

**Joy in Christ**  
**Advancing the Gospel**  
**Philippians 1:12-30**

**James 1** <sup>2</sup> Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

**11. Acts 16** <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

**1. No matter what the circumstances, we need to advance the gospel.**

**Philippians 1** <sup>12</sup> Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.

**Acts 9** <sup>15</sup> the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup> I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

**Philippians 1** <sup>18</sup> But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

**2. We need to live our lives with the expectation of deliverance.**

**Philippians 1** <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

**Philippians 1** <sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

**Mark 10** <sup>29</sup> "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel <sup>30</sup> will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age...and in the age to come eternal life.

**3. We need to stand firm in unity and live lives that glorify God.**

**Philippians 1** <sup>27</sup> Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

**Philippians 1** <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him.

**Acts 5** <sup>41</sup> The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. <sup>42</sup> Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

**John 16** <sup>33</sup> "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

**Matthew 28** <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."