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ABOUT US
<p>Elders Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis</p> <p>Deacons Jon Barry Bill Brittenham Mike Davis Dave Massey</p> <p>Evangelist Bryan Garlock</p>
SERVICE TIMES
<p>Sunday Bible Study9:30 A.M. Worship10:15 A.M. Worship6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Wednesday Bible Study7:00 P.M.</p>
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<p>GOD’S PLAN FOR SALVATION</p> <p>Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17</p> <p>Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24</p> <p>Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38</p> <p>Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew10:32-33; Acts 8:35-30</p> <p>Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12</p> <p>Walk in newness of life and be faithful unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10</p>



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Joyfully Committed to Christ

Bryan Garlock

The letter to the church at Philippi has long been identified by the “joy” and “rejoicing” it contains. It would do the reader well to stop reading this article and read the joyful letter first.

As with every letter written to Christians, Paul taught the Philippians to be committed to Christ, and in so doing, they would experience a joy that surpassed any pleasures or comforts this world might offer. Let us examine three reasons to rejoice.

We find joy in knowing that God is using us. Paul wrote, “...for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” (Phil. 2.13) He rejoiced for the partnership he had with the church and for the way God was working through them to support him with financial assistance, prayer, and spreading the gospel (Phil. 1.3-8, 19; 4.10, 14-16). Elsewhere he wrote, “...what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.” (v. 12) Remember, Paul was in

prison at the writing of this letter and yet God was still working through Him to bring about salvation for many souls (vs. 1.12-18). While God’s people may face hardship at times, rejoice in knowing that God’s work is being accomplished regardless of our situation, and for our salvation!

We find joy in practicing humility in our relationships. True joy is found when brethren dwell together in unity (Psalm 133). Accordingly, the apostle’s joy would be complete if the brethren remained free from selfish ambition and hearts full of love, compassion, mercy, longsuffering, and kindness, striving to have the same mind – the mind of Christ (Phil. 2.1-5).

We find joy in waiting for the resurrection. In Philippians 3, Paul instructed, “Rejoice in the Lord.” (v. 1) We ought to rejoice in the Lord for all that He has done and continues to do for us. Though Paul faced potential death daily, he rejoiced in his suffering because he looked

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Willie Margaret Mobley, Bob Buls, Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham,** and **Francine Davis.** Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

Melinda Prynne's surgery went well. She will be in the hospital for about a week and then recuperate at home. Please continue to pray for her and all of her family.

Our hearts are heavy at the passing of **Sue McJunkins.** But we rejoice that she spent her life preparing to meet our Lord. Our prayers are with her family.

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forward to attaining “the resurrection from the dead” (vs. 10-11). While there are many things that discourage us in this life, we must remember that “our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body.” (vs. 20-21) That is something to keep us rejoicing!

Paul closed his letter by informing the brethren that they were his “joy and crown” (Phil. 4.1). They brought him joy because they committed themselves to Christ (Phil. 2.12) by standing firm in Him (Phil. 4.1). Since they awaited their Savior (v. 5), he directed them to “rejoice in the Lord always...” (v. 4) Nothing ought to take away our heavenly joy when Christ has promised us a home with Him. If we are committed to Christ, we can have joy.

If your life is miserable and lacks the joy that comes with knowing the grace of God, examine your life – are you committed to Christ?

“Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls... But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.” (1 Peter 1.8-9; 4.13)

“Copy Me!”

Bryan Garlock

“Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.” (Phil. 3.17)

The apostle Paul told all the churches to be imitators of him (cf. 2 Thess. 3.9, etc.). They were to follow his example in love, prayer, labor, worship, evangelism, and teaching. Those who imitated the apostle were praised (1 Thess. 1.6ff) and those who chose to imitate another source – the devil – were marked as unruly (2 Thess. 3.6, 14-15; 1 John 3.4-10). Who do we imitate?

It is important that we all follow those who are faithful because they will lead us in the paths of righteousness, keep us on the straight and narrow, give us confidence that we are right with God, and keep us from becoming sluggish in our service to God. The writer of Hebrews instructed, “And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.” (Heb. 6.11-12) Elsewhere he wrote, “Remember

your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.” (Heb. 13.7)

“Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.” (1 Cor. 11.1) Paul essentially says, “Copy me!” He could confidently give this charge because he imitated Christ in all things. Examine your life; can you say that to someone? BG

When the Mormons Came to Help

Bryan Garlock

On Monday, a man told me a story about the time he almost joined the Mormon church. Years ago, he was in the process of moving and he went to his church asking for assistance. No one could find the time. He even offered to pay whoever could help him. Again, no one could find the time.

As he was moving all by himself on a hot day, four Mormons dressed in their black pants and white shirts came walking down the street. They immediately – without asking – got to work and began to help him move. Together, the five of them moved his entire house into a moving van.

It was that act of kindness – when no one else would help - that impressed him most. This act of kindness also caused him to be disgusted with his church and their lack of help and he sought to join the Mormon church. Fortunately, he did not join them because he could not accept the doctrine that Joseph Smith – the founder of Mormonism – saw God and received revelation from him.

There is a lesson here for the Franklin Drive church of Christ. Are people wanting to join the Lord's church because – when no one else will help - we are willingly and lovingly

offering ourselves to them? Something to consider. In love, BG

What Are You Hungry For?

Bryan Garlock

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." (Matt. 5.6)

Jesus described the kind of character needed to be a citizen of His kingdom. It is one who has a strong desire or spiritual hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Consider a time in your life when you went hours or even days without food. It was all you craved. Think back to that time when you were thirsty and your mouth was dry and you wanted nothing more than an ice-cold bottle of water.

“O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.” (Psalm 63.1)

That is how we are to crave righteousness – to desire to be pardoned from sin, nourished by God's word, and to do whatever it takes to be right with God.

However, too often we long for the wrong things. What hinders us from craving only righteousness? Sin-snacks. We have a sin-snack throughout the day and that satisfies us, or fills us up instead of righteousness. Whatever your favorite sin-snack is, go clean out the refrigerator and pantry and throw it away!

As food supports the body from perishing, God's word supports the soul from perishing. What are you hungry for? BG