

## Rejoice IN the Lord ~ Philippians 4:4-5

→Scripture Reading Phil. 3:18, 20 4:2, 4-5

### INTRODUCTION

One definition of Rejoice- is to be in a state of gladness, happiness or well-being

Biblical Rejoicing is not only a Feeling or Expression of Joy it is ALSO an Action we choose.

So Rejoice points both to an emotional state and a chosen behavior.

### Rejoice ALWAYS ~ Philippians 4:4-5

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Rejoice IN the Lord is a call, not to a Feeling, but to a DECISION and a deeply rooted Confidence that God Exists, that HE is in control, and that HE is Good. Lucado

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**TIME** - the day of His Return

**SPACE** - He is Close to each one of His people

### IMPLICATIONS

→Our ATTITUDE does NOT have to Reflect our CIRCUMSTANCES

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**Psalm 73:3** (NLT) For I envied the proud when I saw them prosper despite their wickedness.

**Psalm 73:25-26** (NLT) Whom have I in heaven but you? I desire You more than anything on earth. <sup>26</sup> My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; He is MINE forever.

To Rejoice IN the Lord- is to make a Choice to Change the FOCUS from Circumstances to God

→The Lord IS NEAR - He is Always WITH us

<sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. **The Lord is NEAR.**

**Psalm 145:17-18** (NIV) The LORD is righteous in ALL His ways and loving toward ALL He has made. <sup>18</sup> The LORD is NEAR to ALL who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.

**Hebrews 13:5** (NIV) Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, NEVER will I leave you; NEVER will I forsake you.

## IMPLICATIONS

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice IN the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your graciousness be known to everyone. The Lord is NEAR. (HCS)

### Rejoice IN the SOVEREIGNTY of God

### Rejoice IN the Mercy

Rejoice in the Lord's mercy. Trust in his ability to forgive. Cast yourself upon the grace of Christ and Christ alone. Lucado

**Ephesians 2:4–5** (NIV) But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in MERCY, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by Grace you have been saved.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam - What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor - Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

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## TAKE AWAY ??

**Habakkuk 3:17–18** (NIV) Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, <sup>18</sup> yet I will Rejoice IN the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

Joy is available to everyone, even to those stripped of every material possession, for JOY is to be found in a Person. It comes through an intimate and personal relationship with Jesus... BKC

**Isaiah 6:1** (NIV) **In the year that King Uzziah DIED**, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple

The answer for troubled times, anxiety, fear is the same: God is on His THRONE. Lucado