



GULF SHORES
CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY NIGHT SERIES

REASON TO REJOICE #2

Unsinkable Faith (Philippians 1:19-30)

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Introduction: We live in a world filled with sorrow, trials, and turmoil. God never expected us to get comfortable in this world, but He does hope we will find contentment in Him. Jesus told His disciples He came to give everlasting joy. He said, “*These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full*” (**John 15:11**). The apostle Paul finds himself in a Roman prison, but he does not forget that God has called him preach, teach, and encourage the people of God. Therefore, he writes the book of Philippians and 13x he is going to mention the words joy or rejoice. Last week we noted how he wanted the church to focus on unbreakable fellowship! Tonight I want us to see the benefits of an unsinkable faith. Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. Unsinkable Faith Reflects on a Higher Prayer (1:19-20)

Philippians 1:3, Philippians 1:4, Philippians 1:19, Philippians 4:2, Philippians 4:6, Romans 16

II. Unsinkable Faith Reflects on a Higher Purpose (1:21-22)

Romans 1:16-17, Romans 8:28-39, I Peter 2:21, Galatians 2:20

III. Unsinkable Faith Reflects on a Higher Prospect (1:23-26)

Philippians 1:6, 10, 23, II Timothy 4:6-8, II Corinthians 11, II Corinthians 12, I Corinthians 13

IV. Unsinkable Faith Reflects on a Higher Privilege (1:27-30)

Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Philippians 2:24, Acts 2:42-47, Acts 16:22-24

Conclusion: Paul is challenging us to endure all things through faith. He is urging us to have an unsinkable faith. Remember the story of Peter in **Matthew 14:22-32**? Why did Peter fail to walk on the water with Jesus? He didn’t have an unsinkable faith. Not at that moment, but he would grow in his faith. In that moment, he let the turbulent waves and the storm distract him. He lost his focus on Jesus. Will you keep your eyes on Jesus? Will you allow Paul’s message to change your direction? Have you experienced the joy of salvation? Do you need to refill your joy cup? The Lord is ready to give you His joy, if you will receive it!