

## **One Church, One Faith**

*"for your progress and joy in the faith" vs 25b*

IT'S ONE FAITH IN CHRIST  
THAT DEFINES  
OUR LORD, OUR LIFE, AND OUR LABOR

### **I. One Faith with Christ Proclaimed** (Philippians 1:12-18)

**12** *I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, 13 so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. 14 And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. 15 Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. 16 The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. 17 The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. 18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.*

THERE'S ONLY ONE FAITH THAT UNITES US IN A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD  
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST... WHO IS OUR LORD.

#### **A. The Lordship of Jesus Christ Progresses our Faith**

-Christ as our Lord brings us great commands, careful instructions, loving care, and clear vision.

#### **B. The Lordship of Christ brings Joy to our Faith**

-Christ as our Lord brings us joy as we follow a great, careful, loving, and clear leader.

1. How is the Lordship of Jesus Christ progressing my faith and bring joy in my life?

### **II. One Faith with Eternal Perspective** (Philippians 1:19-21)

*Yes, and I will rejoice, 19 for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, 20 as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

THERE'S ONLY ONE FAITH THAT UNITES US IN AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE OF HOPE  
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, IN WHOM WE FIND LIFE.

**A. An Eternal Perspective Full of Hope Cuts Down the Barriers to our Faith.**

-When we have a clear picture of the future, it puts the things that only seem important into proper perspective.

**B. An Eternal Perspective full of brings Joy to our Faith.**

-Our eternity isn't determined by our works, or good deeds, so it allows us to walk in confidence.

2. How is an eternal perspective in Jesus Christ cutting down the barriers to my faith and bring joy to my life?

**III. One Faith with Kingdom Purpose (Philippians 1:22-26)**

**22** *If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.* **23** *I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.* **24** *But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.* **25** *Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith,* **26** *so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.*

THERE'S ONLY ONE FAITH THAT UNITES US WITH A KINGDOM PERSPECTIVE FOR WORK  
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, IN WHOM WE LABOR.

**A. Fruitful Labor Advances the Gospel in Life**

-When our eternal salvation is determined by our works, all of our works are completely self-centered. It leads us to toiling in vain rather than fruitful labor.

-But, when our eternal salvation isn't determined by works, it allows work to bring glory to God.

**B. Fruitful Labor brings us and others Joy**

-We were created for good work. When work produces fruit that lasts and brings Jesus recognition, it's gratifying.

3. How is my labor in the faith serving to advance the Gospel and bringing joy to others lives?