

JOY in the JOURNEY

Philippians 1:12-30: JOY in the MISSION

Five keys to experience joy in the mission:

turn apparent o_____ into o_____ (12-14)

stay f_____ on what really m_____ (15-18a)

r_____ h_____ from the Lord and His people (18b-19)

properly define s_____ and v_____ (20-26)

stand f_____, f_____, and f_____ to the end (27-30)

YOU AND THE GOSPEL

A_____ the Gospel to your life (1-11, esp.5)

“I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now.”

A_____ the Gospel through your life (12-26, esp.12)

“What has happened to me has really served to advance the Gospel.”

A_____ the Gospel by your life (27-30, esp.27)

“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ.”

HOW TO HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

GOD’S PLAN: LIFE ABUNDANT AND ETERNAL

God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life. He created you to have a personal relationship with him in his forever family.

“God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

MAN’S PROBLEM: SEPARATION FROM GOD

Mankind chose to disobey God and falls short of God’s holy standard of perfection. The Bible calls that sin. Man tries to bridge the gap through religion and good deeds, but man can never restore his relationship with God.

“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. The payment for sin is death (eternal separation from God).” Romans 3:23, 6:23

GOD’S REMEDY: THE CROSS OF CHRIST

God is too loving to ignore sinners but too holy to ignore sin. So, he sent Jesus as a sacrifice for our sins to the cross and rise again to bridge the gap between holy God and sinful man.

“God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

MAN’S RESPONSE: REPENTANCE AND FAITH

Salvation is a free gift bringing forgiveness and eternal life and a new relationship with God. Each of us must personally receive that gift through a prayer of repentance (confess you are a sinner) and faith (believe that Jesus, the sinless One, died for you and rose from the grave).

“By grace you are saved through faith – this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

A SUGGESTED PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I confess that I am a sinner and I could never restore my relationship with you on my own. I believe that you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I want to receive your free gift of forgiveness and eternal life. Please come into my heart and life and save me from my sin. I want to make you my Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

If you sincerely prayed a prayer like the one above, you have been “born again” and have become a child of God! (John 1:12, 1 John 5:11-13)

Steps to grow in your faith: read your Bible and pray daily; attend a Bible teaching Church; spend time with Christian friends.