



CHOOSE JOY

A STUDY OF PHILIPPIANS

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Joy in Suffering Philippians 1:27-30

Joy filled suffering involves:

- 1. Representing the _____ and His _____ well. vs 27a**
 - Our _____ is in Heaven. Phil 3:20, John 14:2, 1 Peter 1:4
- 2. Uniting together to _____ Christ's mission. vs 27b**
 - The Holy Spirit _____ the human spirit under fire. 1 Cor 12:13, Eph 2:18
- 3. Refusing to be _____ by others. vs 28**
 - Do not be _____ by your opponents. Luke 13:17, 1 Cor 16:9, Romans 8:1
- 4. Willingly submitting to _____ for Christ. vs 29-30**
 - Suffering is _____ to effective Christian witness.
 - Suffering fulfills the _____ of God and is a _____ of His grace. 2 Timothy 3:12
 - It is a _____ to both believe in God and suffer for Him.

"You don't really know Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have." ~ Tim Keller

1. What was most interesting about this week's message? What were some key takeaways?
2. In today's text, Paul wants Christians to be Kingdom focused or Kingdom citizens. What do you think "Kingdom" really means? How do you personally represent Jesus?
3. What does Paul mean by being of "one mind and one spirit?" Why do you think unity is something that has been lost in today's church?
4. Why do you think the Gospel is so offensive to others? Are you currently facing opposition? How are you dealing with it?
5. What does it mean to suffer? What do you think Paul meant when he said that Christians are to suffer for Christ? Can you remember a time when you suffered on account of your profession of faith?