

# Message Notes

## Joy in Gospel Transformation

Philippians 1:1-11

Joy Revolution, part 3

October 8, 2006

Remember, learning to “Delight Ourselves in the Lord” involves:

1. Willfully choosing.
2. Diligently practicing
3. We must humbly use the “helps” that God provides:
  - Creation & the Word
  - Prayer & Praise
  - Christian community

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San Luis Obispo

# Message Outline

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### Joy Stream #1 = Gospel Transformation

#### I. Paul’s Joyful Confidence in Gospel Transformation

- A. It’s a SOVEREIGN work of God
- B. It’s a PROGRESSIVE work of God
- C. It’s a GOOD work of God
- D. It’s a GRACE work of God
- E. It’s a RECOGNIZABLE work of God

#### II. Paul’s Joyful Prayer for Gospel Transformation

- A. Knowledgeable, discerning love . . . *for*
- B. Excellent life choices . . . leading to
- C. Growing maturity and God-honoring living . . . *because and made possible by*
- D. The transforming righteousness of Jesus in us . . . *in order that*
- E. God might be glorified and praised

### Drinking from the Stream . . .

Spend one hour this week thinking about, rejoicing in, and praying for Gospel Transformation in your life and in the lives of others.

## **Growth Group Understanding Questions**

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1. Read Philippians 1:1-11. Where is the reference to joy? In reference to what?
2. How many references to the Gospel do you find in this passage and in what verses? What three things does Paul say about the Philippians' relationship with the Gospel? How many references to Jesus do you find in this passage and in what verses?
3. What do we mean by the term Gospel transformation? What do we learn about the Gospel transformation in verse 6? Why should these realities lead to joy in our lives?
4. If v. 6 teaches that God is sovereign in the process of Gospel transformation, then why does Paul pray for the Philippians in v. 9-11? If God is going to do what He's going to do, why pray?
5. What grabs you about Paul's prayer for the Philippians 1:9-11? Primarily, what is Paul praying for and how does it lead to this chain reaction that he describes?

## **Growth Group Application Questions**

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1. What was most challenging or new in the text/message this week?
2. Honestly, what are some of streams where you find your joy? What makes you happy in life? What does the world say will make us joyful?
3. Share an instance of Gospel transformation from your own life and then from someone else's life.
4. Why did Gospel transformation create joy in Paul's life? Do you think it has the power to create joy in our lives? How do we practically go to that stream?
5. When you pray for someone, do you ever pray like Paul prays for the Philippians? If not, why not? Pray for your Gospel transformation in your lives and growth group together.