

# In Whatever Circumstance

Phil 1:1-30

## 1. Intro

1. Paul under house arrest in Rome as he writes
2. In those circumstances as he begins to write to the church at Philippi he:
  1. Is thankful for them
  2. Encourages them to love one another
  3. Sets a proper attitude for them in his difficult situation.

## 2. Thanksgiving (1:3-8)

1. Joyful in prayer
  1. Is prayer a burden or joy?
    1. a have to (legalism)
    2. a want to (freedom)
2. Because of their participation in the gospel
  1. Support of Paul (5)
  2. Following after Christ even in times of difficulty (7)

## 3. Love to Increase until the Day of Christ (1:9-11)

1. Love may abound (in Christ)
  1. Service and sacrifice
  2. Help and sympathy
  3. Lifting up the fallen
  4. Restoring the broken
2. So that we will live pure and blameless lives (no fault found)
3. This flows out of "righteousness"
  1. Having the righteousness of Christ
  2. A state of being
4. Application
  1. My work (doing) needs to flow out of my character (being)
    1. If my character is to lie, cheat and steal, what will my work look like?
    2. If my character is truth, honesty and caring, what will my work look like?

## 4. Paul's Present Circumstances (1:12-19)

1. Paul's Imprisonment (1:12-13)
  1. Imprisoned because of Christ
  2. Christ is known throughout all the guards.(13)
2. The Brothers' Response (1:14-17)
  1. Because of Paul's situation, others have been able to speak about Christ in a bolder way. (14)

1. Some out of love, defending the preaching of Paul
  1. Love of Jesus, but also love of Paul (15b)
2. Some out of selfishness, hoping to cause Paul more distress. (15a)
  1. If Paul's gospel was the true gospel, why is he in prison?
  2. How effective could he be?
    1. One eye on Paul, One eye on Christ
    2. Paul had both eyes on Jesus.
2. No matter what the reason Christ is preached, Paul says he will rejoice.
  1. the message of Christ was getting out.
3. Application
  1. What difficult circumstances have we gone through; or are in now?
  2. In those circumstances does Christ continue to be seen in you?

#### 5. Paul's Attitude (1:20-26)

1. To live means living for Jesus (21a)
2. Whether he lives or dies, Christ would be exalted through him.
  1. He is torn between two desires (23)

#### 6. Citizens of Heaven (27-30)

1. Our mind should be focused on our future home. (27)
  1. If it is, then our conduct must match. (27b)
  2. If it is then there is no need to worry about those who try to undermine our witness. (28)
2. A privilege to trust, but also a privilege to suffer. (29)

#### 7. Conclusion

1. Can our prayer life be joyful and thankful?
2. Paul challenged the Philippians to exhibit love to the brethren until the day of Christ.
  1. For our life time – which takes work
3. Can Paul's attitude be our attitude
  1. In whatever state that I find myself, my eyes will be on Jesus.