

Fall into Joy - An Introduction to Joy - Philippians 1:1-2

Opening Words:

1. Paul's _____ for joy – This is the major theme of Philippians
 - The Greek word “chara” means joy and appears in ***Philippians 1:4, 25, 2:2, and 4:1,***
 - The Greek word “chareo” means to rejoice and appears in ***Philippians 1:18, 2:17&18, 3:1, 4:4 & 4:10***
2. Paul's _____ in joy
 - He founded the church though – ***Acts 16:25-34***
 - He is rejoicing though he is in prison for the gospel – ***Philippians 1:4***
3. Paul's _____ regarding joy
 - We can be robbed of joy by poor circumstances – ***Phil. 1:27-30***
 - We can be robbed of joy through division in the body – ***Phil. 2:1-4***
 - We can be robbed of joy through false teachers/legalism – ***Phil. 3:1ff***
 - We can be robbed of joy through personal conflicts – ***Phil. 4:2-3***
 - We can be robbed of joy through worry – ***Phil. 4:6-7***
 - We can be robbed of joy through sin and stupidity

A. The _____ – ***Philippians 1:1a*** - Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus

1. The Men - Paul and Timothy

2. The Master – Servants of Jesus Christ

J - One key aspect of experiencing joy is to know that we are eternally the possession of Jesus Christ. We are His.

B. The _____ – ***Philippians 1:1b*** - To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons

1. Their identification – to all the saints
2. Their location
 - a. _____ – In Christ Jesus

b. _____ – Those who are at Philippi

Q - A second key aspect of experiencing joy is the servant/saint relationship.

3. Their leadership – with the overseers and deacons

- a. Bishop = Greek “episkopos” – overseer, the term is used synonymously with pastor and elder – ***Titus 1:5 & 7, Acts 20:17***
- b. Deacon = Greek “diakonos” – One who serves, originally waiters on tables - See ***Acts 6***

Y - A third key aspect in experiencing joy is to know that no matter what our geographical circumstances our spiritual location is in Christ which is the greatest place of blessing in the universe and a great cause for rejoicing.

C. The _____ – *Philippians 1:2 - Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

1. The _____ – Grace to you and peace

2. The _____ – Grace always precedes peace – we are at peace because grace has been extended to us.

3. The _____ – From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

S - A fourth key aspect in experiencing joy is to understand that God is now dealing with us in grace and peace and blessings us. He is on our side.

So... What's It to Me

Jesus

Others

You

Salvation



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