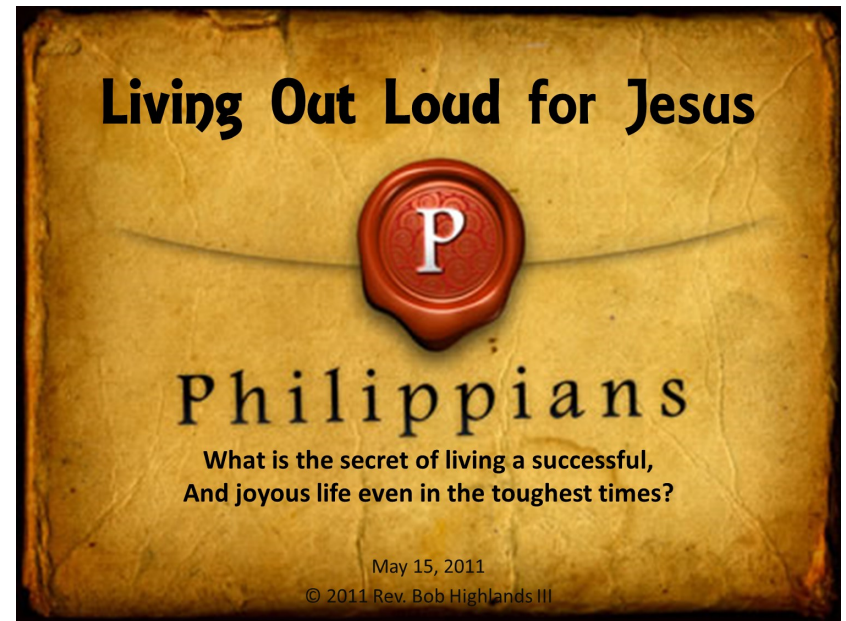


Additional Notes



The Birth of a Church—Acts 16

- Paul's vision to go to the Macedonia region
- Paul at Philippi
 - Several days with no contact of any kind
 - Then on Sabbath (Saturday) went to river to see if any Jews were holding prayer there.
 - Lydia a Jew from Thyatira who sold purple cloth accepted Christ and the family was baptized.
 - A fortune telling Girl, Paul's patience, a profit margin reduction, A spontaneous trial ,beating & jail.
 - Jailhouse singing, earthquake, doors open, chains fall off, conversion of the Jailer & family.
 - Paul asked to leave, visited Lydia & believers.....

The _____ of JOY

- *Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!*^{4.4}
- There is a difference in being _____ and having a spirit of _____.
- Your JOY comes because of the Lord Jesus.
- It should be part of every aspect of your life.

Joy in S _____

- Tough times (suffering) are part of life. They are part of the _____ life.
- Tough times should not take away our Joy.
- Paul was in prison, in chains, hated by some, facing the possibility of death
- WHY?
 - *what has happened to me has really _____ to advance the gospel.*^{1.12}
 - *it has become _____ throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ.*^{1.14}

Joy in S _____

- We are not called to be _____, but to be actively involved in the spreading of the good news about Jesus and his great gift.
- *I always pray with joy because of your _____ in the gospel from the first day until now,*^{1.4-5}

Joy in S _____

- Sharing HERE: *Each of you should look not only to your own _____, but also to the _____ of others.*^{2.4}
- Sharing THERE: *but I am looking for what may be _____ to your account.*^{4.17}

Joy in S _____

- *But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.*^{3.20-21}
- We have a _____ or goal for life
- We have a _____ who will deliver us.
 - He is in control and is taking control of everything
 - He will change everything to perfection

JOY

And this is my prayer: that your _____ may abound more and more in _____ and _____ of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. ^{Philippians 1.9-11}