

REAL TRUTH...TRUE JOY
Philippians 2:12 – 3:11
November 6, 2012

- I. Paul's Purpose – Philippians 2:12-18
 - A. Applying the "Christ Hymn" – Vv. 5-11
 1. To the situation at Philippi
 - B. Going Back Further – Phil. 1:27-30
 1. Living out the _____ of their faith
 - C. Three Points
 1. Encouragement to continue in _____ Vv. 12-13
 2. Exhortation in _____ area of obedience – Vv. 14-16a
 3. Relating their own struggle to remain _____ and _____ with his own – Vv. 16b-18
- II. Keep Up the Good Work – Vv. 12-13
 - A. Application
 1. "Therefore..."
 - B. Work Out Your Own Salvation – Vs. 12b
 1. Contradiction?
 2. Three points
 - a. He clarifies the gospel in verse 13
 - b. Paul says "work _____ your salvation"
 - i. Not "work _____ your salvation"
 - c. He is encouraging them to obey as Christ obeyed
 - i. Therefore, the meaning must be tied up with _____
 3. What Paul doesn't mean
 - a. A weakened definition of "salvation"
 4. The difference between "salvation" and "justification"
 - a. Justification
 - b. Salvation
 5. Therefore, Paul is saying that they should _____

6. Fear and Trembling
 - a. The seriousness of obedience

C. God is the One Who Works – Vs. 13

1. Our justification and salvation are entirely _____
2. God gives us both the _____ and the _____ to obey
3. Why?
 - a. So that _____ might work out his _____

III. Comparison to the Wandering Israelites – Vv. 14-16

A. A More Specific Command

1. How do they “conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the gospel?”
 - a. By not _____ and _____

B. Specific Situation in Philippi

1. What was happening?
2. Arguing leads to _____

C. Complaining and Arguing

1. Complaining = **gongysmon**
 - a. Used frequently of the wandering _____
2. Complaining against God
3. The Israelites as an example

D. The First Reason Why – Vv. 15-16a

1. So that...
 - a. You might be _____ and _____
2. More language from the days of wandering
 - a. Deuteronomy 32:4-5
3. Witness
4. “Holding on” rather than “Holding out”

- IV. Joining Paul in Offering an Acceptable Sacrifice – Vv. 16b-18
- A. A Second Reason (for not complaining and arguing)
1. In order that...
- B. Drink Offering
1. Paul sees his life and suffering as an _____ to God
 2. Is Paul referring to his death?
- C. Rejoice
1. No matter what happens, Paul will _____
- V. Timothy and Epaphroditus – Vv. 19-30
- A. The Probable Expectation of the Philippians
1. _____ would stay to care for Paul
 2. _____ would carry the letter and stay
- B. Why Not Timothy?
1. Paul truly _____ him
 2. Paul is confident that he will _____ soon
 3. Paul holds Timothy up as an _____
- C. Why Epaphroditus?
1. Paul considers it _____
 2. Epaphroditus _____ for the Philippians
 3. The Philippians know about the _____
 4. The whole situation may have been causing Paul _____
 5. Welcome him
 6. Paul holds Epaphroditus up as an _____
- VI. Theological Concerns – Philippians 3:1-11
- A. The Judaizers
1. Reason for this passage
- B. Rejoice...Again – Vs. 1
1. Two Previous Sections – 1:27 – 2:18 & 2:19-30
 - a. Conclude with an exhortation to _____

2. In the Lord
3. Safeguard
 - a. Joy is a safeguard against falling for _____

C. False and True Circumcision – Vv. 2-4a

1. Paul is making a distinction between who are and who are not the true _____ of God
2. Dogs
3. Paul's point
 - a. The Judaizers are not the true _____ of God
 - b. True circumcision is circumcision of the _____

D. Paul's Resume – Vv. 4b-6

1. By birth
2. By achievement
3. Was Paul saying he was sinless?

E. Advantage Becomes Disadvantage – Vv. 7-11

1. Paul saw his accomplishments for what they were
 - a. They were not _____
 - b. They were _____
2. Rubbish
 - a. Strong word
3. Knowing Christ
 - a. What that means
4. Results of knowing Jesus

- a. Gaining _____
 - i. Being _____ in Him

- b. Attaining to the _____ from the dead
 - i. Paul is certain of his salvation, but what does this mean?

- 5. Paul is not saying his Jewish upbringing is evil

- 6. Reminder
 - a. The world's definition of _____ is not God's definition of _____

VII. Conclusion

A. God Hit Me Again!

- 1. Religion vs. Gospel
 - a. Religion = righteousness of my own, through my own _____ or _____
 - b. Gospel = acceptance by God (righteousness) comes solely by what God has _____ for us in Christ

- 2. Two forms of self-centeredness

- 3. The danger of "Pharisaism"

- 4. "Hello, my name is Amy and I am a Pharisee"