

*Rejoice in the Lord Always*

Philippians 4:4

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Main Point:

True and lasting joy is found only in Christ your Savior; therefore, always seek and find your joy in Him.

1. Christians are called to be joyful always, despite our circumstances.

2. We often let our circumstances rob us of joy.

3. True and lasting joy is found only in Christ your Savior.

4. Always seek and find your joy in Christ your Savior.

Quotations and Cross-References

**Hebrews 13:8** <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever. (NKJV)

**Romans 8:35, 38-39** <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NKJV)

**Moisés Silva** “Clearly Paul does not have in view the kind of superficial happiness that manifests itself only when things go well. No, it is a rejoicing that can be had [always] ... because it depends not on changing circumstances but on the one who does not change.”

**William Hendriksen** “A Christian can be joyful within when without all is dark and dreary.”

**Jerry Bridges** “It is a contradiction for a Christian who professes to be a child of the one and only God – who created the universe and who it governs it for His glory and the good of His people – to wear a gloomy countenance.”

**Romans 8:28-29** <sup>28</sup> ... all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. <sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. (NKJV)