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The Birth Of A Fellowship Of Joy (Acts 16:14-40)

Proposition: If we trace back into the background of the church at Philippi, I believe that we can find three reasons why they were a fellowship of joy and in doing so, we can see how we may also be a fellowship of joy.

A fellowship of joy is found where...

I. Sinners are being Saved

- A. The Assortment of Sinners (Vs. 14a-e, 16, 23-24)
- B. The Authenticity of Salvation (Vs. 14f, 18, 30)

II. Struggles are being Surpassed

- A. Accusation's Reversal (Vs. 20-22; 35-37)
- B. Adoration's Release (Vs. 25-26)
- C. Acquittal's Reunion (Vs. 38-40)

III. Sovereignty is being Seen

- A. A Will to Contribute (Vs. 15, 40a-b)
- B. A Walk that Confounds (Vs. 19)
- C. A Work of Compassion (Vs. 33-34)

Classic Christianity (Philippians 1:1-2)

Proposition: Here in our text, the Apostle Paul gives his opening greeting to the church a Philippi and in doing so he reminds us of the basic fundamentals of being a child of God. We could say that he is taking us back to the classic formula for living a Christian life and in doing so, he gives us three basic instructions for living the Christian life.

I. Accept the Descriptions of a Believer (Vs. 1)

- A. We are Tasked to be Servants (Vs. 1a)
- B. We are Titled to be Saints (Vs. 1b-c)

II. Acknowledge the Dwelling of a Believer (Vs. 1b)

- A. We are Settled in a World
- B. We are Sealed by the Lord

III. Apprehend the Desire of a Believer (Vs. 2)

- A. The Provision Required (Vs. 2a-b)
- B. The Preoccupation Revealed (Vs. 2c-d)

How To Have J.O.Y. (Philippians 1:3-8)

Proposition: In verses 3-8, Paul shows us three aspects of this Jesus, others, yourself principal that if we will follow I believe that we can all have a joy that transcends whatever experiences that we may endure in life.

- I. Jesus in my Alliance with others (Vs. 3-5)
- A. Our Commitment to each other (Vs. 3-4)
- B. Our Connection to each other (Vs. 5)
- II. Jesus in my Aspirations for others (Vs. 6)
- A. A work Divine in it's Creation
- B. A work Determined in it's Completion
- III. Jesus in my Affections toward others (Vs. 7-8)
- A. A Togetherness Experienced in Christ (Vs. 7b-e)
- B. A Tenderness Expressed through Christ (Vs. 7a; 8)

Three Imperatives From An Inspired Intercession (Philippians 1:9-11)

Proposition: Every follower of Jesus Christ here tonight can find can find joy at the heart of Christian life by following three instructions that are found in Paul's prayer for the church at Philippi.

I. The Affection we should Demonstrate (Vs. 9)

- A. An Abundant Love
- B. An Authentic Love

II. The Approval we should Desire (Vs. 10)

- A. The Excellency of our Lives (Vs. 10a)
- B. The Transparency of out Lives (Vs. 10b)

III. The Adoration we should Direct (Vs. 11)

- A. The Fountain of our life's Produce (Vs. 11a-b)
- B. The Focus of our life's Praise (Vs. 11c)

The Pursuits Of A Joy-Filled Life (Philippians 1:12-20)

Proposition:Here in our text are three critical life pursuits that Paul reveals in these verses, that, if we will make them our life pursuits, we can experience a joy-filled life.

I. The Advance of a Critical Message (Vs. 12, 18)

- A. In Spite of Circumstances (Vs. 12-13)
- B. In Spite of Strife (Vs. 15-16)

II. The Activity of a Caring Ministry

- A. The Saving of the Sinner (Vs. 13)
- B. The Stirring of the Saint (Vs. 14, 17)
- C. The Strengthening of the Servant (Vs. 19)

III. The Adoration of a Commissioning Master (Vs. 20)

- A. The Lord magnified in my Living (Vs. 20a-f)
- B. The Lord magnified in my Dying (Vs. 20g)

A Christian Perspective On Living And Dying (Philippians 1:21-26)

Proposition: Every one of us in this room that know Christ as Saviour and Lord can live the remaining days of our life to their highest potential for God by following three instructions found in our text.

I. Have a Living Philosophy (Vs. 21)

- A. The Meaning of Life is Retained (Vs. 21a)
- B. The Menace of Life is Removed (Vs. 21b)

II. Have a Longing Expectancy (Vs. 22b-23)

- A. Heaven's Relief
- B. Heaven's Reveal

III. Have a Laboring Mentality (Vs. 22a; 24-26)

- A. Be a servant that is Fruitful (Vs. 22a)
- B. Be a servant that is Needful (Vs. 24)
- C. Be a servant that is Joyful (Vs. 25-26)

Am I A Soldier Of The Cross? (Philippians 1:27-30)

Proposition: Are you a Soldier of the Cross? Every one of us today can realize the answer to that question by applying of the three callings of a soldier to their lives.

