs of Praise

Graves Into Gardens Great Are You Lord

Announcements and Offering

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Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

1 Cor. 6:19-20 Rom. 14:7-9 Cor. 3:23; Titus 2:14 1 Pet. 1:18-19 1 John 1:7-9; 2:2 John 8:34-36 Heb. 2:14-15 1 John 3:1-11 John 6:39-40 John 10:27-30 2 Thess. 3:3 1 Pet. 1:5 Matt. 10:29-31 Luke 21:16-18 Rom. 8:28 Rom. 8:15-16 2 Cor. 1:21-22 2 Cor. 5:5 Eph. 1:13-14 Rom. 8:1-17

New Members

Song of Declaration

New Wine

Sermon - Identity

Sermon Scripture - Philippians 1:1-11

Slaves of Christ

- What is the meaning of the word servant/slave in Philippians 1:1?
- How were we enslaved prior to becoming slaves to Christ? Why is it different now?
 - Romans 6:20
 - One who is a slave of Christ is truly free from sin. If he is truly a slave of Christ, he is not a slave in any other realm. John Chrysostom
 - Ephesians 2
- What does Heidelberg question #1 teach us?

Saints in Christ

- What does Paul mean by saints?
- What do we learn in Leviticus 19:2 and 1 Peter 2?
- What are we set apart to do?
 - Ephesians 2:10
 - Galatians 5:16

Partners in the Gospel

• How has the church partnered with Paul?

- Philippians 1:5
- What does Paul mean by partners?
- In what two ways do we see this partnership play out in our lives?
 - Philippians 1:9-11

Communion

Song of Response

Cannons

Benediction

- 1. What adjectives would you use to describe yourself?
- 2. How would you explain Paul's use of the term slaves of Christ? What does he really mean?
- 3. Read Ephesians 2:10. What does Paul teach about good work?
- 4. Read Galatians 5:16. What are some practical ways we can begin "walking according to the Spirit?"
- 5. Do you believe we are all "partners" in the gospel? What is your role in the gospel mission?
- 6. What do you hope to learn during our study of Philippians?