

Sermon: Rejoicing in the Lord Always

Scripture: Philippians 4:4

Introduction:

- I. Rejoice – the Christian’s duty.
- II. Rejoice in the Lord – the Christian’s privilege.

If Christians rejoice in the Lord, this means they will:

- A. Reject humanistic, man-centered approaches to peace, joy, stress relief, and positive thinking.
 - B. Reject a worldly (sinful) joy.
 - C. Reject creation as that in which they find their joy.
 - D. Have the Lord as their highest, ultimate joy.
- III. Rejoice in the Lord always – the Christian’s advantage.

For example, we can rejoice:

- A. Even when the worst is anticipated (Hab. 3:17-19).
 - B. Even when everything seems to be going wrong (Acts 16:25).
 - C. Even in trials, difficulties, hard times (James 1:2-4; Matt. 5:10-12; Heb. 12:11).
 - D. Even when we regret the past, when we remember our sins and failures (Rom. 8:28).
- IV. Helps toward our rejoicing in the Lord always:
 - A. Watch the company we keep.
 - B. Watch the things we do.
 - C. Watch the things we hear.
 - D. Watch the things we think.
 - E. Watch the things we say.