A soldier of the cross is...

I. Called to Stand Courageously (Vs. 27)

- A. Unquestionable in Commitment (Vs. 27a-e)
- B. Unbreakable in Conflict (Vs. 27e-f)

II. Called to Strive Fearlessly (Vs. 28)

- A. The Essential for Battle (Vs. 28a)
- B. The Effect of Bravery (Vs. 28b-d)

III. Called to Suffer Selflessly (Vs. 29-30)

- A. The Privilege of Suffering (Vs. 29)
- B. The Partnership of Suffering (Vs. 30)

I Want To Pastor Harmony Baptist Church (Philippians 2:1-4)

Proposition: Here in Philippians Chapter 2, Paul gives us some instructions that will turn any baptist church into a harmony baptist church.

I. Emphasis the Basis of Harmony (Vs. 1)

- A. The Consolation of Christ (Vs. 1a)
- B. The Comfort of Love (Vs. 1b)
- C. The Companionship of the Spirit (Vs. 1c)
- D. The Compassion of the Heart (Vs. 1d)

II. Exhibit the Builders of Harmony (Vs. 2)

- A. Have a Cooperative Head (Vs. 2a-b; e)
- B. Have a Corresponding Heart (Vs. 2c-d)

III. Eliminate the Breakers of Harmony (Vs. 3-4)

- A. Reject Self-Promotion (Vs. 3)
- B. Refuse Self-Preoccupation (Vs. 4)

A Diamond Of A Text (Philippians 2:5-11)

Proposition: In this one passage of scripture, God give us three glowing facets that if we look close enough, will illuminate our minds, strengthen our will, and capture our hearts.

I. In this text, there is Something to Learn (Vs. 5-9)

- A. The Humility we should Exercise (Vs. 5-8b)
- B. The Hurt we will Encounter (Vs. 8c-d)
- C. The Honor we can Expect (Vs. 9)

II. In this text, there is Someone to Love (Vs. 5-9)

- A. A Jesus who was Emptied (Vs. 5-8b)
- B. A Jesus who was Executed (Vs. 8c-d)
- C. A Jesus who is Exalted (Vs. 9)

III. In this text, there is Somewhere to Look (Vs. 10-11)

- A. A Day of Revealing (Vs. 10a; 11)
- B. A Day of Reckoning (Vs. 10b-c)

Obey Today (Philippians 2:12-13)

Proposition: From this command of obedience, Paul gives us three helps to obey today. If every one of us will follow these instructions, we will be compelled to obey today.

I. Remember a Perpetual Possession (Vs. 12f)

- A. God is the Giver
- B. Man is the Receiver

II. Realize a Personal Purpose (Vs. 12f)

- A. The Activity we should Pursue
- B. The Attitude we should Possess

III. Rely on a Providential Plan (Vs. 13)

- A. God's Will
- B. God's Work

Don't Forget Who You Are (Philippians 2:14-18)

Proposition: Every one of us tonight that are members of the family of God can remember just who we are in Christ by keeping in mind the following three descriptions.

I. You are Sons in a Broken World (Vs. 14-15a-d)

- A. The Character Around (Vs. 15d)
- B. The Kinship Within (Vs. 14, 15a-c)

II. You are Stars in a Blackened Sky (Vs. 15e-16a)

- A. Stars that Pierce Darkness (Vs. 15e)
- B. Stars that Provide Direction (Vs. 16a)

III. You are Sacrifices on a Burning Alter (Vs. 16b-18)

- A. The Render of Service (Vs. 16b-17b)
- B. The Result of Satisfaction (Vs. 17c-18)

Living Above The Level Of Mediocrity (Philippians 2:19-24)

Proposition: In these verses, as Paul describes the life and service of Young Timothy, everyone of us are offered instruction for living a life above the level of mediocrity.

I. Focus on Expressing Love (Vs. 19-20)

- A. A Spiritual Concern
- B. A Sensitive Concern

II. Major in Exalting the Lord (Vs. 21)

- A. The Searches of Life (Vs. 21a)
- B. The Center of Life (Vs. 21b)

III. Launch into Exerting Labor (Vs. 22-24)

- A. Be Proven for Service (Vs. 22a)
- B. Be Purposeful in Striving (Vs. 22b)
- C. Be Prepared to Sacrifice (Vs. 23-24)

Unsung Heroes (Philippians 2:25-30)

Proposition: Every one of us tonight can become an unsung hero for the kingdom of God be applying to out lives three characteristics gleaned from the life testimony of this man Epaphroditus.

