

I'm So Happy Here in Prison

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I. Introduction.

A. Paul was happy to be in prison.

B. Text: Philippians 1:3-8.

II. Paul was happy in prison because of the work that was being done. There is great joy in seeing people come to Christ.

III. Paul was happy in prison because of prayer.

A. Paul prayed for everyone in the fellowship including two who were causing problems.

B. Paul prayed with joy based upon...

1. A special relationship with God.

2. The movement of God.

3. Spontaneity.

IV. Paul was happy in prison because of happy prospects.

A. God has started a good work in believers.

B. God will continue a good work in believers.

C. God will complete the good work he started in believers.

D. God commands the situation.

V. Paul was happy in prison because of his relationship with other believers.

A. They were united in bondage and opposition.

B. There was a heartache for people in need.

Application questions:

1. Who is an example to you of a person who finds joy in difficult circumstances? What is that person's secret?

2. How would you counsel someone struggling to find joy in a difficult circumstance?

3. What are some other reasons you can find joy in all circumstances?
