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Philippians 3:1
Rejoice In The Lord

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The exhortation to rejoice

“Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord.” (Phil 3:1)

1. το λοιπον...ho loipon...for the rest, finally...nominative singular neuter

a. This is an expression of Paul

b. Not a final word

2. The imperative to rejoice

a. χαίρετε...chairo...grace, to rejoice...present active imperative

b. The command is given to rejoice

c. Out of the grace of God that we should rejoice

d. The use of the present

3. Brethren

a. My brethren

b. Seen as a family of the Lord

4. Paul was able to find joy

a. In spite of being in jail

b. In spite of Epaphroditus leaving him

The sphere of our rejoicing is in the Lord

1. εν κυριω...en kurios...in the Lord...dative singular masculine

2. The use of the dative of sphere

a. A reference to being in the sphere or realm of the Lord (locative dative)

b. We are to rejoice in the realm of the Lord

3. There is no article used before “Kurios”

a. The word “Lord” can be definite without the article

b. Without the article, it is non-specific

c. Looking at the essence of the Lord

4. Paul had written much about Christ and how we should be in the Lord

a. We should rejoice in all that Christ is

b. All the things that we should rejoice in Christ

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| i. Joy in the privilege of being bondservants of the Lord | Phil 1:1 |
| ii. Joy in being called saints in Christ Jesus | Phil 1:1 |
| iii. Joy in the gift of grace and peace from God and the Lord | Phil 1:2 |
| iv. Joy in fellowship of the gospel of Christ | Phil 1:5 |
| v. Joy in looking ahead to the day of Christ | Phil 1:6 |
| vi. Joy in experiencing the affections of the Lord | Phil 1:8 |
| vii. Joy in developing fruits of righteousness by the Lord | Phil 1:11 |
| viii. Joy in seeing the preaching of Christ | Phil 1:18 |
| ix. Joy in seeking to magnify Christ | Phil 1:20 |
| x. Joy in living for Christ | Phil 1:21 |
| xi. Joy in walking worthy of the gospel of Christ | Phil 1:27 |
| xii. Joy in suffering for Christ | Phil 1:29 |
| xiii. Joy in the consolation in Christ | Phil 2:1 |
| xiv. Joy in having the mindset of Christ | Phil 2:5–8 |
| xv. Joy in standing in awe of the exaltation of Christ | Phil 2:9–11 |
| xvi. Joy in our salvation and working it out | Phil 2:12 |
| xvii. Joy in holding on to the word of life | Phil 2:16 |
| xviii. Joy in having a spiritual son in the Lord such as Timothy | Phil 2:19–24 |
| xix. Joy in having a fellow worker in the Lord such as Epaphratus | Phil 2:25–30 |
| xx. Joy in being brethren in the Lord | Phil 3:1 |