**Sermon Series:**

**HOW TO ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR LIFE**

*(a verse-by-verse study of Philippians)*

***Viewing Life from God’s Perspective****(Pt 2)*

 **Philippians 1:12-18**

**I.** How Paul’s Imprisonment Touched the Lives of Those ***Outside***the Christian Community*(vv 12-13)*

**II. How Paul’s Imprisonment Touched the Lives of Those the Christian Community** *(vv 14-18)*

Apart from seeing people place their faith in Christ, nothing could have given Paul greater joy than seeing Christians openly and boldly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel!

The Greek word translated ***“most”*** is better translated “a great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” or “the vast \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

The phrase ***“much more bold”***speaks of an increased zeal or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The believers in Rome felt that if Paul could fearlessly proclaim Christ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the prison walls, then they could certainly do the same \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the prison walls.

**A. There Were Those Who Proclaimed Christ With Motives** *(vv 15, 17)*

It is obvious that not all of the Christians in Rome had \_\_\_\_­\_ in their hearts for Paul.

The word translated ***“rivalry”*** is a word that refers to contention, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or strife.

The phrase ***“selfish ambition”*** comes from a word that refers to a \_\_\_\_\_ -seeking pursuit.

The bottom line is that they were determined to show they could be successful and the church could prosper \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Paul!

The word translated ***“afflict”*** comes from a Greek word that means “to cause \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

Because of Paul’s intimate relationship with Christ, his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ concern was that the Gospel was being proclaimed.

***God’s Word is still God’s Word of who proclaims it!***

**B. There Were Those Who Proclaimed Christ With Motives***(vv 15b, 16)*

The phrase ***“good will”*** refers to good intentions that come from being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with something.

Theirs was an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ love because they saw what Paul’s imprisonment meant in the sovereign plan of God andthey responded accordingly.

The word ***“defense”*** is a picture of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_who has posted for duty.

What on the surface appeared to be a great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, turned out to be an incredibly effective platform for the spread of the Gospel.

**Conclusion:**

***One of the reasons why God allows Christians to suffer***

***is to increase the*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***of their witness!***

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