

“Exhortation to Rejoice” (Philippians 4:4)

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* What enters your mind when you hear the word “joy”?

I. Exhortation to REJOICE (v 4)

A. The Double Command is to _____ in the _____

1. Literally this means _____

* Is it possible to rejoice ALWAYS???

2. Rejoicing should be the _____ of the believer's life

B. The Sphere of Rejoicing is in the _____

1. God's joy – as produced by the Holy Spirit signifies inner emotional harmony and peace and is always based on recognizing and resting in _____

2. God's joy does not come from a favorable set of _____

3. God's joy is the result of _____ that the _____ and _____ of God are _____ and will not _____

4. God's joy is based on _____

5. The joy of the unbeliever is associated with _____ circumstances or _____

6. The joy of the unbeliever is always _____
7. Rejoicing in the Lord is associated with being in the _____ of God
8. Rejoicing in the Lord is a _____
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* What are some key components to experiencing Joy in the Lord?

- a. Being rightly related to God through His _____ (Jer 15:16)
- b. _____ in Christ, His Word and His Love (John 15:1-11)
- c. Being rightly related to God through _____ (John 16:23-24)
- d. Being rightly related to God through _____ (1John 1:3-4)

* What are some examples of rejoicing in spiritual realities?

- a. Suffering for Christ's sake (Act 5:17-41; 1 Peter 4:12-14)
- b. The accurate preaching of the gospel (Phil 1:12-18)
- c. When someone gets saved (Acts 8:39)
- d. When believers are grounded in and stabilized in the truth (Colossians 2:5)
- e. The people you minister to (1 Thess 2:18-20)
- f. When believers respond to and walk according to truth (3 John 1:3-4)
- g. When believers minister to and comfort one another (2 Cor 7:6-7,13; Phil 4:10)
- h. When you have the opportunity to minister to others (Phil 2:17)

*Are you rejoicing in the Lord?

* What does this mean to you?