

JOY, IN SPITE OF ...

Philippians: Finding Joy in a Negative World
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Text: Philippians 1:12-26

Paul did not find his joy in his _____; he found his joy in _____ God.

How can we have joy in spite of ...?

If we want to experience God's joy, we must be concerned with _____ God.

1. See things from God's _____. (1:12-14)

- A. Paul's chains gave _____ with the lost. (Acts 28:11-31; Philippians 4:22)
- B. Paul's chains gave _____ to the saved. Sometimes it is your _____ to your "chains" that influences someone else.

Romans 8:28

- God has a _____ behind every one of my problems.
- My circumstances aren't as important as what I _____ with them.
- Rejoice in what God is doing, rather than _____ about what God did not do.

2. Focus on God's _____. (1:15-18)

3. Depend on God's _____. (1:18-20)

- A. God's power released through _____.
- B. God's power given by the _____.

Paul had joy because he was not dependent on just his _____ resources, but God's.

God's presence and power is _____.
(Philippians 4:13)

4. Live for God's _____. (1:20-26)

- A. Paul's purpose was to honor Christ with his _____.
- B. Paul's purpose was to honor Christ with his _____.

Philippians 3:13-14

Conclusion

Your experience of joy depends on what you _____ for. (Philippians 1:21)

JOY — _____ first, _____ second, _____ last.

Next Lesson: Philippians 1:27-30