

Philippians 1:1-27

Joy in Tough Times



Overview of the message:

Paul was in prison, uncertain of his future. Despite that he had great joy, and the whole letter is full of joy. Though this is written as personal experience rather than theology, we can learn some keys about how we too can have joy in tough times.

1. Know God uses all things for your good.
2. Give yourself to Jesus and to others.
3. Treasure Jesus now and forever.
4. Expect good from God.

Therefore REJOICE!

Questions

1. Where do you find these points in the passage?
2. Are joy and happiness the same?
3. How does Romans 8:28 help us to have joy in tough times?
4. Can God use our sins for good? How does that help us to face failure?
5. Share experiences in which something apparently bad happened that God used for good.
6. What temptations do we get when we face tough times? How can we overcome them?
7. How much does rejoicing depend on our will and choice?