



Christ our Joy

Philippians 1:1-18



The Philippians

Church in Philippi

Acts 16

V9: vision calling Paul to Macedonia

V15: Lydia and household are baptized

V23: Paul and Silas imprisoned

V26: Earthquake and a conversion (v33)

V40: When they had seen 'the brothers' left Philippi



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1. Finding our joy in Christ 1:3-11
2. Joy in Christ proclaimed 1:12-18

Joy in Christ v.3-11

...making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ... for you are all partakers with me of grace... to the glory and praise of God.

CS Lewis

It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.



Joy in Christ Proclaimed v12-18

What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Phil 1:18



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