



## Christ is Life: Rejoice that Christ is Preached

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Philippians 1:12-18

### Read Philippians 1:12-18 together:

*"I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup> so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup> And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. <sup>15</sup> Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. <sup>16</sup> The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup> The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup> What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice."*

### 5 Reasons to Rejoice in the Unstoppable Gospel:

- 1. Rejoice in the unstoppable gospel because it advances even in and through suffering. See verses 12-14.**
  - ? What kind of suffering was Paul experiencing as he wrote Philippians?
  - ? What other kinds of suffering were happening to the Early Church and the Apostles?
  - ? How has God used suffering in your life for the advancement of the gospel?
- 2. Rejoice in the unstoppable gospel because it advances even through unlikely people. See verse 13.**
  - ? According to the passage, throughout where was it known that Paul's imprisonment was for Christ?
  - ? Where in your life do you have opportunities to share Christ with unbelievers? Do those people know that you are a Christian?
- 3. Rejoice in the unstoppable gospel because, as it advances, it makes us bolder. See verse 14.**
  - ? Who in your life encourages and convicts you through their actions to be bold in sharing your faith?
- 4. Rejoice in the unstoppable gospel because it advances even through broken people. See verses 15-18.**
  - ? Have you ever experienced the gospel through a broken person with bad motives? If so, how did this experience affect you?
  - ? Does everything need to be picture perfect for God to work? Why or why not?

**5. Rejoice in the unstoppable gospel because God has made it so. See verse 18.**

- ? Is there a church, ministry, or person proclaiming the gospel that is difficult for you to support? If so, why do you find it difficult to rejoice with them?
- ? Why shouldn't we spend our time analyzing and criticizing other churches?

**Application:**

- ? In what area of your life (or to what person in your life) do you want to be bold in sharing the gospel?
- ? Share your ideas with your group and then pray for wisdom and boldness to share the gospel, even when you don't feel equipped.