

Manifesting Genuine JOY

Standing Firm, part 3. Philippians 4:4 Chris Mueller

Introduction:

John 15:10 *If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. 11 These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.*

James 1:17 *Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.*

*Joy is an internal delight in God and a fullness from God in the heart of a Christian
Joy is a deep sense of peace, gratitude and love in the heart because of who God is
Joy is the unshakable internal smile of the born-again heart
Joy is an inner quality of life that depends on a right relationship with God
Joy is knowing everything is certain with Christ and Eternity*

1 Divine Delight

2 Internal Fullness

3 Christ Confidence

#1 The P OF REJOICING

Philippians 4:4 *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!*

Hebrew OT -

Classical Greek -

Koine Greek NT -

#1 Psalm 35:9 *And my soul shall rejoice in the LORD; It shall exult in His salvation.*

#2 Isaiah 41:16b *But you will rejoice in the Lord, You will glory in the Holy One of Israel.*

#3 Zechariah 10:7 *Ephraim will be like a mighty man, And their heart will be glad as if from wine; Indeed, their children will see it and be glad, Their heart will rejoice in the Lord.*

#4 Philippians 3:1 *Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord.*

To write the same things again is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.

Philippians 1:4 always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all,

Philippians 1:25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith,

Philippians 2:2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

Philippians 2:17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all.

Philippians 2:18 You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.

Philippians 2:29 Receive him then in the Lord with all joy, and hold men like him in high regard;

Philippians 4:1 Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.

#5 Philippians 4:4 *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!*

1st God's

1 Peter 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again ...4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable ... reserved in heaven for you, 5 ... protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, ... you have been distressed by various trials*

Psalm 51:12 *Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit.*

Psalm 95:1 *O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.*

1 Peter 1:3 *God ... according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again ...*

#1 The **P**ATTERN OF REJOICING

2nd **God's** _____

GOD IS SOVEREIGN

Psalm 115:3 *But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.*

Isaiah 46:9-10 ... *I am God, and there is no other; ... saying, 'My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure'*

Matthew 10:30 *"the very hairs of your head are numbered."*

GOD IS GOOD

Psalm 34:8 *O taste and see that the LORD is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him*

Psalm 100:5 *For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting, And His faithfulness to all generations.*

Romans 8:28 *And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to [His] purpose.*

#2 The **P**_____ of REJOICING

Philippians 4:4 *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!*

Philippians 1:14 *most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear.*
Philippians 2:19 *But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition.*
Philippians 2:24 *and I trust in the Lord that I myself also will be coming shortly.*
Philippians 2:29 *Receive him then in the Lord with all joy, and hold men like him in high regard;*
Philippians 3:1 *Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things again is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.*
Philippians 4:1 *Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.*
Philippians 4:2 *I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in harmony in the Lord.*
Philippians 4:4 *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!*
Philippians 4:10 *But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned before, but you lacked opportunity.*

#3 The **P**_____ of REJOICING

Philippians 4:4 *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!*

TAKE HOME:

A **Beware of joy** _____

B **Remain close to the** _____ **of Joy**

C **Evaluate your** _____

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QUESTIONS and PROJECTS FOR GROWTH

1. What is the difference between JOY and HAPPINESS?
2. Try to come up with your own biblically accurate definition of JOY.
3. Of the 5 definitions of JOY above, which do you like best and why?
4. Is it always obvious when a Christian is JOYFUL? What do they look like, act like or speak like when JOYFUL?
5. Why is JOY so important to the Christian? And why is JOY important to God Himself?
6. When you are experiencing dark trials, how will you resource your JOY?
7. What kind of effect will JOY have on a local church community?
8. Why is JOY important as a part of a church's corporate witness?
9. Why does Paul insist that their JOY be expressed in continual REJOICING?
10. What steps will you take to cultivate a consistent heart of JOY and expression of REJOICING?

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