

Philippians: Joy in All Circumstances  
God's Perfecting Work in Paul's Current Circumstances:  
Greater Progress of the Gospel,  
Philippians 1:12-18

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God's Perfecting Work in Paul's Future Circumstances:  
Greater Exaltation in Christ,  
Philippians 1:18-21

Joy transcends both current and future circumstances

For the Philippians, they feel badly because Paul is in prison. They will feel even worse because Paul could be executed.

Philippians 1:18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice...

Current circumstances: Two reasons why his current circumstances have led to rejoicing...

Roman chains do not stop the Gospel because...

1. The impact of Paul's imprisonment on the praetorian guard
2. The courage of believers due to Paul's courage while in prison

Philippians 1:18 ...Yes, and I will rejoice

Present tense "I rejoice" Future tense "I will rejoice"

Philippians 1:19-20 for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

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We see Paul's confidence in his future. "For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance"

Poetic transition. Just as his current circumstance as two reasons for rejoicing, his future prospect has two reasons for rejoicing. Either he will get released and onto other ministry OR he will die and receive the ultimate reward

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Through your prayers...the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ

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I will not be put to shame

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Christ will be exalted whether I live or die

Philippians 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.