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Joy In All Things

10 I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. 11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

14 Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. 15 Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; 16 for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. 17 Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account.

18 I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. 19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

21 Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings. 22 All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.

23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

#### Study Topics

- 1. Joy-Filled Prayer
- 2. Joy In Hardships
- 3. Joy In Humility
- 4. Joy In Obedience
- 5. Joy In The Lord
- 6. Joy In The Journey
- 7. Joy When Faced With Conflict And Anxiety

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### JOY

"it's an attitude God's people adopt, not because of happy circumstances but because of their hope in **God's love** and promise" (Mackie 2017)

#### JOYFUL DISCIPLE

- Trust and hope in God's love and promise.
- Believe in Jesus as Lord and Saviour.
- Follow Jesus daily.
- Learn from Christ's perfect example.
- Grow in relationship with Jesus.

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