



SUNDAY NIGHT SERIES

REASON TO REJOICE #1

Unbreakable Fellowship (Philippians 1:1-18)

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Introduction: We live in a world filled with sorrow, trials, and turmoil. God never expected us to get comfortable because this world is not our home! However, He does hope we will find 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**). **Psalm 5:11** says, “*But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name be joyful in You.*” The book of Philippians is a great place to turn for some reasons to rejoice. 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 mentions the words “joy” or “rejoice” at least thirteen times. What advice did he give to that congregation? What can we learn? Let’s study together...

Discussion:

- I. *Remember the Good Things (1:1-2)*
Philippians 1:1, 4:22, I Timothy 3:1-13, Acts 16

- II. *Remember the Goodness of God (1:3-5)*
Romans 5:3-5, Philippians 4:8, Romans 8:28, Romans 12:12, I Peter 5:5-7, Luke 18:1-8

- III. *Remember the Good Work of the Family of God (1:6-11)*
Ephesians 4:11-16, James 5:16, Romans 1:16, II Timothy 1:12, Hebrews 11:6, I Corinthians 12-13, John 15:1-8, Matthew 25, Ecclesiastes 9:10

- IV. *Remember the Good News of the Gospel (1:12-18)*
Philippians 1:1, 8, 13, 20, 21, 26, John 15:1-7, Colossians 1:25-27, Romans 1:16, I Corinthians 1:18, 9:16, II Timothy 4:2, I Thessalonians 5:19

Conclusion: We live in a divided world, but the church should not follow the same pattern. We can have unbreakable fellowship! Will you take Paul’s words into your heart and mind? Will you allow his message to change your attitude? 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!