

“REJOICING ALWAYS IN THE LORD”
(1 Thessalonians 5:16)

- I. HIS PERSONAL AND HISTORICAL HISTORY WITH THE CHURCH (1:2-3:13)**
- II. HIS PRACTICAL AND INSTRUCTIVE EXHORTATIONS TO THE CHURCH (4:1-5:24)**
 - A. Exhortations concerning GENERAL CONDUCT if we want to PLEASE God. (4:1-2)**
 - B. Exhortations concerning SEXUAL PURITY or HOLINESS. (4:3-8)**
 - C. Exhortations concerning BROTHERLY LOVE and an ORDERLY LIFE. (4:9-12)**
 - D. Exhortations concerning THE BLESSED HOPE of the Church. (4:13-18)**
 - E. Exhortations concerning THE DAY OF THE LORD. (5:1-11)**
 - F. Exhortations concerning CHURCH HARMONY and GROWTH. (5:12-15)**
 - G. Exhortations concerning HOLINESS & SPECIFIC CONDUCT if we want to PLEASE God in our walk with Him (5:16-24)**

1. God wants you to “_____”. (5:16)

“rejoice” (chairō) =

* True joy comes from _____, not our circumstances. (Gal 5:22-23)

2. A proper perspective concerning biblical “joy” is illustrated by a number of things:

a. The believer should rejoice always when understanding _____ his God is.

b. The believer should rejoice always when understanding the so great _____ which has been afforded him by grace (1 Peter 1:3-5, 18-20)

c. The believer should rejoice always when he comprehends the empowerment of the _____ ministry to him (Romans 14:17, Galatians 5:22-23)

- d. The believer should rejoice always when he begins to comprehend His _____
 _____ in Christ (Ephesians 1:3-ff; Philippians 4:13,19; Colossians 2:10)
- e. The believer should rejoice always when He realizes that God is sovereignly working all things after the
 counsel of His own _____, and for the believers _____. (Ephesians 1:11; Romans 8:28-30)
- f. The believer should rejoice always when he realizes that God is keeping him _____
 _____ in His love until that day of glory (Romans 8:30, 35-39)
- g. The believer should rejoice always because of the value of God's Holy _____ (2 Peter
 1:3-4, James 1:18, Psalm 19:7-11)
- h. The believer should rejoice always because your God _____ and _____ the
 prayer of faith (Psalm 116:1-2, 17, 118:21; John 16:24; 1 John 5:14-15)
- i. The believer should rejoice always because he has the privilege of personal _____
 with the God of the universe (1 John 1:3-7; John 15; 2 Corinthians 5:7)
- j. The believer can rejoice always because God wants to use him as His personal _____
 with the message of _____ to a lost and dying world (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

What should all this mean to you?