

He Who Began a Good Work

Philippians 1: 3-8

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- Last week we looked at the 2nd aspect of the fruit of the Spirit, which is “joy”
 - We found
 - That joy is not based on circumstances
 - Paul mentions his “imprisonment” 4 times
 - Joy is mentioned 16 times in this short letter
 - A letter which was written 10 years after.....
 - Paul mentions Christ Jesus or similar titles
 - 60 times in this short letter

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- Today, we want to discover the foundation of joy
- Phil 1: 3-8
 - In this passage we will find 3 things to discuss
 - Vs 3.....remembrance
 - Vs 6....confidence
 - Vs 6....."until the day of Christ Jesus"
- Question.....
 - What is the main thrust of this opening section?
 - It is how to live joyously in trying times

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- A short background of Philippi
 - Acts 16: 9-10
 - Acts 16: 11-15
 - Philippi is a Roman colony (vs 12)
 - Paul and Silas are here to minister the gospel
- How do we know this?
 - Vs 13.....on the Sabbath day
 - No Synagogue is mentioned????
 - Acts 18: 2
 - Place of prayer (place of oratories)

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- Remember our title...“He who began a good work”
 - Vs 14.....the Lord opened her heart
 - Vs 30.....what must I do to be saved?
- Acts 13: 44-48
 - Pisidian Antioch
 - “appointed” refers to Vs 47 (Isa 42: 6; Isa 9: 6)
 - Acts 13: 52.....“continually filled with joy”
 - Paul is “remembering” how the Holy Spirit
 - “Began a good work in you” (Phil 1: 6)
 - Salvation is a work of God

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- Vs 6..Confidence.....
 - Of what?
 - That what the Holy Spirit has begun....
 - He will complete/perfect it
- Paul is not looking at the trials going on
 - Rather he is looking for the “completion”
 - Paul is also saying
 - I have full confidence in the Holy Spirit will do this
 - Why is that important for us to know?

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- Rom 7: 14-24; Psalm 42
 - Here is a man who is miserable as a believer
 - Vs 1-2.....I want the things of God desperately
 - Vs 3.....I am so depressed with my life all I can do is cry
 - Vs 4.....I remember when things were good
 - I was in fellowship, joy and thanksgiving
 - Vs 5.....speaking to his inner man (talking to himself)
 - Why are you so sad with your life?
 - Why am I so restless?

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- Psa 42

- Vs 6.....I remember all that You have done
- Vs 7..... Just like waves that smash into me
 - Trouble comes again and again
 - I can't get out of it
- Vs 8.....Your songs are with me in the night
- Vs 9.....God why don't You care about me?
- Vs 10.....what's the use in being a Christian?
- Vs 11.....I am in despair
- Vs 11.....He is the help of my countenance

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- This Psalm describes a person who can only see faults in others, in the church and in themselves.
- Paul describes his life in Christ
- II Cor 11: 23-28
- So how could Paul write about joy?
 - He is chained to a prison guard
 - II Tim 4: 7-8

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- A personal note
 - How can you handle being a minister?
 - Rom 14: 12
 - There is something I must always remember
 - I am not responsible for your life
 - I am not responsible for your choices in life
 - I am not responsible for your salvation
 - I am responsible to preach to you the Gospel
 - Rev 14: 6-7
 - Fear God.....Give Him glory(admiration)

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- Until the day of Christ Jesus
 - There may be some confusion on this title
- Day of the Lord
 - Zephaniah 1: 14-17
 - Rev 6: 12-17
 - Whether in the O.T. or N.T. this day is described as a day of judgment for sinners
- So then why does Paul use the term “day of Christ”?

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- What is the difference
 - First.....Paul is addressing Christians
 - Vs 9....."real knowledge and discernment"
 - Vs 10....."those who are sincere and blameless"
 - Vs 11....."filled with the fruit of righteousness"
 - I Cor 1: 4-9; I Peter 2: 9-12
 - Second...the day of Christ is a day of blessing
 - I Thess 1: 9-10
 - I Thess 5: 8-11
 - Third....a day of joy
 - Rom 8: 37-39.....
 - Rom 8: 18-25.....

I'd Rather Have Jesus

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- I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold
I'd rather be His than have riches untold
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or land
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand

I'd Rather Have Jesus

- Than to be the king of a vast domain
And be held in sin's dread sway
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today

I'd Rather Have Jesus

- I'd rather have Jesus than worldly applause
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame
Yes, I'd rather be true to His holy name

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The Coming Son

Billy Olson

The Coming Son

- Your lonely days are long
- You wanna sing your song
- About how the good life has come and gone
- How it all passed you by
- You want to sit down and cry
- And only wonder why?

The Coming Son

- There's coming a day
- When it will all pass away
- And every eye will see the coming Son
- Patiently wait and finish the race
- And know the battle will be won

The Coming Son

- Hatred and sword
- Rumors and war
- What are they killing for?
- Anger and pride
- Oh, must pick a side
- But there's no place to hide

The Coming Son

- There's coming a day
- When it will all pass away
- And every eye will see the coming Son
- Patiently wait and finish the race
- And know the battle will be won

The Coming Son

- He will wipe away every tear
- No need to fear
- When troubled times come near

The Coming Son

- There's coming a day
- When all the stars will fall
- And every eye will see the coming Son
- Patiently wait and finish the race
- And know the battle will be won