

Review

1. We are meant to be good children of God
2. The challenge is for us to shine as lights in this crooked and perverse world
3. Holding fast the word of life

Looking to the return of the Lord

“So that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.” (Phil 2:16)

1. The day of Christ
 - a. Paul wrote about the return of the Lord again
 - i. “...until the day of Christ” (Phil 1:6)
 - ii. “...that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ.” (Phil 1:10)
 - b. Paul was conscious that the Lord’s return was certain
2. His work would not be in vain
 - a. κενον...kenos...empty, vain
 - i. Same word used to describe the kenosis of Christ (Phil 2:7)
 - ii. Paul did not wish for his work to be in vain
 - b. Ways in which Paul saw his work
 - i. εδραμον...trecho...to run
 - ii. εκοπιασα...κοπιαο...to work hard, to toil in labour

The practice of rejoicing

1. Joy was something that Paul wrote about already
2. Paul would be able to find joy in the day of Christ
“so that I may rejoice”
 - a. eis...into, towards

b. καυχῆμα...kauchema...to boast, to glory, to rejoice (cf. Phil 1:26)

c. If they hold fast to the word of life, Paul would boast...rejoice

Reason for joy

“Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith,” (Phil 2:17)

1. ἀλλά...conjunction...Usually translated as but...

a. The translators translated ἀλλά as “Yes”

b. He wrote with a greater sense of confidence even if the reality of death is there

i. σπενδομαί...spendo...to be poured out as a libation

ii. Being poured out as a drink offering was his reason for joy

2. Two areas of concern

a. θυσία...thusia...Sacrifice...

b. λειτουργία...leitourgia...where we get the word...liturgy...service

c. The libation will be poured out concerning their faith

A great sense of joy

1. A personal sense of joy

“I am glad and rejoice with you all.” (Phil 2:17)

a. χαίρω...chairō...grace, to be glad...rejoice

b. συγχαίρω...sunchairō...gladness, to rejoice with

2. Sharing in the same reason for joy

“For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me.” (Phil 2:18)

a. αὐτοῦ...autos...personal pronoun...same...reason

b. The same reason to rejoice

c. The challenge to rejoice

i. χαίρετε...chairō...joy, rejoice...you rejoice

iii. συχαίρετέ...sunchairō...rejoice with...you rejoice with me