

Series: Focus on Christ (Philippians)

Sermon: Pain With Purpose

Bible Verses: Philippians 1:12-18

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What do we do _____?

THE GOSPEL (THE GOOD NEWS):

Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

No other news can compare with the fantastic, unlikely yet true, fact that the God of the Universe who _____ for our evil sin, chose instead to send his son to die on our behalf. Instead of everlasting punishment in hell, we are offered _____ in the presence of God himself!

Though some would quit, Paul found _____ in the midst of _____: **sharing the gospel.**

God can use all things (painful, peaceful, or pleasant) for _____ GOOD.

Paul got to take the gospel _____ and have mega results because of his pain.

When Paul used his pain to share the gospel, more Christians gained confidence _____.

_____. I can use where I'm at to _____ the gospel, and encourage other believers to do the same thing. _____ pain has purpose.

Paul says, "What does _____? The _____ thing is that Christ is preached."

I can rejoice and _____ because, though I suffer and have deep pain, there is a good purpose that will _____ last forever if I use it for the gospel's advancement.

Learn More: Our 30-minute show: Other than "purpose" - why doesn't God stop bad things from happening? Wouldn't it be better if he stopped all evil? <http://truthrevolution.tv/audioarchives/the-problem-of-god-and-evil>. For a 60-second thought about how pain proves God's existence, check this out: <http://truthrevolution.tv/2014/10/suffering-proof-of-god/>

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- Have you ever thought about your pain this way before?
- Why does Paul say, "What does it matter" in verse 18?