

Rejoice Over How God is Working  
in Your Life

Philippians 1:18b-20

*What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. (1:18a).*

I. We can rejoice over the fact that God will bring about our future and ultimate well-being.

*Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, (1:18b-19)*

Paul rejoices over the fact that he will eventually be delivered from his imprisonment – “*my deliverance*” in v.19.

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He refers to his imprisonment 4 times in chapter 1.

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God works for our good in all things:

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Rom.8:28, NIV)*

God describes His ultimate good for each of us:

*For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son (Rom.8:29)*

II. We can rejoice over how God will bring about our future and ultimate well-being.

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A. God works through the prayers of His people.

*for I know that through your prayers*  
(v.19)

B. God works through the Holy Spirit.

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C. God works through our faithful efforts.

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