

PHILIPPIANS



JOY IN
CHRIST

Sermon Notes

Paul's Joy in Life or Death

Philippians 1:19-26

Joy isn't manufactured, but it is supplied. Where do you seek joy from? The joy or happiness offered by worldly things is temporal and discontent. Lasting joy that endures the trial of life comes through an intimate relationship with the Lord. Through Christ and in community with the church, joy is supplied through the prayers of others, through the provision of the Holy Spirit, and through the Word of God. Reflect on these passages as you consider your own sources of joy.

**Psalm 119:162; Matthew 10:18-20; John 15:11; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:26;
Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 3:20; James 5:16**

Joy magnifies Christ and motivates our actions. How have you seen this in your own life through the joy God has supplied? Meditate on the passage from today as you consider Paul's joy and seek to imitate his heart posture. Take time to praise God for his provision. Magnify Christ through sharing these stories with others about what He has done.

Psalm 34; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Galatians 2:20

Fill in the blank: For me, to live is _____? Paul argues in this passage that the total sum of our lives as believers is Christ. If you were filling in a pie chart of the total sum of your life, what other things might make their way onto that chart? Let the following areas of reflection be a guide to consider how you can grow in the example given to us by Paul.

- Life from Christ: Am I surrendered to God's sovereignty in my life?

Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:1-3

- Life for Christ: Is Christ Lord over everything, or are there areas I still seek to control?

Philippians 1:1; James 1:1; Galatians 2:20

- Life with Christ: Am I aware of God's presence with me in all that I do, or are there times where I quench the Spirit's work in life?

Isaiah 41:10; Matthew 28:20

- Life in Christ: Am I abiding or remaining in Christ in my daily life?

John 15:1-17; 1 John 3:24