

Take Joy in the Gospel

Philippians 1:19-26

The Gospel:

Unhindered by Imperfect Circumstances
Undeterred by Impure Motives

The Gospel: Unlimited in **life** and **death**. (vs. 19-26)

A. Paul explains his **confidence**. (vs. 19-20)

¹⁶ “This also will be my salvation, For a godless man may not come before His presence.

¹⁷ “Listen carefully to my speech, And let my declaration *fill* your ears.

¹⁸ “Behold now, I have prepared my case; I know that I will be vindicated.

¹⁹ “Who will contend with me? For then I would be silent and die. Job 13:16-19

¹⁵ I will hope in Him. Nevertheless I will argue my ways before Him. Job 13:15

Assurance that comes from:

1. **Prayer** (vs. 19)

¹⁸ With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, ¹⁹ and *pray* on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in *proclaiming* it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. Ephesians 6:18-20

² You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. James 4:2

2. **Provision** (vs. 19)

3. **Previous Experience** (vs. 20)

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16

*“By **remembering** the past we prepare ourselves for **future faithfulness**.”*

B. Paul expresses his **Creed**. (vs. 21)

“Creed – a statement of belief or conviction that shapes ones’ **actions**.”

“For to me, living is _____, and dying is gain.”

Henry Allen Ironside

“Death is no enemy to the one to whom Christ is all.”

^{54b} “DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. ⁵⁵ O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?” ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; ⁵⁷ but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in vain* in the Lord. I Corinthians 15:54b-58

^{13b} God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. ¹⁴ It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thessalonians 2:13b-14

Jim Elliot

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.”

C. Paul reveals his Quandry. (vs.22-26)

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; ⁸in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing. 2 Timothy 4:6-8

⁹but just as it is written,

“THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD,

AND *which* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN,

ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.” 1 Corinthians 2:9

²⁸We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. ²⁹For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me. Colossians 1:28-29

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