



“Advancing the Good News”

PHILIPPIANS 1:12-18A

MAIN POINT: A GOSPEL-CENTERED PERSPECTIVE PRODUCES A GOSPEL-CENTERED CONCLUSION THAT WE MUST BE DEVOTED TO ADVANCING THE GOOD NEWS.

I. A Gospel-Centered Perspective – Seeing the Good News Advance

Paul is imprisoned...

- 1) (vs. 12 – 13)
- 2) (vs. 14)
- 3) (vs. 15 – 18a)

II. A Gospel-Centered Conclusion – Christ is Proclaimed

Quotes:

“Joy is a supernatural delight in God and God’s goodness. And it is very different from happiness...Happiness is circumstantial, but joy is not. Joy is an inner quality of delight in God, and it is meant to spring up within the Christian in a way totally unrelated to the adversities or circumstantial blessings of this life.” (J.M. Boice)

Gospel - Good news of salvation for hell-deserving sinners through the Person and work of Jesus Christ. (Milton Vincent)

Application questions:

1. Why was Paul able to see his present circumstances as actually serving the advancement of the Gospel?
2. When you consider difficulties within your life or the church how do you view them?
 - a. Opportunities for the Gospel to be advanced (or)
 - b. Difficulties to be avoided
3. What will future generations conclude about our perspective as a church?
4. What difference will a gospel-centered perspective make in your life this week? Next month? Next year? The rest of your life?