

PHILIPPIANS - THE KEYS TO RELEASING OUR JOY

Lesson 8

Review: Paul has been revealing how the Christian's joy can be imprisoned by so many of life's challenges and experiences. He also reveals the scriptural keys necessary to releasing our joy both in and through those situations. Thus far, we have seen how to Release Our Joy...

- 1) From the Prison of Our Pain - Chapter 1
- 2) From the Prison of Our Pride - Chapter 2
- 3) From the Prison of Our Past - Chapter 3

RESCUING OUR JOY FROM THE PRISON OF PETTINESS - PHIL. 4:1-4

I. PAUL PLACES SUBTLE HINTS ABOUT THE PROBLEM HE WILL PRESENT

- A) Phil. 1:10-11 BE SINCERE, W/O OFFENCE, FILLED W/ FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT
- B) Phil. 1:27 HAVE A TESTIMONY OF UNITY IN LIFESTYLE & MINISTRY
- C) Phil. 2:1-8 REJECT STRIFE & VAINGLORY; HAVE THE HUMILITY OF CHRIST
- D) Phil. 2:14-15 PROTECT THE MINISTRY; DON'T MURMUR OR ARGUE
- E) Phil. 2:20-21 DON'T SEEK YOUR OWN GOALS, BUT THOSE OF CHRIST
- F) Phil. 3:15-16 IF YOU CLAIM MATURITY, SEEK UNITY

II. PAUL PREPARES TO SHARE THE PROBLEM WITH A GENERAL PLEA - Phil. 3:17-4:1

Therefore....

- A) Because we are to be an EXAMPLE - 3:17
- B) Because others are looking to FOLLOW - 3:18-19
- C) Because we are to behave as citizens of HEAVEN - 3:20-21
- D) Because it will mean so much to Paul PERSONALLY - 4:1
....Stand fast in the Lord!!

III. PAUL PRESENTS THE SPECIFIC PROBLEM WITH A PERSONAL PLEA - Phil. 4:2-4

- A) Why Paul felt the need to name NAMES
 - 1) They were people of POSITION or PROMINENCE
 - 2) The problem had continued too LONG
 - 3) The problem had spread too FAR
- B) How Paul pleads for their RECONCILIATION
 - 1) Remember your MINISTRY
 - 2) Remember your DESTINY
 - 3) Regain your UNITY & JOY