I. They are Recognized by their Role (Vs.25)

- A. He was a Son (Vs. 25b)
- B. He was a Servant (Vs. c, e)
- C. He was a Soldier (Vs. d)

II. They are Distinct in their Devotion (Vs.26)

- A. A Love for God's Preachers (Vs. 25f, 30c)
- B. A Love for God's People (Vs. 26)

III. They are Sacrificial in their Service (Vs.27-30)

- A. A Derailing Disease (Vs. 27)
- B. A Disregarding Determination (Vs. 29-30)

Religion And Relationship Weighed In The Balance (Philippians 3:1-9)

Proposition: Every one of us tonight can follow Paul's weighing out of religion and relationship by three spiritual truths that are drawn from out text.

I. The Experience of Rejoicing (Vs. 1-3)

- A. The Focus of Joy (Vs. 1)
- B. The Frag-mentors of Joy (Vs. 2)
- C. The Facilitators of Joy (Vs. 3)

II. The Error of Religion (Vs. 4-6)

- A. Powerless Religious Assumptions (Vs. 4)
- B. Purposeless Religious Achievement (Vs. 5)
- C. Pointless Religious Activity (Vs. 6)

III. The Excellence of Relationship (Vs. 7-9)

- A. Greater than and Profitable Substance (Vs. 7)
- B. Greater than any Personal Suffering (Vs. 8)
- C. Greater than any Positional Standing (Vs. 9)

Knowing Christ (Philippians 3:10)

Proposition: Everyone of us tonight can have an intimate and personal walk knowing Christ in the way that the Apostle Paul did by following four instructions gleaned from this single verse.

- I. See the Goal of knowing Christ (Vs. 10a)
- A. Having a Proficient knowledge of Him
- B. Having a Personal knowledge of Him
- II. Share in the Glory of knowing Christ (Vs. 10b)
- A. The Resurrection as a Fact
- B. The Resurrection as a Force
- III. Suffer the Groaning of knowing Christ (Vs. 10c)
- A. The Conflict Encountered
- B. The Conforming Experienced
- IV. Seek the Gain of knowing Christ (Vs. 10d)
- A. His Likeness
- B. Our Lives

Running The Race (Philippians 3:11-16)

Proposition: Every one of us must heed the three instruction given to us by the Apostle Paul to run the race of the Christian life as God intends us to run it.

I. Adhere to the Development of a Runner

- A. A Present Level of Development (Vs. 15-16)
- B. A Progressive Life of Development (Vs. 11-12)

II. Avoid the Distractions of a Runner (Vs. 13)

- A. A Realization about the Present (Vs. 13a-b)
- B. A Refusal of the Past (Vs. 13c-d)
- C. A Reach to the Future (Vs. 13e)

III. Attain the Determination of a Runner (Vs. 14)

- A. A Mark to Pass (Vs. 14a)
- B. A Metal to Prize (Vs. 14b)

I've Got Heaven On My Mind (Philippians 3:17-21)

Proposition: It is vitally important that every child of God live lives that reflect a heavenly mindedness that will ensure a God-honoring perspective on the things of this life. Here in our text, Paul give us three instructions that if followed will keep heaven on our mind.

I. Follow the Examples of Christ's Character (Vs. 17)

- A. Lives we should Mark (Vs. 17c)
- B. Lives we should Mimic (Vs. 17a-b)

II. Forsake the Enemies of Christ's Cross (Vs. 18-19)

- A. Their Destiny (Vs. 18-19a)
- B. Their Deity (Vs. 19b)
- C. Their Depravity (Vs. 19c-d)

III. Focus on the Expectation of Christ's Coming (Vs. 20-21)

- A. Our Conversation (Vs. 20a)
- B. Our Anticipation (Vs. 20b-c)
- C. Our Transformation (Vs. 21)

A Pleasant House With A Pungent Smell (Philippians 4:1-5)

Proposition: Every child of God here tonight can do their part to keep our house of God a pleasant one without a pungent smell, by applying three facts from our text.

