

“Qualities of A Joyful Servant”

Text - Philippians 2:1-11

Series: Philippians: The Epistle of JOY

Three reasons Paul did not allow circumstances to steal his JOY.

1. He had the *right* _____ of himself: “the _____ of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:1)
2. He had the *right* _____;
3. He had the right _____ on his _____ and _____. (1:12-21)

I. Paul’s love for the _____ encouraged him to look at trials with an _____. (Philippians 1:27-30)

Three exhortations to the church regarding its role in the world. (Philippians 1:27-30)

A. Believers have a great _____: “the _____ of Christ” (1:27)

1. The life in a mother’s womb is _____ and _____ by God.
 - a. Job 10:8-9a, 11-12
 - b. Psalm 139:13-16
 - c. Jeremiah 1:5 – “Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee...”
2. Taking the life of the unborn is an act of _____; a great _____ and no less wicked than sacrificing a child to pagan idols.
 - a. Children are a _____ from God. (Psalm 127:3)
 - b. Ezekiel 7:22-23; 9:9; 20:31; 22:27; 24:9
 - c. The LORD’s standard:

Matthew 18:6 - ⁶ But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and *that* he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

B. Believers have a great _____: _____ of the Church. (1:27d-28)

C. Believers share a great _____ (1:29-30)

II. Four attitudes that are JOY Robbers (Phil. 2)

A. _____ – “strife” (2:3a)

B. _____ – “vainglory” (2:3b)

Proverbs 16:18 - Pride [*arrogancy*] goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

C. A _____, _____ spirit – “murmurings and disputings” (2:14)D. _____ - Philippians 2:21 - “For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ’s.”1. Biblical love – “...seeketh not her own...” (1 Cor. 13:5)

1 Corinthians 13:5b – “[*Charity*] Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil.”

2. What do the unloving seek? - “_____” (2:21a)

3. How do they seek “their own”? (2:21a)

4. What do the unloving *not* seek?

Philippians 2:21b - - “the things which are Jesus Christ’s” (2:21b)

How did Paul maintain JOY when others were in the throes of strife and bitterness?

He responded with _____! (2:1-4, 17-18)