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- I. Reasons to Persevere
    - A. Jesus Christ is being proclaimed
    - B. An encouragement to others
  
  - II. Reasons to Rejoice
    - A. Prayers of the Saints
    - B. Help from the Spirit of Jesus Christ
  
  - III. Reasons for Hope
    - A. Christ will be exalted
    - B. Instruments of God

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**Questions for personal reflection or group discussion:**

Are there chains of discouragement in your life?  
How can they serve as an encouragement to you?  
Is it possible to rejoice in times of hardship?  
How does your obedience to God impact others?