

“Rejoice in the Lord always” (Phil 4.4)

I. Introduction.

- A. Consider the 1st century world. (Mt 2.16-17; Mk 15.15; Ac 24.27; Mt 23; Rom 1.18-32; 2Cor 11.23-27; 2Tim 3.12)
- B. Consider the Philippians’ circumstances. (Ac 16.6-40; Phil 1.27-28; 2.1-18; 4.2-3; 3.1-4.1)
- C. Despite it all, Paul challenged them to...

II. “Rejoice in the Lord always” (Phil 4.4) – *How?*

A. _____
(Phil 4.4, 5)

B. _____ and _____
(Phil 4.6; cf. 1Tim 2.1-3)

C. _____
(Phil 4.6; cf. Col 4.2; Heb 13.15)

D. Right _____
(Phil 4.8)

1. God is in control. (Dan 2.21, 37; 4.17, 25, 32; 5.18-21; Rom 13.1)

2. “Our citizenship is in heaven...” (Phil 3.20)

E. Right _____
(Phil 4.9)

1. For example... (Mt 5.13-16; Rom 12.1-2ff; Gal 5.16, 22-23a)

2. But also... (Rom 13.2; Tit 3.1; 1Pet 2.13-17)

F. _____ right _____
(Phil 4.10, 11, 17)

G. _____
(Phil 4.11-13, 20)