

Unexpected Joy, Part 2

Philippians 1:12-18

#1: The Gospel – Unhindered by Imperfect Circumstances (vs. 12-14)

#2: Shine, Jesus, Shine

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word
Lord, and let there be light

#3: ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; ¹⁵ nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16

#4: ¹⁵ ...so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain. Philippians 2:15-16

#5: God – working through His people to reach those lost in darkness.

The Gospel – Undeterred by Impure Motives (vs. 15-18)

Two Groups emerged:

- 1) The Disgruntled.
- 2) The Devoted.

Character Sketch:

A. Compare

- 1) What they are: Family (vs 12-15)

² Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision... Philippians 3:2

¹¹ But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the stumbling block of the cross has been abolished. ¹² I wish that those who are troubling you would even mutilate themselves. Galatians 5:11-12

¹⁷ Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them. ¹⁸ For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting. ¹⁹ For the report of your obedience has reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil. ²⁰ The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. Romans 16:17-20

- 2) What they are doing: Proclaiming Christ (vs.15)

B. Contrast

1) The **Disgruntled** (vs. 15-18)

They were preaching:

- a) From a **heart of envy**. (vs. 15)
- b) To **create contention**. (vs. 15)

²⁹Who is weak without my being weak? Who is led into sin without my intense concern? 2 Corinthians 11:29

- c) Out of **selfish-ambition** (vs.17)

2) The **Devoted** (vs. 15-16)

They preach:

- a) Out of **good will**. (vs. 15)

good will = **willing pleasure**

- b) Out of **love**. (vs.16)