

Bethel Baptist Church
A Matter of Perspective – Getting to Know Philippians
Philippians 1:1–11
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- Theme: Christology – To know Christ and to make Him known!
- Proposition: We must understand how living with the mind of Christ should change our perspective of ourselves, and how that perspective should impact how we live!
- Interrogatory: How does my perspective affect the way I live and what I expect?

Introduction

Where we are going: This is a book about perspective – Gospel perspective. Seeing all of life in light of the Gospel!

Outline

- I. Where we are going.
 - A. The Gospel perspective as a servant (1-2)
 - B. The Gospel perspective as a prisoner (3-11)
 - C. The Gospel perspective on plans and people (12-18a)
 - D. The Gospel perspective on life and death (19-26).
 - E. The Gospel perspective on Christian citizenship (1:27-2:2)

II. What we are studying.

- A. Philippians speaks of the success of the Gospel
- B. Philippians serves as a model for Gospel investment
- C. Philippians shares a picture for true fellowship
- D. Philippians shows a right perspective on life
- E. Philippians spells out for us what a life lived with this "Christ" perspective should look like – true joy

Discussion Questions

1. What did you hear?
2. What is "perspective?"
 - Where do we get our perspective?
 - How does our perspective impact the way we live?
 - As a believer, do we need to intentionally pursue a change in perspective?
 - How does a change in perspective take place?
3. What do you think the difference is between living a life focused on being

happy and life that is focused on becoming like Christ?

- Does this impact your view of "things?" How?
- Does this impact your view of "people?" How?
- Does this impact your view of "circumstances?" How?

4. Do you live with a perspective that believes the Gospel is succeeding every day?

- Do you tend to think positively or negatively about what is taking place in the world?
- Do you tend to think positively or negatively about what is taking place in your own life?

5. Do you view life in light of "Gospel investment?"

- What do you think "Gospel investment" is?
- What does this really look like in everyday terms?

6. What is "true fellowship?"

- Do you think this is a need at Bethel?
- How can you become an agent of "true fellowship?"