

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

Thank you for joining us today. This is a short note to let you know that we know what you are thinking: It is hot and cramped in this room. We want to acknowledge with you that yes, the front room is full, the kids rooms are full, and it can get warm. We are working on alleviating this good problem as we look for a future permanent home that Element can move into that will be larger and have some proper Air Conditioning. There is a lot that goes into the process of Element having a permanent home, but we hope that today you are first drawn to Jesus before you are overwhelmed by anything else. If you would like a service that has open seats (and is cooler), you are invited to our 8:15am service. Please understand that all of these "challenges" are because of our love for Jesus and people, we hope you will stay as we work to make more room for you to be part of the good thing Jesus is doing here.

- The Element Team

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL-ELEMENTARY

Like our Facebook page to receive our
"Big Picture" question each week!
[facebook.com/groups/eccekids](https://www.facebook.com/groups/eccekids)

STUDENT FUNDRAISERS

Help send kids to camp with this Tri-tip sandwich BBQ
on Sunday, June 25th.

Cost is \$10/meal + a bake sale

Big-Brand Oil Changes - \$25 for two oil changes!

YOUTH BEACH TRIP

June 29th, 5:30pm

All 7th-12th Graders Welcome!



PART 2 WHAT! — IN THE — WORLD?

PHILIPPIANS 1:15-18

GALATIANS 1:8-9

ACTS 9:1-6

MATTHEW 27:18

ROMANS 1:28-29

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

1 CORINTHIANS

13:1-13

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-5

ISAIAH 55:11

MATTHEW 28:18-20

EIGHT: ENVOIOUS REJOICING

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At the end of last year, Element did a series that answered some common questions about scripture that people have commonly asked. As the series ended, we asked the people of Element to write down their own questions that we would answer in 2017. This week's question is: *"Why is Paul rejoicing that people are proclaiming Christ out of selfish ambition?"*

When you heard this message, either at Element on Sunday, on the podcast, or when watching the video, what stood out or surprised you?

Last week Aaron reminded us that the story of the Bible is about an ultimate love story between a kindly intentioned Creator and us, His creation. All of the Bible is written by God and is for our teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. Our Creator's words written through the Apostle Paul have an important message for us even (and maybe especially) when we wonder, "What in the world?"

Read Philippians 1:15-18.

What is Paul rejoicing about?

Is there a "right" way to share the Gospel?

What is your first memory or experience hearing about Jesus or the Gospel? Was there anything about it you would change, or was it "perfect?"

When we say "the Gospel," we are talking about everything Jesus did in His life, His sacrificial death on the cross, His sin conquering resurrection, and His ascension that has provided us the indwelling redeeming work of the Holy Spirit. Which assures us of God's continued work in us until we, and creation, are restored to perfect harmony with our Creator.

While there are many philosophies and worldviews, that speak to our existence, the message of God's redemptive story contained in the Bible is the only one that provides a way of salvation for humanity. Now that is *good news!*

Have you ever shared the Gospel with motives other than love?

Whether you're using words or living your life, you are telling a story...and everyone likes a good story, right? When was the last time you shared with someone else part of your story (which is really God's story) and what He is doing in your life?

Salvation through faith means Jesus Christ changes us and redeems us. As part of God's family, our identity is secure and we get to rejoice, just like Paul did, in both hearing about Jesus and sharing the story with others. Let's live and tell a joyful story of love this week because of what Jesus has done for us.