

WISDOM FROM GOD'S WORD

Joy in Jesus Christ

Joy in Life or Death - Part 2

Philippians 1:19-21

Truth: Prayer is a vital part in maintaining confidence, joy, and peace through the most difficult tests of life.

1. Five truths that gave Paul confidence, renewed joy, and peace in times of uncertainty and trouble.

- He knew his situation would turn out for his deliverance (v.19),
- He knew the Philippian Christians were praying for him (v.19),
- He knew the Holy Spirit would provide for him (v.19),
- He knew God had a plan for his life and work (v.20), and
- He knew no matter what happened to him, Jesus Christ would be exalted (v.20).

2. Paul knew the Philippians Christians were praying for him.

- God's will is often achieved in concert with the prayers of the saints.
- Colossians 1:3-4; 4:2-4 • 2 Corinthians 1:5,8-11

3. God works His will through the prayers of His people.

- God has declared that His people play a key role in the accomplishment of His will and purposes.
- Matthew 6:10; 9:38

4. The effectual, fervent prayer of righteous men produces much fruit and has great effect.

- The lost are brought under spiritual conviction of sin.
- The discouraged are encouraged.
- The spiritually weak are made strong.
- The physically sick are comforted.
- The dying are reassured God is with them.
- 2 Corinthians 12:9 • Romans 15:30-32
 • Ephesians 6:18-20 • Romans 8:28
- 2 Corinthians 9:8 • Romans 8:37 • Philippians 4:6-7
 • Matthew 21:22

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