

Rejoicing in Christ gives Authority in Life  
The Joyful Life Series  
Philippians 4

Introduction - The ability to rejoice, no matter the circumstances, **AUTHENTICATES** our faith in Christ.

I. When there is **PANIC**

- v. 1 - What is our joy and crown?
- v. 2 - Divided by pride and selfish ambition
- v. 3 - From work to posturing!

II. When **PEACE** is needed

- v. 4 - Joy as the result of peace with God drives out discord; it's contagious - Romans 5:1-2
- v. 5 - Be graciously thoughtful for Jesus is coming any moment - James 5:7-9
- vv. 6-7 - Peace of God comes by trusting and praying; inner tranquility of soul grounded in God's presence, promise and power - Isaiah 26:3; Colossians 3:15
- vv. 8-9 - Holy thinking produces holy living - Proverbs 23:7

III. When God has **PROVIDED**

- v. 10 - Meeting needs brings joy
- vv. 11-13 - Paul's secret to contentment is to rely upon Christ not circumstances - 2 Corinthians 12:9
- vv. 14-17 - Paul isn't begging but desiring the Philippians to experience God's dividends

- vv. 18-19 - They gave out of poverty but God gave out of His riches in Christ Jesus: physical, mental, social, economic, temporary and eternal needs - 1 Timothy 2:5-6

IV. When **GRACE** rules

- vv. 20-23 - Our union with Christ is by His grace

Conclusion - **THANK** God for the authority rejoicing in Christ brings.