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Philippians 1:1-11

### *“Rooted in Christ”*

“In Philippians we find Paul, alone, in jail. He writes a letter to the people of Philippi. Paul is not as troubled as we would guess. Rather than seeing him frustrated about his situation, lonely in jail, or angry at those who seem to be changing the church from how Paul thought it should be, we see Paul full of joy, confidence, and love. It leads us to ask the question... why?

Paul considered himself “In Christ.” He was not alone.

How often we feel like we are going through life alone. But Paul’s letter reminds us that we will find joy, confidence and love... by being rooted to Christ.

That is Paul’s secret and can be ours too. Christ was able to live full of joy on Palm Sunday because he was rooted to God.... We see that in his prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. His willingness to follow God to the cross...

If we are willing to be rooted in Christ, to follow him, we too can live full of joy.”

