

Joy in Suffering
Philippians 1:12-18

- 1. Suffering from outsiders progresses the Gospel (12-14)**
- 2. Suffering from insiders, progresses the Gospel (15-17)**
- 3. Summary of Paul's Thoughts about this (Verse 18)**

Discussion

1. Think of a time in the last year that you went through suffering. Without going into detail of the situation, give one example of how someone could seek to advance the gospel in that particular kind of suffering. For example, if your car breaks down, you can either complain to the tow truck driver about cheaply made, unreliable cars, or you talk about every day being under God's control and ask the driver if he sees God as being in control.
2. How should the Christian's response to suffering be distinctly, dramatically different from the world's response? How can this difference open up opportunities to share the gospel? How can this difference bring glory to God?
3. What does it mean to have a heart for the gospel?