

ORNAMENTS OF JOY

An overview of Philippians

Might we display ornaments of joy in our lives this Christmas season.

I. GOSPEL JOY (1:3-5, 15-18)

A. GOSPEL PARTNERS (1:3-5)

1. Having received the gospel they are now repeating it to others
2. An Example: Lydia in Acts 16:14-15

B. GOSPEL PROCLAIMERS (1:15-18)

1. Some speak in pretense
2. Others speak in truth
3. The point
 - a. Christ is being proclaimed
 - b. In this I rejoice

II. SUFFERING JOY (2:14-18)

A. PAUL'S EXAMPLE (17)

1. Suffering to the point of death
2. An Example: Acts 16:25

B. PAUL'S ENCOURAGEMENT (18)

-They too should celebrate amid suffering - See Acts 5:41-42

III. RECUPERATION JOY (2:25-30)

A. EPAPHRODITUS' SICKNESS

- Because he risked his life to provide for Paul's needs (30)

B. PAUL'S THOUGHTFULNESS (28)

- Eager to return Epaphroditus to them

IV. **SAVIOR JOY** (3:1, 7-10)

- A. REJOICE IN THE LORD (1)
 - 1. Keep on rejoicing
 - 2. An Example: The Philippian jailer in Acts 16:34
- B. REJOICE IN YOUR LIBERTY (7-9)
 - Righteousness by faith not works
- C. REJOICE IN YOUR OPPORTUNITY (10)
 - To know Christ's power experientially

V. **CONFIDENT JOY** (4:4-7)

- A. GODLY PRINCIPLE (4)
 - Choose joy
- B. GOD'S PRESENCE (5)
 - He's watching how you respond to others
- C. GOD'S PEACE (6-7)
 - 1. Prescriptions (6)
 - Be calm and communicating
 - 2. Promises (7)
 - Incomprehensible and unconquerable peace

VI. **RELATIONAL JOY** (4:1, 10-14)

- A. BELOVED BRETHREN (1)
 - 1. Encouraged to stand firm
 - 2. An example: Acts 16:40
- B. CARING BRETHREN (10-14)
 - 1. Showing an interest (10)
 - 2. Sharing an affliction (14)

CONCLUSION: What's on your Christmas list this year?

Jesus wants you to have joy ... See John 16:24

Ask for joy ornaments this year!

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