

“Indestructible Joy In The Faith”

Grasping Paul’s Connection Of Faith And Life

Philippians 1:18-30 (980)

Writing from a Roman imprisonment (Acts 28:16, 23), Paul has come to terms with the possible outcomes of his appeal to Caesar made clear back in Caesarea Maritima (Acts 25:11). He has come to terms with them as a true believer (WCF 18.1). Paul knows his destiny is certain, his investment in people is significant, and even from incarceration he can encourage believers. Hear the call today to imitate Paul’s indestructible joy in the Christian faith.

I. The _____ hope of true believers (v 18-22)

- Ministry of the church and the Spirit result in _____.
- To live is _____, to die is _____.
- Evaluate your desire for _____ and for _____.

II. The _____ joy of true believers (v 23-26)

- The redeemed have a _____ destiny to be with _____.
- We ought to seek _____ and _____ in the faith.
- Treasure the blessing of Christian _____ and _____.

III. The _____ call of true believers (v 27-30)

- God’s people will stand in _____, unity, and _____ service.
- Do not be _____ by your opponents.
- Don’t be surprised when God calls you _____.
- *Westminster Confession* 28.3 speaks of our hearts being “enlarged in peace and in joy in love and thankfulness to God, and in strength and cheerfulness in the duties of obedience, the proper fruits of assurance.”

(Philippians: An Expositional Commentary by James Montgomery Boice)