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# Rejoice In The Lord Always

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Int. Great to be a Christian! I Cor. 2:9.

Lesson: Wonderful spr. bonus for the Christian: Joy!!

② Phil. 4:4-9. always?? How? <sup>in the Lord!</sup>

1. Cannot always be happy! Not the same.

Happiness: sense of well-being + hinges on external circumstances.

Joy: Independent of externals. Hinges on evident-security of the soul.

I Paul had joy while not always happy! <sup>Lost family, fame + fortune for Jesus</sup> **RICH FOREVER?** <sup>creed!</sup>

1. Philippians written in Roman prison. <sup>50y.</sup>

2. Joy in Philippian jail. Acts 16:25. <sup>not</sup> happy.

3. Joy in spite of abuses. I Cor. 11:24-28.

II Jesus had joy while not always happy! **I. SAVED!**

1. Not happy in the Garden. Lk. 22:42-44.

2. Not happy on the Cross. Heb. 12:1-2. <sup>How?</sup>

**II. Had a GOAL** more imp. than His comfort, pleasure and immediate well-being. John 3:16. Save YOUR soul!

III Both involved in doing something important! **III.**

1. Jesus - Acts 10:38. Every WORD + DEED good!

2. Paul - Acts 9:15-16. Rom. 1:14-18.

Too BUSY to miss Popularity, pleasure, and Prosperity?

# IV Your Joy Test!

1. Know the joy of Salvation!

Ill. Acts 8:35-39.

nothing erase his new-found joy! Peace, Poverty, Persecution.

2. Have a Goal so great nothing else matters!

Ill. Matt. 5:16. Light! Glory to God. Matt. 16:24-26 easy!

3. Doing something so Imp. that all else is inferior?

I Cor. 15:58. Every day living for Jesus.

Inv. Phil. 4:4-7 challenges you to enjoy God's Bonus in living thru this life.

Urge you to consider the direction of a new-born Christian friend.

Prayed: "Dear Lord, I am very happy today. I am very busy BEHAVING the gospel."

How is your Sp. Behavior? one of joy?

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