

DEEP JOY: THE MESSAGE OF PHILIPPIANS

July 2nd, 2023
Part 4: "Joy in Seeking Progress
through the Gospel"
Philippians 1:18b-30

Author: Paul writing with Timothy in AD61-62 // Audience: The church in Philippi // Melodic Line: As God's people, pursue deep joy in Christ through progress in the faith and partnership in the Gospel.

BIG IDEA:

Three aspects of Gospel progress in the lives of Paul and the church at Philippi:

I. _____
(1:18b-20)

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

E. _____

II. _____
(1:21-26)

III. _____
(1:27-30)

A. _____

B. _____

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2)

3)

4)

DEEP JOY CHALLENGE: What does Gospel progress look like for me and my family in the year ahead?

What to do right after the service to help “the Word dwell more richly,” within us (Colossians 3:16):

1. Instead of rushing off after the service is over, or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church. Start spiritual conversations by asking, “How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?” Or “what about God in the message encouraged you?”

2. Encourage someone by sharing things you learned about God from His Word during the sermon. Make note of how your thinking has changed. Don’t let biblical teaching be a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Choose one or two particular applications to share.

[Above from book Nine Marks of a Healthy Church Member by 9Marks]

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MINING THE MESSAGE

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND FURTHER RESOURCES TO DIG DEEPER



These questions are designed for discussion in the context of our Growth Groups. Growth Groups provide a space for more personal discussion as well as fostering genuine relationships. Please work on these questions before the group meeting to help us have a good time of discussion.

If you would like to be in a Group, email info@redeemermedford.org and we will be in touch.

UPWARD: What does this message teach us about God and His ways?

- How does the story of Job relate to Paul's situation in prison? (cf. Job 13:13-16) What encouragement can we take from both of their stories?
- Paul had an unstoppable mentality. Can we share this perspective? If so, how would this outlook affect our daily lives?

INWARD: What does this message teach us about life in the body?

- Paul is very clearly willing to put his own needs aside for the good of his brothers and sisters. Look at the following texts and note how they inform that kind of mindset.
 - Ephesians 4:1-16
 - 1 Peter 4:7-11
- What are some imbalanced ways to think about making progress in the Christian life? How can a Gospel perspective help us combat those wrong ideas?

OUTWARD: What does this message teach us about the mission of God?

- Who are you praying for and sharing the Gospel with this week?

DIGGING DEEPER:

Resources to help you think deeper about this week's Bible message. Recommended resources are not an endorsement of all the authors have said or written.

Something to Read:

Old Paths, New Power - Daniel Henderson
Prayer: How Praying Together Shapes the Church - John Onwuchekwa
Following Jesus: The Essentials of Christian Discipleship - Andrew Randall
Life in the Body of Christ: Privileges and Responsibilities in the Local Church - Curtis Thomas

Something to Listen to:

Epitaphs of Joy - Jeremiah Dennis (available on YouTube)
Living Worthy of the Gospel - Aneirin Glyn (available from www.st-helens.org.uk)
Joy in Spite of the Flesh - John MacArthur (available from www.gty.org)
Joy in Spite of Death - John MacArthur (available from www.gty.org)

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

Redeemer is reading through the Bible this year - join us on our journey through God's Word! Copies of the full plan can be found at www.fivedaybible.com

MON	1 Kings 10-11; 2 Chr 9; 1 Tim 6
TUES	Ecclesiastes 1-3, Psa 45, 2 Tim 1
WEDS	Eccl 4-6; Psa 125; 2 Tim 2
THURS	Eccl 7-9; Psa 46, 2 Tim 3
FRI	Eccl 10-12; 2 Tim 4