

## Philippians #9 - Rejoice in Christ

### Philippians 4:2-9

<sup>2</sup> I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to agree in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, I also ask you, true partner, to help these women who have contended for the gospel at my side, along with Clement and the rest of my coworkers whose names are in the book of life. <sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your graciousness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable—if there is any moral excellence and if there is anything praiseworthy—dwell on these things. <sup>9</sup> Do what you have learned and received and heard from me, and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

“Do not grieve, because the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Nehemiah 8:10

<b>What robs us of joy...</b>	<b>What strengthens our joy...</b>
Unresolved conflict (4:2)	Gracious unity (4:3, 4:5)
<b>What robs us of joy...</b>	<b>What strengthens our joy...</b>
Looking in the wrong places	Connecting with Christ (4:4)
<b>What robs us of joy...</b>	<b>What strengthens our joy...</b>
Worry and fear (4:6)	Prayer with thanksgiving (4:6)
<b>What robs us of joy...</b>	<b>What strengthens our joy...</b>
Filling our minds with evil	Meditating on goodness & truth (4:8)
<b>What robs us of joy...</b>	<b>What strengthens our joy...</b>
Going our own way	Obedying God (4:9)

### The Joy Apologetic

*Christians who live with genuine joy in Christ are a bright witness to a dark world.*