The Single Mind

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INTRODUCTION

- How is it possible to not worry or not be anxious in anything? How is it possible to really have a peace that surpasseth understanding?
- Indeed, if happiness depends on the circumstances being ideal, then most people will be miserable most of the time.
- It's literally to be able to say, it really makes no difference what happens to me, so long as Christ is glorified. So long as the gospel is shared with others.

1 Paul's Chains

Philippians 1:12–14; Ephesians 3:1; 2 Timothy 2:9

- I would you should understand, brethren, that the things which have happened unto me have fallen out rather under the furtherance of the gospel.
- Paul, his mind was such that he viewed his circumstances through the Lord, not the Lord through his circumstances.
- He turned what looked to be a bad thing into what he said was an opportunity.
- But the word of God is not bound. Listen, the word of God is not bound.
- He looked upon life's circumstances as God given opportunities for the furtherance of the gospel.
- He rejoiced at what God is going to do instead of complaining about what God did not do.

2 Paul's Critics

Philippians 1:15–19

- How could Paul have peace even though he was in chain? But look further. Even though he had some critics, even his own brethren.
- Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife, some of goodwill.
- The one preached Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds.
- Notwithstanding every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached. And I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

MY NOTES