

“Rejoice in the Lord Always”

Phil. 4:4

Introduction

- I. Different people find different ways to be joyful.
- II. Sometimes what seems to bring a person joy can actually bring sorrow.
- III. Let us find our joy in the Lord!

Discussion

- I. Different types of joy.
 - A. Joy for the wicked (Prov. 15:21; Heb. 11:24-26; Job 20:4-7; Eccl. 2:10-11; James 4:8-9).
 - B. Joy for the righteousness (1 Pet. 1:8-9; 2 Cor. 6:9-10; Matt. 5:11-12; James 1:2; Acts 5:41; cf. John 15:10-11; 2 Tim. 1:4; Phil. 4:1; 3 John 4).
- II. Why should Christians be joyful?
 - A. Physical blessings (Joel 2:23-24).
 - B. Salvation (Luke 10:20; 1 Pet. 1:5-6).
 - C. That the Gospel is spread (Acts 15:3).
 - D. Hope of Heaven (Rom. 5:8).
- III. Sources of Christians' joy.
 - A. God (Eccl. 2:26; Psm. 4:7-8; Rom. 5:11; Luke 2:10-11; Phil. 3:3; cf. Gal. 5:22).
 - B. The Word of God (Jer. 15:16; Psm. 119:14-16, 47).
 - C. Prayer (John 16:24).

Conclusion

- I. Are you rejoicing in the Lord always?
- II. One day the child of God will get to rejoice in Heaven (Matt. 25:21).