

Philippians: Joy Chase
Chasing Biblical Joy
Philippians 1:12-20

Introduction – Chasing Biblical joy is not for the faint of heart, for the true “joy chasers”, the methods are grueling, and, sometimes life-lasting, but the reward and contentment are worth the cost

- I. Paul’s (and our) preparation for rejoicing – vv. 1:12-14
 - The things that happened unto me – vv. II Corinthians 1:3-7
 - Peter says the same thing – vv. I Peter 4:12-13

- II. In spite of others “bringing it”, I therein do rejoice – vv. 1:15-18
 - They were motivated by malice, selfish ambition, and a factious spirit
 - The old song - When the storms of life are raging.... Stand by me
 - What then...Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and *will rejoice*.

- III. Rejoicing over a future glorification – vv. 1:19-20
 - Salvation brings a future glorification by God’s standards, not the world’s standards
 - From the palace prison to the pit prison (Mamertine)
 - By life or death, in Mamertine we still see the “joy chase”- vv. II Timothy 1:1-5

Conclusion – Biblical rejoicing is hope (elpis: anticipation usually with pleasure), and hope is the spiritual blood of the spirit-filled individual, and of the church