

## **Philippians 1:19-20** **Facing Disappointment**

Introduction:

In this life there is a great deal of disappointment. Whatever your personality type may be, disappointment comes to all of us not merely the melancholy temperament. We know *our children* receive disappointment when they do not receive something they want. *Young people* face disappointment when they are left out by their friends or boyfriend, girlfriend breakup. *Business people* face disappointment when sales are down and success is no viewed in the horizon. *Ministers* of the gospel face disappointment when commitments to church membership are violated and when the gospel is flat out rejected. *Husbands and wives* face disappointment living in a failed marriage and may know the bitterness of divorce. (The list go's on and on) **Isaiah 49:23** “**And kings will be your guardians, and their princesses your nurses. They will bow down to you with their faces to the earth, and lick the dust of your feet; and you will know that I am the Lord; those who hopefully wait for Me will not be disappointed.**”

### **I. Gospel Power**

#### **A. From a human perspective – II Tim. 1:12**

1. The word “shame” is not the best word – (Webster)
2. The proper word is “*disappointment*” – Rom. 5:5; 9:33; 10:11

#### **B. Three Rock Solid Texts to Keep Us From Disappointments:**

1. The power of the gospel – Rom. 1:16;  
(Three conflicting cultures – Jewish, Greek and Roman)  
I Cor. 15:3-4 Three essential words for “power”
  - a. *exousia* – Rom. 13:1
  - b. *kanon* – Gal. 6:16
  - c. *dynamis* – Rom. 1:16
2. The deposit of Paul’s confidence – II Tim. 1:12  
(John 10:27-28)
3. Convinced of no separation – Rom. 8:38-39  
(Eph. 2:10; Rom. 6:5; II Cor. 5:17)

### **II. Christ Magnified**

#### **A. The Christian Advantage:**

1. Paul knew what we also know from God’s Word how the story ends – I Cor. 15:24,25; Psa. 2:1-2; **Read Phil. 2:9-11**
2. Paul does not merely say that Christ will be exalted and magnified in the end but Christ will be magnified in us – Phil. 1:6

#### **Conclusion:**

1. ***Disappointments will come but the Christian can and does overcome them by thinking clearly and Biblically. Rom. 8:28***
2. ***Disappointments to some extent may cause us to resist God’s will or bring us to depression. We have the gospel hope! – Rev. 21:3-4***