

Rejoicing in Christ Is Life  
The Joyful Life Series  
Philippians 1

Introduction - Paul testifies that Christ is **EVERYTHING** we need for this life and forever.

I. What **JOINS** us? - Philippians 1:1-5

- Fellowship is joint participation and cooperation in a common interest and activity
- Not primarily with Paul or each other but with the gospel
- Partners by their living, loyalty, love and liberality in furthering the gospel

II. What **CONVINCES** us? - Philippians 1:6-11

- Salvation (past), sanctification (present) and glorification (future)
- Unchangeable purpose (past), unlimited power (present) and unbreakable promises (future)
- Love shown in experience and discernment; genuine matters without offence/ stumbling
- God receives the glory!

III. What **MOTIVATES** us? - Philippians 1:12-20

- Two types of preachers/ ministries
- One: contention, envy and strife rule aiming to add affliction to Paul
- Two: love, grace and goodwill reigns aiming to advance Christ

- Paul rose above the petty jealousy and animosity to focus upon the proclamation of Christ

IV. What **CONFLICTS** us? - Philippians 1:21-30

- To stay (labor) or go (rest)
- Life has its attractions; death has its advantages
- He wants to finish His work - 2 Timothy 4:6-8
- We are to strive and struggle together
- Paul finds this joy in suffering for Christ - 2 Timothy 2:12

Conclusion - May we find our life by **REJOICING** in Christ!