JOY IN THE GOSPEL

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE EPISTLE OF PHILIPPIANS

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I. The BEFORE – Acts 16 -Joy in Gospel Mission – 16:7-8

-Joy in Gospel Difficulty - 16:22-24

-Joy in Gospel Relationship – 16:40, Phil. 1:3

II. The BIG PICTURE

A. Presentation: Love Letter

-Rejoice in the Gospel

-Advance the Gospel

-Express Gratitude

-Alleviate Concern

-Address Challenges S. O. D. : <u>S</u>uffering, <u>Opposition</u>, <u>D</u>isunity

B. Passion: The GOSPEL

"Spiritual joy is not an attitude dependent on chance or circumstances. It is the deep and abiding confidence that, regardless of one's circumstances in life, all is well between the believer and the Lord. No matter what difficulty, pain, disappointment, failure, rejection, or other challenge one is facing, genuine joy remains because of the eternal well-being established by God's grace in salvation."