

# The Adventures of Christ's Saints

PHILIPPIANS 1:18-30

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*Strive Together to Rejoice In and Live For The Proclamation of Christ Jesus.*

1. Rejoice in Christ Proclaimed
2. Live to Magnify Christ
3. Serve To Disciple Saints
4. Strive Together to Proclaim Christ

## ***Philippians 1:18-30***

*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, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup> as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup> But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.*

*<sup>27</sup> Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup> and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup> engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.*

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## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

*These questions are for further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help your fight for life change. One of the best ways to grow in the body is discussing the answers to these questions in a small group. Find one here: [www.centralchurch.com/groups](http://www.centralchurch.com/groups)*

1. In what practical ways can you actively participate in the advancement of the Gospel alongside other believers? Are there specific ministries, missions, or outreach opportunities you can engage in to support the proclaiming of the Gospel of Christ?
2. How can we foster a deep joy for the proclamation of the gospel?
3. Paul is confident in his deliverance through the prayers of the Philippians and the provision of the Spirit. How can we adopt Paul's perspective on the value of saints' prayer on our behalf?
4. Paul confidently knows that he will speak boldly and magnify Christ. How can we view challenges and hardships as opportunities for the Gospel to be proclaimed and for Christ to be magnified?
5. How can you intentionally encourage and support fellow believers in their own advancement in the faith? Are there individuals or groups you can come alongside to offer assistance, prayer, or mentorship?
6. How can we practically strive together as partners in the advancement of the gospel? Are there areas of division or disunity that need to be addressed and reconciled within our relationships or within the Church as a whole?

### **Quote for the Week. . .** by Hughes, R. Kent.



*"But if you are looking for true fellowship, give yourself to the gospel at home and around the world. Serve together with others in women's Bible studies, children's ministries, youth ministries. Do short-term missions. Join mercy work to alleviate suffering in places like the vast area devastated by disasters like Hurricane Katrina. Take the good news to the poor. Join a band of brothers and sisters to pray for the world. That is how you will experience genuine Christian fellowship.*