

Philippians: Tidings of Comfort and Joy

O Tidings Of Comfort And Joy

Reverend Michael Voytek | O Tidings Of Comfort And Joy
2 Cor. 1:3-7 ; Psalm 23

Sunday Service 09/25/2011

Rehoboth Reformed Chapel, La Habra, California

In the midst of chains and affliction in prison, Paul wrote a letter to the church at Philippi to comfort and strengthen them. We would do well to hear, trust and obey what the Spirit is saying to the church through it today. The outline of the sermon is as follows:

- I. Suffering for Christ: Joy in the struggle for the Gospel (Phil. chap. 1)
- II. Serving like Christ: Joy in humility (Phil. chap. 2)
- III. Striving toward Christ: Joy in the hard race (Phil. chap. 3)
- IV. Standing in Christ: Joy in harsh afflictions (Phil chap. 4)

Keywords: comfort joy love missions care ministry

The Blessings of the Gospel

Reverend Michael Voytek | The Blessings of the Gospel

Philippians 1:1-2 ; Psalm 27

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Rehoboth Reformed Chapel, La Habra, Ca.

Paul begins his letter by bestowing upon the church a blessing that incorporates both God's grace and its fruits as evidenced in the lives of His beloved people. What should be your response to these blessings of God through Christ our Lord? The outline of the sermon is as follows:

- I. The source of all blessings
- II. The results of God's blessings
- III. Our response to God's blessings

Keywords: blessings grace peace shalom gospel sanctification

Christ's Affectionate Love for His Bride

Reverend Michael Voytek | Christ's Affectionate Love

Philippians 1:3-11 ; Psalm 84

Sunday Service 10/09/2011

Rehoboth Reformed Chapel, La Habra, Ca.

The love of Christ constrained the Apostle Paul to demonstrate His love and care for the church. As we consider the various expressions of this affectionate love, you should ask yourself "Do I believe, embrace, and desire to emulate this loving-kindness and tender mercy of Christ?" The outline of the sermon is as follows:

- I. Love remembers with joy (3-6)
- II. Love shares in both struggles and blessings (7-8)
- III. Love is expressed through communication (9-11)

Keywords: love affection loving-kindness mercy

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God's Sovereign Purposes In Suffering

Reverend Michael Voytek | Suffering: God's Purposes

Philippians 1:12-18 ; Isaiah 41:8-16

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Proposition: In order to allay the Philippians concern, The Apostle Paul explains his current circumstances as well as interprets them in the light of God's overruling purpose for him. The outline of the sermon is as follows:

- I. Circumstances acknowledged
- II. Circumstances interpreted
- III. Christ is the goal of suffering for the Christian

Keywords: sovereignty suffering purpose grace

That Christ Be Magnified, in Life and in Death

Reverend Michael Voytek | That Christ be magnified

Philippians 1:19-26 ; Psalm 40

Sunday Service 10/23/2011

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The Apostle Paul's shares his struggle with the church as well as the secret to victory, that we too may glorify Christ in all things. The outline of the sermon is as follows:

- I. The struggle against self-focus in life and in death
- II. The proper focus of life (and death)
- III. The struggles of life and death

Keywords: sovereignty purpose goal victory intercession prayer

Live Worthy of the Gospel

Reverend Michael Voytek | Live Worthy Of The Gospel

Philippians 1:27-30 ; Nehemiah 4:6-22

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The Apostle Paul now shifts his focus to his main concern for the church, that is our need to live in a manner that is worthy of the gospel. The life that we have received from God is primarily corporate in nature rather than individualistic. In other words, as those who are loved by Christ, we love each other and strive together for the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The outline of the sermon is as follows:

- I. What are we commanded to do?
- II. How do we obey this command?
- III. What are the benefits of obedience?

Keywords: citizenship citizen sanctification

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A Call to Unity through Humility

Reverend Michael Voytek | A Call to Unity through Humility

Philippians 2:1-4 ; Psalm 133 ; John 17

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The Apostle Paul's over-arching command to "live worthy of the Gospel" finds its further fulfillment in our unity and love for one another. He directs us to our need of humility in order to obey this call. The outline of the sermon is as follows:

- I. Foundation for action: our blessings "in Christ" (v. 1)
- II. The key to joy: unity (v. 2)
- III. The key to unity: humility (v. 3-4)

Keywords: sanctification love unity humility

Humility Personified

Reverend Michael Voytek | Humility Personified

Philippians 2:5-8 ; Isaiah 53:1-12

Sunday Service 11/13/2011

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While exhorting the church to unity through humility, the Apostle Paul focuses our attention on our Lord Jesus Christ as the supreme example of humility in order to teach us how to live a life of humility and self-sacrifice. The outline of the sermon is as follows:

- I. What did He do?
- II. Why did He do it?
- III. What are you commanded to do?

