

Rejoice in the Lord Always!

(a study in Philippians)

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community church

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JOY in Every Situation [Philippians 1:1-2]

There is an unspeakable and glorious JOY in Christ that should be normal for every Christian (1Pet1:8)! In Paul's letter to the church in Philippi he not only personally demonstrates but also teaches us how we can have this JOY in every situation of life.

Key Verse: Phil4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

Joy Defined: It is a buoyancy based on the pleasures found in the eternal privileges I have in God.

Opposite: Hopelessness and despair (not sorrow).

Counterfeit: Happiness based on the gifts over the gift-giver.

Joy, rejoicing, or gladness is used 19xs

Jesus' name is used 39xs (17xs in the 1st chapter)

Mind, think, and remember is used 16xs

Pro4:23; 2Cor10:5; Phil4:8; Rom12:2

Four Killjoys:

- Circumstances
- People
- Things
- Worry

Four Mindsets that Overcome These Killjoys:

Warren Wiersbe "Be Joyful" (Philippians)

Single Mindset (Chapter one)

(Joy in spite of Circumstances)

Phil1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

- JOY in loneliness. vv1-11 (Fellowship of the Gospel)
- JOY in frustration. vv12-26 (Furtherance of the Gospel)
- JOY in suffering. vv27-30 (Faith of the Gospel)

Servant Mindset (Chapter two)

(Joy in spite of People)

Phil2:3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

- JOY in Conflict. Phil.2:1-11 (Christ's Example)
- JOY in Stuck Points. Phil. 2:12-18 (Paul's Challenge)

- JOY in Sacrifice. Phil.2:19-30 (Timothy's Love & Epaphroditus' Risk)

Spiritual Mindset (Chapter three)

(Joy in spite of Things)

Phil3:19-20 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

- JOY in Salvation Phil.3:1-11 (I count everything as loss)
- JOY in Perseverance Phil.3:12-21 (I press on for the goal)

Secure Mindset (Chapter four)

(Joy that defeats Worry)

Phil4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- JOY in Anxiety Phil.4:1-9 (God's Peace)
- JOY in Discontentment Phil.4:10-13 (God's Power)
- JOY in Neediness Phil.4:14-21 (God's Provision)

Growing Notes

- 1) We are living in very crazy and confusing times that is causing enormous fear and uncertainty. Do you think it is possible to experience unspeakable and glorious joy in all situations (1Pet1:8)? What is the key verse to Philippians? What is the definition of Joy? Opposite? Counterfeit?
- 2) Read Philippians 1:1-2. Who is the Author and how does he describe himself? Who is the audience and how are they described? How is Paul's opening blessing of grace and peace related to the theme of joy in this letter?
- 3) How many times are the words or derivatives of joy, Jesus, and mind in these four chapters and how are they related? How important is our mindset or pattern of thinking (Pro4:23; 2Cor10:5; Phil4:8; Rom12:2)?
- 4) What are the four killjoys and which one(s) do you struggle with the most? Explain. Review the four mindsets that overcome these killjoys. What is a Single Mindset (Phil1:21)? A Servant Mindset (Phil2:3)? A Spiritual Mindset (Phil3:19-20)? A Secure Mindset (Phil4:6-7)? Which one(s) are strengths and which one(s) are growth areas? Pray that you will learn how to have joy in all situations.

