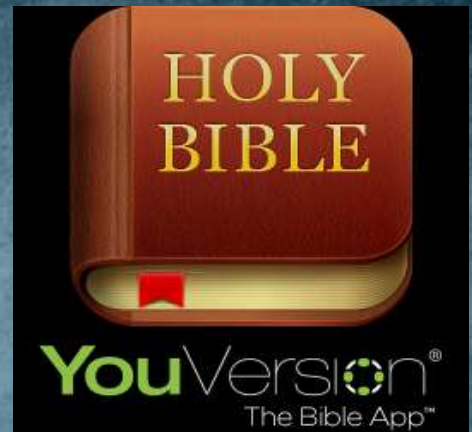




Scripture



Look for our event!

Philippians 1:18b-26

Joy Without End

8/23/2020

Three Reasons for Confident Joy in Trial:

I. Christ is Magnified - Vs. 18b-20

A. Christ Magnified Through the Prayer of Others

B. Christ Magnified Through the Supply of the Spirit

I. Christ is Magnified - Vs. 18b-20

C. Christ Magnified in Final Vindication

Job 13:15-18 -

Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him; I will surely defend my ways to his face. Indeed, this will turn out for my deliverance, for no godless man would dare come before him! Listen carefully to my words; let your ears take in what I say. Now that I have prepared my case, I know I will be vindicated.

I. Christ is Magnified - Vs. 18b-20

C. Christ Magnified in Final Vindication

I Peter 2:23-24 -

He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

I. Christ is Magnified - Vs. 18b-20

D. Christ Magnified in Continue Courage

Revelation 21:8 -

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

II. We are Satisfied - Vs. 21-23

A. Present Richness - "To live is Christ"

"For him, life means Christ. Life is summed up in Christ. Life is filled up with, occupied with Christ, in the sense that everything Paul does- trusts, loves, hopes, obeys, preaches, follows and so on- is inspired by Christ and done for Christ. Christ and Christ alone gives inspiration, direction, meaning and purpose to existence."

~Gerald Hawthorne

II. We are Satisfied - Vs. 21-23

A. Present Richness - “To live is Christ”

Psalm 73:25-26 -

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

II. We are Satisfied - Vs. 21-23

B. Future Fullness - “To die is gain”

I Thess. 4:17 -

“We who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them (the dead) in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord!

“One wonders what the people of God might truly be like in our “post-modern” world if we were once again people of this singular passion. Too often for us it is, “for me to live is Christ plus work, leisure, accumulating wealth, relationships,” etc. And if the truth were known, all too often the “plus factor” has become our primary passion: “For me to live is my work,” etc. Both our “progress” and “joy” regarding the gospel are altogether contingent on whether or...

not Christ is our primary, singular passion...In a world that has lost its way, believers in Christ Jesus have the singular word of hope. We expect eventually “to depart and be with Christ.” For Paul this was a yearning, for us it is too often an addendum. The point to make, of course, is that such an orientation gives us both focus and perspective in a world gone mad.”

~Gordon Fee

III. Others are Edified - Vs. 24-26

Rom. 14:7-8 -

"Not one of us lives for himself, and not one of us dies for himself; for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."