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JOY FOR ALL SEASONS

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A. Christ our Life.

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Being filled with the Holy Spirit Jesus knew real joy but the gospels only define His joy for us once in Luke’s gospel. (Luke 10:21)

“I have always believed that the measure of a person’s spiritual character, the measure of their spiritual strength and the measure of their spiritual maturity is what it takes to steal their joy.”

DR. JOHN MACARTHUR

What does it take to kill your joy?

a. Joyful in Chains. (Philippians 1:12-14)

In our passage we find Paul under arrest, this trial will last for two long years. He is chained to a Roman guard, living a life of deprivation and discomfort.

In verse 12 the word progress is the Greek word “prokope” and it is a military word that means to “advance despite obstacles, dangers or resistance.”

**He did not care about his comfort or his circumstances.
His joy was in the progress of the gospel.**

b. Joyful in Censure. (Philippians 1:15-18)

Paul was not only dealing with his imprisonment he was also being severely criticized by other Christians who wanted to discredit his ministry.

Paul points out two kinds of preacher (v16-17):

1. Content

2. Discontent

The Greek word translated selfish ambition is “eritheia” and was used of self-serving politicians who spent all their time promoting themselves.

**He did not care who got the credit for it.
His joy was in the proclamation of Christ.**

c. Joyful in Certain Death. (Philippians 1:19-22)

1. Paul gives us a brief idea of what he had to go through for the sake of the gospel in 2 Corinthians (11:23-28; 6:4-10).

We do not lose our joy because of bad circumstances or a lack of things we want. We lose our joy because we have mixed it with these things.

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2. Paul's confidence was not placed in the things of this world, his confidence was in his God:
 - a. Philippians 1:19a

 - b. Philippians 1:19b

 - c. Philippians 1:19c

 - d. Philippians 1:20

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

PHILIPPIANS 1:21

3. Philippians 1:22
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d. Joyful in Continued Life. (Philippians 1:23-30)

PAUL'S FINAL YEARS

- Released around 63 AD.
- Went to Asia Minor and sent Titus to Crete. (Titus 1:5)
- Went to Ephesus, Colossae and back to Ephesus. (Philemon)
- Met with Timothy who brought news from Philippi.
- Left Timothy to sort things out in Ephesus. (1 Timothy)
- Went to Macedonia and wrote 1 Timothy and Titus.
- Asked Titus to meet him at Nicopolis. (Titus)
- Back to Asia Minor leaving Trophimus in Miletus. (2 Timothy)
- Off to Troas to see Carpus where he left his cloak and books.
- Arrested and taken to Rome again 65 AD.
- Severe imprisonment.
- Abandoned by Demas only Luke was with him.
- Asked Timothy to come to him and bring Mark.
- Put on trial and everyone deserted him but the Lord.
- Rescued from the lion's mouth.
- Then his head was removed and he was with the Lord.

Paul did not know he would be released so he gives them some instructions to follow:

1. Stand together (v27)

This is a military term and it was used to command troops to hold their ground while under attack.

2. Strive together (v27)

Paul knew that they had a problem with unity and the best way to build unity is to be engaged in a common goal.

The term “sunathleo” was a sports term that meant to struggle or wrestle together.

3. Suffer together (v28–30)

The Bible assures us that just as our salvation is a gift from God so are sufferings.

Is Christ really your life?

Paul wanted to see the good news about Christ advance,
Christ preached and glorified, and Christ's body helped.

For to me, to live is _____

And to die is _____ .

*¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation
And sustain me with a willing spirit.*

*¹³ Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,
And sinners will be converted to You.*

PSALM 51:12-13

