



JOY In Spite of Detractors

Philippians 1:15-20

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☀ Review Section

- A. We can have JOY in spite of troubles (last week's title).
- B. We can have JOY in spite of detractors (today's title).
 - i. God's purposes are often accomplished through our problems.
 - ii. The sharing of the gospel should always be our goal.
 - iii. Take courage from the examples of other Christians.
 - iv. The message of Christ is all that matters (Today)
- C. Our God is sovereign and He sits on His throne in Heaven.

☀ Study Section – Philippians 1:15-20

1. Paul's _____.

Philippians 1:12–14, NIV -¹² *Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.* ¹³ *As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ.* ¹⁴ *Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly.*

2. Paul's _____.

Philippians 1:15–18, NLT -¹⁵ *It's true that some are preaching out of jealousy and rivalry. But others preach about Christ with pure motives.*

¹⁶ *They preach because they love me, for they know I have been appointed [lit., *destined*, a military word meaning, "I am called to duty for the purpose..."] to defend [Gk: *apologia*, meaning (legally) "to give a defense"; "Why did you do that?" or "What do you believe that?"] the Good News.* ¹⁷ *Those others do not have pure motives as they preach about Christ. They preach with selfish ambition, not sincerely, intending to make my chains more painful to me.* ¹⁸ *But that doesn't matter. Whether their motives are false or genuine, the message about Christ is being preached either way, so I rejoice. And I will continue to rejoice.*

Philippians 1:18, NIV84 -¹⁸ *But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached [a unique word for "proclaiming," lit., *preached with authority and power*]. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice....*

3. Paul's _____.

Philippians 1:19–20, TLB -¹⁹ *I am going to keep on being glad, for I know that as you pray [ie., intense intercession] for me, and as the Holy Spirit helps me, this is all going to turn out for my good.* ²⁰ *For I live in eager expectation [Gk: *ἀποκαρδοκία* (*apo-kara-dokia*) *apo* = turn from; *kara* = head; *dokia* = to watch intently; lit., "To watch for something so intently that the head is turned away from everything else"] and hope that I will never do anything that will cause me to be ashamed of myself but that I will always be ready to speak out boldly for Christ while I am going through all these trials here, just as I have in the past; and that I will always be an honor to Christ, whether I live or whether I must die.*

☀ Life Application Section

- A. God's purposes are often accomplished through our problems.
- B. The sharing of the gospel should always be our goal.
- C. Take courage from the examples of other Christians.
- D. Don't be surprised by those who detract from the Gospel.

"God is the most powerful asserter of our innocence. Therefore, it is best to deal with God about it and prayer proves a better vindication than self-defense." - Puritan Thomas Manton

E. The message of Christ is all that matters.

Philippians 1:20, PHE – "...As long as Christ is preached, that's what I live for, that's what I'll die for."

Answers: 1. Chains, 2. Critics, 3. Cause.