



JOY in PHILIPPIANS

Jesus - He's a Big Deal
Philippians 1:19-26
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I. Paul's faith kept his deliverance in full view

Three words describe what God deposited into Paul:

1. Deliverance

Philippians 1:19 (NKJV) For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:19 (KJV) For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

2. Prayers

Philippians 1:19b (NKJV) For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer...

Takeaway:

The success of Clements being a great church doesn't depend upon the power of the preacher, it depends upon the power of the people praying. There is no greater resource available under heaven than the power of prayer. When we have prayed for a person, family, or particular situation we have done the greatest thing we can possibly do.

3. Supply

Philippians 1:19c (NKJV) For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Takeaway:

Every answered prayer is God's supply from heaven. The word supply means, "support." It finds its root meaning in the word "parakletos." It means comforter or one who comes alongside someone to assist them in a difficult situation. The word "supply" also comes from the English word "chorus." Whenever a Greek city held a festival, someone had to pay for all the singers and dancers in the festival. All the donations had to be generous in order to take care of their needs.

II. Paul's faith gave him uncommon determination

A. Paul displayed determination

Philippians 1:20a (NKJV) According to my earnest expectation...

B. Paul displayed concentration

Philippians 1:20b (NKJV) According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always...

Definition of ashamed by Merriam Webster:

Ashamed means to feel shame, guilt, or disgrace.

C. Paul displayed magnification

Philippians 1:20c (NKJV) According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.

The Bible says a lot about magnifying the Lord:

Psalm 34:3 (NKJV) Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together.

Psalm 35:27 (NKJV) Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, "Let the LORD be magnified, who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

Psalm 40:16 (NKJV) Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let such as love Your salvation say continually, "The LORD be magnified!"

Psalm 70:4 (NKJV) Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; and let those who love Your salvation say continually, "Let God be magnified!"

Takeaway:

When the bible uses the word "magnify" it refers to making an object appear to be larger than it actually is. None of us can make Jesus larger, He's already as large as He ever needs to be. My concern for the average Christian at Clements is this: has Jesus become smaller or larger to us? If we magnify the Lord as we should, then we make Him seem larger to those we come in contact with.

Pastor Tim's observation here at Clements:

I fear some of us have forgotten the joy of being saved. Our sporadic attendance shows it, our lack of consistent giving shows it, our lack of sharing the gospel shows it, our lack of passion shows it, and our overall lack of engagement shows it. If we are to keep the family business alive and well, then the family better get busy about the business.