

“Clear Heads, Cheerful Hearts”

Rejoice In God’s Work In The Church

Philippians 2:12-30 (981)

Here the Apostle *applies* the glorious example of the humiliation and exaltation of Christ (v 6-11) to the present life and outlook of Christ’s church. In our union with Christ we are called to “think God’s thoughts after him” in our choices and our labors. Christ’s example motives Paul to be “glad and rejoice with you all” (v 17b) though he may face death (v 17a). Rejoice with the suffering Christ, his suffering apostle, and their spiritual descendants!

I. A Conscientious _____ (v 12-14, cf. v 8)

- Defining _____:
- Salvation _____
- The comfort of God’s _____

II. A Crooked _____ (v 15-18)

- What generation is _____?
- That _____ was threatening Paul’s _____
- Paul’s “gladness” and “joy” is _____.

III. A Careful _____ (v 19-27)

- The importance of _____.
- The church’s _____ of their _____.

IV. A Complete _____ (v 28-30)

- How do **you** _____ them, _____ them, _____ them?
- God is working in you _____ to _____ (heart) and to _____ (action).
- Let us _____ for God’s _____ alone!

(*Philippians: An Expository Commentary* by James Montgomery Boice)