

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

Reason 6: The Joy of Certain Victory

Philippians 1:27–30

The Lord's Day Morning

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The sixth reason on which our joy is based is the assurance that all of our efforts in striving to make Jesus famous will ultimately result in certain victory. Jesus will be made famous, his enemies will be defeated, and when he returns, every knee will bow to him, either gladly or grudgingly (Philippians 2:10). Since Paul spent much of his time around professional soldiers, it's understandable how he could see in them an analogy for the normal Christian life. In the words of Warren Wiersbe, "The Christian life is not a playground; it is a battleground." There are four essentials we need for this fight:

1. Character: The _____ that submits to Christ
_____.

2. Competence: The _____ to articulate and defend
_____.

3. Comrades: The _____ that binds the church as a powerful
_____.

4. Commitment: The _____ to endure a soldier's
_____.

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Character + Competence + Comrades + Commitment = _____