

PHILIPPIANS



JOY IN
CHRIST

Sermon Notes

Paul's Joy That Christ Is Preached Philippians 1:12-18

1. Are you bold for the gospel? Where do you need to pray for courage? Where is God challenging you to be bold in your faith?
Acts 4-5, Daniel, Romans 1:16, Ephesians 6:19-20, 1 Peter 3:15
2. Evaluate your motives, where do you risk jealousy, rivalry and selfish ambition? Do you love others?
Proverbs 16:2, 1 Samuel 16:7, 1 Thessalonians 2:4, Romans 1:29, Titus 3:3, 1 Peter 2:1, Matthew 27:18, Mark 15:10, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
3. Are your eyes focused on your difficulties or are they fixed on Jesus? Where do you need to shift your focus?
Hebrews 12:1-2, Colossians 3:1-4, John 5:39, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Psalm 123:2
4. Are you a faithful servant in the hands of a sovereign God? Do you hold your plans loosely?
Proverbs 21:1, Proverbs 16:9, 1 Samuel 12:24, Galatians 5:22-23, Proverbs 3:3-4, Matthew 10:37-39

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¹²And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. ¹³For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. ¹⁴And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear.

¹⁵It's true that some are preaching out of jealousy and rivalry. But others preach about Christ with pure motives. ¹⁶They preach because they love me, for they know I have been appointed to defend the Good News. ¹⁷Those others do not have pure motives as they preach about Christ. They preach with selfish ambition, not sincerely, intending to make my chains more painful to me. ¹⁸But that doesn't matter. Whether their motives are false or genuine, the message about Christ is being preached either way, so I rejoice. And I will continue to rejoice.