

Sermon Outline

August 24 – “It’s Not About Me”

Philippians 1:12-29

- ✚ Living “under the circumstances”
 - Always a reason, never an excuse
 - The tragedy of a conformed heart

- ✚ Living from a heart made new
 - A new foundation
 - From the inside out

- ✚ What this looked like in Paul
 - How does Paul respond to the hardships of being in prison? (vv. 12-14)
 - How does Paul respond when people preach the gospel in a way that is meant to hurt Paul and advance themselves? (vv. 15-18)
 - How does Paul respond to the very real possibility that he will be killed because of his ministry? (vv. 19-26)

- ✚ Paul’s secret to joy
 - ***It’s not about me!!***

✚ Points to Ponder to Prepare

August 31 – “I am Fourth”

Philippians 2:1-5

The problem

- ✚ Read between the lines of verses 1-5, especially verses 2-4.
- ✚ What challenges, behaviors and attitudes are the Christians in Phillipi experiencing that are robbing them of joy and fruitfulness?
- ✚ How does this follow up from chapter 1?

The solution

- ✚ With this in mind, spend some time back in verse one (1) again.
- ✚ Note that the Greek language has a way of answering its own “if” questions. This means that the first word of v.1 can also be translated “Since”. How does this shape what follows?
- ✚ What has God done for us in Jesus Christ?
 - What internal blessings has he given?
 - At what cost?
- ✚ Spend some time thanking God for these blessings in your heart and life. They are the foundation of a new life and attitude. Don’t rush this. Park here in in silent prayer for a little while and let God’s grace soak in.

Scripture readings for the week

Sunday August 24	I Corinthians 11:3-16
Monday August 25	I Corinthians 11:17-34
Tuesday August 26	I Corinthians 12:1-26
Wed August 27	I Corinth 12-27 - 13:13
Thursday August 28	I Corinthians 14:1-17
Friday August 29	I Corinthians 14:18-40
Saturday August 30	I Corinthians 15:1-28
Sunday August 31	I Corinthians 16:1-24

Prayer Focus

Our prayer focus this week is to intercede for one person whom you are asking the Lord to bless.

Use scripture to prayer for them this week. Below are some suggested passages that you can turn into prayers for them.

- ✚ Ephesians 1:15-19
- ✚ Ephesians 3:14-21 (** My personal favorite**)
- ✚ Philippians 1:9-11
- ✚ Colossians 1:9-12
- ✚ Psalm 23
- ✚ Psalm 25