

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SERMON NOTES
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"PHILIPPIANS: Whatever Happens"
Philippians 1:18c-30

Having just concluded his thoughts (with joy) about being in prison and those who "preach Christ out of envy and rivalry" (v. 12-18b), Paul now...

continues with rejoicing _____

"Yes, and I will continue to rejoice,¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but, will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know!²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the

faith,²⁶ so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me.

²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God.²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him,³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have."

In v. 27-30, Paul reminds us that "whatever happens" (life or death) our ministry is shaped and judged by our living...

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- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

"This morning let's commit ourselves to remember that 'whatever happens' we live for Christ and the victory is ours through Him! To God be the glory!"