Keywords: unity humility humiliation

Humility Glorified

Reverend Michael Voytek | Humility Glorified

Philippians 2:9-11 ; Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 ; Acts 2:22-36

Sunday Service 11/20/2011

Rehoboth Reformed Chapel, La Habra, Ca.

While exhorting the church to take on the mind of Christ in regards to our relationship to one another, the Apostle Paul directs our attention away from self and onto Christ's humiliation and exaltation. It is from Christ alone that we learn humility and find unity. The outline of the sermon is as follows:

- I. Where is Christ now?
- II. How did He get there?
- III. What does this all mean to me?

Keywords: unity humility humiliation glory glorification

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Live Out Your Salvation

Reverend Michael Voytek

Philippians 2:12-13 ; Psalm 139

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- I. How can I be like Christ?
- II. What is God doing in me?
- III. What does God expect of me?

Keywords: unity humility sanctification

Do All Things Without Complaining And Disputing

Reverend Michael Voytek | Do All Things Without Complaining And Disputing

Philippians 2:14-18 ; Exodus 16:1-12 ; James 3:18

Sunday Service 12/04/2011

Rehoboth Reformed Chapel, La Habra, Ca.

In this letter, the Apostle Paul addresses a serious problem that threatens both the unity of the church as well as our witness to the unbelieving world. Our Lord Jesus Christ summarized this point with these words; *"For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks...for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."* (Matt. 12:34-37). The outline of the sermon is as follows:

- I. What does God command you to do? (v. 14)
- II. Why does He command you to do it? (v. 15-17)
- III. How do you do it? (v. 18)

Keywords: sanctification love unity humility grumbling complaining

The Sending of a Faithful Son

Reverend Michael Voytek | The Sending of a Faithful Son

Philippians 2:19-24 ; Psalm 127

Sunday Service 12/11/2011

Rehoboth Reformed Chapel, La Habra, Ca.

As the Apostle Paul's love and concern caused him to consider sending Timothy to those in need, so God's love and concern caused Him to send both His only begotten Son and His redeemed to those in need. What is your calling and responsibility in this matter? The outline of the sermon is as follows:

- I. Timothy as a faithful son.
- II. Christ as "The Faithful Son"
- III. Are you a faithful one?

Keywords: faithfulness calling ministry service

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The Great Reversal

Reverend Michael Voytek | The Great Reversal

Philippians 3:1-3 ; Genesis 15:1-6 ; Galatians 6:1-15

Sunday Service 01/08/2012

Rehoboth Reformed Chapel, La Habra, Ca.

While dealing with the Judaizing influence in the church (salvation by faith plus works), the Apostle Paul focuses our attention on the great reversal that God has wrought through Jesus Christ. The sermon outline is as follows:

- I. Our calling to rejoice (v. 1)
- II. Rejecting the old way of the flesh (v. 2)
- III. Rejoicing in the new creation of the Spirit (v. 3)

Keywords: reversal justification faith gospel grace

Having No Confidence In The Flesh

Reverend Michael Voytek | Having No Confidence In The Flesh

Philippians 3:3-7 ; Psalm 52 ; Romans 2:17-29

Sunday Service 01/15/2012

Rehoboth Reformed Chapel, La Habra, Ca.

In order to silence false teachers who promoted a worldview based on works righteousness, Paul revealed the true reality of a worldview based on faith in Christ, our righteousness. The sermon outline is as follows:

- I. The Apostle Paul's world before meeting Christ
- II. His response to that world – THEN
- III. His response to the world – NOW

Keywords: justification faith gospel grace righteousness

That I Might Gain Christ

Reverend Michael Voytek | That I Might Gain Christ

Philippians 3:7-11 ; Proverbs 8:10-21 ; Matthew 13:44-46

Sunday Service 01/22/2012

Rehoboth Reformed Chapel, La Habra, Ca.

While dealing with the false teachers who promoted salvation by works righteousness, Paul declared his superior qualifications as well his repudiation of this heresy. It is only in Christ that we find true, eternal gain. The sermon outline is as follows:

- I. What did Paul considered loss and why.
- II. What did Paul considered gain and why.
- III. What are the benefits gained in Christ?

Keywords: justification faith gospel grace righteousness

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That I May Know Him

Reverend Michael Voytek | That I May Know Him

Philippians 3:10-11 ; Jeremiah 9:23-24

Sunday Service 02/12/2012

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"The wages of sin is death," that is, separation from God who is our life. It is only through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that we can be restored to life, that is, to the true knowledge or intimate, personal relationship with God. The outline of the sermon is as follows:

- I. Paul's overwhelming desire "to know Christ"
- II. What does it mean "to know Christ"?
- III. How well do you "know Him"?

