

"Living a Life of Humility and Peace"

Philippians 4
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I. A believer who is living on mission strives to live at peace with others in order to point them to Jesus! V 2-9

*"¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought."
1 Corinthians 1:10*

- A. Paul wasn't afraid to call out direct conflict within the church!
- B. *Paul challenges the church to be the church!*
- C. Paul challenges the church to rejoice in the Lord and to only dwell on things that honor the name of Christ!

"What a gracious God we serve, who makes delight to be a duty, and who commands us to rejoice! Should we not at once be obedient to such a command as this? It is intended that we should be happy."—Charles Spurgeon

II. A believer who is living on mission is content in all situations and places their hope and strength in Christ! V 10-20

- A. Paul learned what it meant to be content through his hardships!
- B. Paul knew that he could only do things through Christ's strength!
- C. Paul was blessed by the fact that the church had gathered into the work of the Gospel ministry and

supported him, but ultimately it was God that had provided for his needs!

III. A believer who is living on mission includes others in the work of the Gospel! V 21-23

- A. Paul made sure to mention others that were serving alongside him even in prison!
- B. We are reminded that the Church is bigger than just our church body!
- C. There were those that were even from Caesar's household that had become Christians!

"Nero was at this time emperor of Rome: a more worthless, cruel, and diabolic wretch never disgraced the name or form of man; yet in *his family* there were Christians: but whether this relates to the members of the *imperial family*, or to *guards*, or *courtiers*, or to *servants*, we cannot tell."—Adam Clark

Closing Questions

- 1.) Are you striving to live at peace with others for the sake of the Gospel?
- 2.) Do you need to make some relationships right for the sake of honoring Jesus?
- 3.) Do you dwell more on the trials we face or the goodness of God?
- 4.) Whose strength are you relying on?
- 5.) Are you a part of the church or do you just attend?