**Welcome to Philippians: Serving and Suffering Joyfully**

**Session 2, Part 2: A Counterculture View of Joy**

**Philippians 1:3-8**

**The Joy of Anticipation (1:6)**

* Confidence:
  + God’s nature and purposes
  + God’s unstoppable work of grace in our lives
  + God’s plans to complete what He started

***Confidence in God is based upon the knowledge of God!***

**Confidence of Divine Grace**

* God begins in us (3:9)
* God continues in us (2:12-13)
* God finishes in us (1:6)

***The work of salvation is “a good work” because it flows from the very goodness of God!***

**Confidence in Human Evidence**

* God’s people (1:7)
  + partnership
  + support
  + faithfulness

***The joy of evidence that people are living out their faith!***

**The Joy of Affection (1:7-8)**

* heartfelt
* appropriate
* Christ’s

***Paul feels what he thinks and thinks what he feels!***