Keywords: gospel grace salvation knowing knowledge

Are You A Mature Christian?

Reverend Michael Voytek | Are You A Mature Christian?

Philippians 3:12-16 ; Isaiah 55:1-7 ; Romans 6:1-14

Sunday Service 02/19/2012

Rehoboth Reformed Chapel, La Habra, Ca.

The maturity of a Christian is not primarily measured by one's past accomplishments but by one's ongoing pursuit of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. The outline of the sermon is as follows:

- I. A rebuke of slothfulness
- II. Grow to maturity
- III. Where to start?

Keywords: maturity sanctification grace growth

Pressing on to the Celestial City

Reverend Michael Voytek | Pressing on to Heaven

Philippians 3:17-4:1 ; Psalm 121 ; Hebrews 12:1-11

Sunday Service 02/26/2012

Rehoboth Reformed Chapel, La Habra, Ca.

While warning of the dangers around us, the Apostle Paul exhorts us to press on to the prize, even eternal life in the city of our God, the heavenly Jerusalem. The outline of the sermon is as follows:

- I. Watch out for the slippery slopes of legalism and libertinism
- II. The dangers of losing your footing
- III. How to walk safely

Keywords: maturity sanctification grace growth

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Blessed Are The Peacemakers

Reverend Michael Voytek | Blessed are the Peacemakers

Philippians 4:1-3 ; Psalm 133 ; Eph. 4:1-16

Sunday Service 03/04/2012

Rehoboth Reformed Chapel, La Habra, Ca.

The main message of the book of Philippians can be understood from the perspective provided by Jesus' teaching; "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God." The outline of the sermon is as follows:

- I. Paul the peacemaker
- II. The Philippians as peacemakers
- III. How to be a peacemaker

Keywords: peace peacemaker unity reconciliation

Equipped For Service As Peacemakers

Reverend Michael Voytek | Equipped For Service

Philippians 4:4-9 ; Psalm 141 ; Matthew 6:25-34

Sunday Service 03/11/2012

Rehoboth Reformed Chapel, La Habra, Ca.

Our Lord God has called us to be peacemakers in the midst of a world at war.

Furthermore, He provides all things necessary to enable us fulfill this calling. The question that you must answer is will you be faithful to this glorious vocation. The outline of the sermon is as follows:

- I. Joy: faith in action
- II. Patience infused by presence
- III. Prayer that overcomes
- IV. Conquering through proper thinking

Keywords: peace peacemaker unity reconciliation tools

Thinking God's Thoughts After Him

Reverend Michael Voytek | Thinking God's Thoughts After Him

Philippians 4:8-9 ; Psalm 19

Sunday Service | 03/18/2012

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Our mind is like the root system of a tree. What it takes in and processes affects the whole. We have been given the tool to discern and process that which will bring life to us and glory to God. The outline of the sermon is as follows:

- I. What should you meditate on?
- II. What should you avoid?
- III. How do you do it?

Keywords: mediation thoughts mind

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I Have Learned To Be Content

Reverend Michael Voytek | I Have Learned To Be Content

Philippians 4:10-14 ; Psalm 37:1-11 ; James 4:1-10

Sunday Service 03/25/2012

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Paul's exhortation in verse 9 is made evident in his example and teaching concerning the exercise of faith in life (otherwise known as contentment). The outline of the sermon is as follows:

- I. What Paul learned
- II. Contentment: what it is not and what it is
- III. How it is gained

Keywords: contentment satisfaction abased abound abounding

Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant

Reverend Michael Voytek | Well Done, Good & Faithful Servant

Philippians 4:10-20 ; 1 Chronicles 29:10-20

Sunday Service 04/15/2012

Rehoboth Reformed Church, La Habra, Ca.

God has supplied all our needs in order to equip us for service. As faithful stewards of God's gifts, through use of these gifts, we strengthen and encourage our fellow servants in Christ. The sermon outline is as follows:

- I. Commendation of a faithful servant
- II. Correction of false assumptions
- III. Encouragement and praise of a fellow servant

Keywords: service consecration commendation goal

Saints By Grace To The Glory Of God

Reverend Michael Voytek | Saints By Grace To God's Glory

Philippians 4:20-23 ; Psalm 16

Sunday Service 04/22/2012

Rehoboth Reformed Church, La Habra, Ca.

The Apostle's command to "greet every saint in Christ Jesus" is based upon the truth of the "communion of the saints." By properly fulfilling this command, we are putting into practice our confession of faith (i.e. the Apostle's Creed). The sermon outline is as follows:

- I. Who are you to greet?
- II. What are you to say?
- III. What are the results?

Keywords: greeting blessing grace saints