I. The Reality of Rupture (Vs. 1-2)

- A. The Discord Discovered (Vs. 1-2a)
- B. The Displayed Disruption (Vs. 2b)

II. The Resources for Reconciliation (Vs. 2c, 3a-e)

- A. Gentle Persuasion (Vs. 3a-e)
- B. Gospel Preoccupation (Vs. 2c, 3b)

III. The Reasons for Resolution (Vs. 3f-5)

- A. Our Soul's Redemption (Vs. 3f)
- B. Our Heart's Rejoicing (Vs. 4)
- C. Our Life's Report (Vs. 5a)
- D. Our Lord's Return (Vs. 5b)

Take It To The Lord In Prayer (Philippians 4:6-7)

Proposition: Every on of us tonight can leave this place having the peace of God in our hearts about what every haunting mystery the future may hold, by recognizing three facts drawn from our text.

I. A Confining Problem (Vs. 6a)

- A. The Reality of Worry (Vs. 6a)
- B. The rejection of Worry (Vs. 6a)

II. A Clear Path (Vs. 6b)

- A. The Activity Instructed (Vs. 6b)
- B. The Attitude Indicated (Vs. 6b)

III. A Comforting Promise (Vs. 7)

- A. The Peace of God (Vs. 7a-b)
- B. The Protection of God (Vs. 7c)

The Thoughts And The Actions Of A Believer (Philippians 4:8-9)

Proposition: Every child of God in this room tonight can have a thought-life that will translate in to a Godly life by following the three instructions drawn from our text.

- I. Consider the Selection of Your Thoughts (Vs. 8a-h)
- A. The Thoughts that Guard the Inner Man (Vs. 8a-e)
- B. The Thoughts that Guide the Outer Man (Vs. 8f-h)
- II. Calculate the Sum of Your Thoughts (Vs. 8i-k)
- A. Pure Thinking (Vs. 8i-j)
- B. Practical Thinking (Vs. 8k)
- III. Construct the Sway of Your Thoughts (Vs. 9)
- A. The Reception (Vs. 9a-c)
- B. The Reflection (Vs. 9c-e)
- C. The Results (Vs. 910)

A Life Of Sweet Contentment (Philippians 4:10-13)

Proposition: Every born again believe in this room, no matter their situation, status, or salary, can live a life of contentment by following three basic instructions from our text tonight.

I. Appreciate the Provision of God (Vs. 10-11)

- A. God Sees your need (Vs. 11d)
- B. God Supplies your need (Vs. 10, 11d)

II. Accept the Placement of God (Vs. 11-12)

- A. The Different Locations of Life (Vs. 11c, 12)
- B. the Deliberate Learning for Life (Vs. 11b, 12c)

III. Appropriate the Power of God (Vs. 13)

- A. An Enabeling Person (Vs. 13a)
- B. An Enduring Provision (Vs. 13b)

Joy-Filled Giving (Philippians 4:10, 14-19)

Proposition: Every member of God's family in this room tonight, can find joy in their giving by following the three instructions concerning joy-filled giving from our text.

I. Have A Giving Heart - Release (Vs. 10-15)

- A. The Opportunity to Give (Vs. 10, 14, 16)
- B. The Necessity to Give (Vs. 15)

II. Have A Giving Head – Remember (Vs. 17-18)

- A. Eternal Storing (Vs. 17)
- B. Spiritual Adoring (Vs. 18)

III. Have A Giving Hope - Rely (Vs. 19)

- A. The Promise of Supply
- B. The Prerequisite of Supply

How To Have A Joy-Filled Ending (Philippians 4:20-23)

Proposition: As I though over these final phrases from the Apostle Paul, I could not help but see principals for ending my life filled with joy. I believe that we can all see three instructions for finishing our lives with joy!

I. Lift up Someone Outside Yourself: The Glory of God (Vs. 20)

- A. A Preeminent God
- B. A Personal Father
- C. A Perpetual Glory

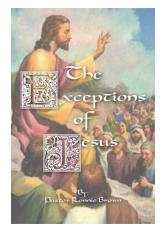
II. Labor for Something Outside Yourself: The Status of Saints (Vs. 21-22)

- A. Saints Savingly Plunged (Vs. 21a)
- B. Saints Selflessly Participating (Vs. 21b)
- C. Saints Singularly Placed (Vs. 22a)
- D. Saints Strategically Purposed (Vs. 22b)

III. Live by Something Outside Yourself: The Gift of Grace (Vs. 23)

- A. The Author of Grace
- B. The Availability of Grace

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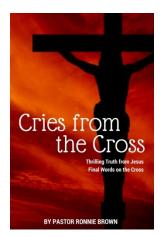
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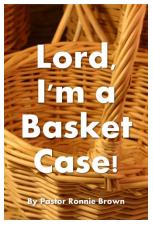


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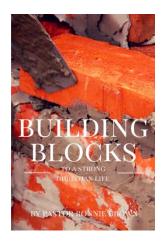


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