



GULF SHORES
CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY NIGHT SERIES

REASON TO REJOICE #4

Unshockable Ministry (Philippians 2:17-30)

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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 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**). On Sunday nights we are considering Paul’s letter to the Philippians. Each week we are noticing the reasons he gave them to rejoice. So far in this series we have noticed unshakable fellowship, unsinkable faith, and unshakable unity. Tonight I want us to focus on unshockable ministry. Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. Unshockable Ministry of Paul (2:17-18)

Acts 9-28, Romans – Philemon, II Timothy 4:6-8

II. Unshockable Ministry of Timothy (2:19-24)

Acts 4:36-37, 9:26-31, 11:22-26, 16:1, 17:14-15, 18:5, 19:22, 20:4, Romans 16:21, I Corinthians 4:17, 16:10, II Corinthians 1:1, 1:19, Philippians 1:1, 2:19, Colossians 1:1, I Thessalonians 1:1, 3:2, II Thessalonians 1:1, I-II Timothy, Philemon 1:1, Hebrews 13:23

III. Unshockable Ministry of Epaphroditus (2:25-30)

Matthew 4:19, 10:38, 16:24, Mark 10:23, Luke 9:23, Romans 12:1-2, Philippians 4:18

IV. Unshockable Ministry of the Church

Philippians 3:1- 4:23, Ephesians 4:11-16, Matthew 25:14-30, John 15:1-8

Conclusion: Paul is focused on bringing joy to God’s people. We should never discourage people in the kingdom. There is enough animosity and hatred in the world. The church family needs to be welcoming, inviting, and positive. Paul is urging us to rejoice, no matter the circumstances. Consider the ministry of Jesus. We are His hands and feet! Will we continue the ministry of Christ? Will you allow Paul’s message to change your heart? Have you experienced the joy of salvation? Have you been added to the family of God? The Lord is ready to bring you into the body of Christ! Do you need to refill your joy cup? The Lord is ready to give you His joy, if you will receive it!