

Seventeen Reasons for Fact-Based Joy: A Study In Philippians

Reason 4: The Joy of Jesus' Fame

Philippians 1:12–18

The Lord's Day Morning

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The fourth fact on which our joy is based is the inexorable, unstoppable, and inevitable spread of Jesus' fame to the ends of the earth. When people who know, love, obey, and exalt Jesus Christ see the growth of his renown, they experience great joy. It makes them happy! For them, the most important thing in life is that the whole world hears about Jesus. Paul's example shows us four practices that increase our joy in the fame of Christ's name:

1. Embrace God's _____: Nothing can stop the spread of _____ (12–13).
2. Endure _____: Suffering is God's tool to mold and move us for _____ (14).
3. Expect _____: Check our motives for proclaiming or _____ (15–17).
4. Exercise _____: This isn't about us—It's all _____ (18)!