

Over the Circumstances

Reasons for Joy / Philippians #2 (Philippians 1:12-18)



*"What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice."
– Philippians 1:18*

I. Problem: Too many of us are living only

“_____ the _____.”

II. Paul’s Amazing, Joy-filled Message to the Philippians (& Us)...

A. The report of paradoxical reality: Negative events in the past have led surprisingly to positive results in the present!

B. Paul’s secret...

1. He has an “over the circumstances,” God-sized
_____.

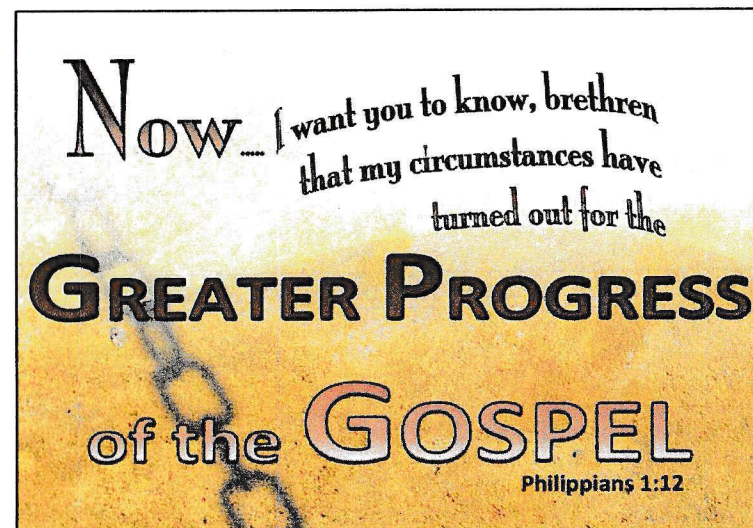
2. He has an “over the circumstances,” Christ-led
_____ (Evangelism!).
(Greek: EU + ANGELOS = Good Message/Good News!)

C. Results: Paul is living “under the circumstances” but also, connected with God by faith, “over the circumstances.”
And so he finds real, deep, independent & resilient joy where he is!

III. Conclusion

Knowing & serving the Living God, who is Lord over all circumstances, is the way to find joy under our circumstances—whatever they may be!

“I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel...” - Philippians 1:12



**Covenant Presbyterian Church
of
Reno, Nevada**

May 11, 2025

Service for The Lord's Day

May 11, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

*And we know that for those who love God
all things work together for good,
for those who are called according to his purpose.*
- Romans 8:28

We Gather Together as the Joyful Family of Jesus Christ

Prelude Nancy Tedford, piano

Welcome and Church Family News Pastor Jay Hull

Call to Worship Psalm 30 (hymnal p.794) Patrick McNeely

We Worship Jesus in Spirit & in Truth

***Songs of Praise** Samuel Dueñas & the CPC Praise Band
"You Brought Me Back to Life"
"In Christ Alone"
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***Time of Greeting**

Children's Prayer Time Lindsay Rowe

**Prayer of Confession, Word of Assurance
& Gloria Patri (#734)**

Time of Offering
Offertory Anthem Covenant Choir
"I Will Sing of My Redeemer" – Shaw

***Doxology (#731) & Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We Hear & Respond as Christ Is Preached

***Hymn of Preparation** "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" #604

Scripture Reading: **Philippians 1:12-18** (p.980)

Message: Over the Circumstances Pastor Jay
(Reasons for Joy / Philippians #2)

We Go Out with Joy to Share the Good News of Jesus Christ

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Old Testament Reading** **Isaiah 55:6-13** (p.615)

***Closing Hymn** [bulletin insert]
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude** Nancy Tedford, organ

* indicates to stand if
you are able

