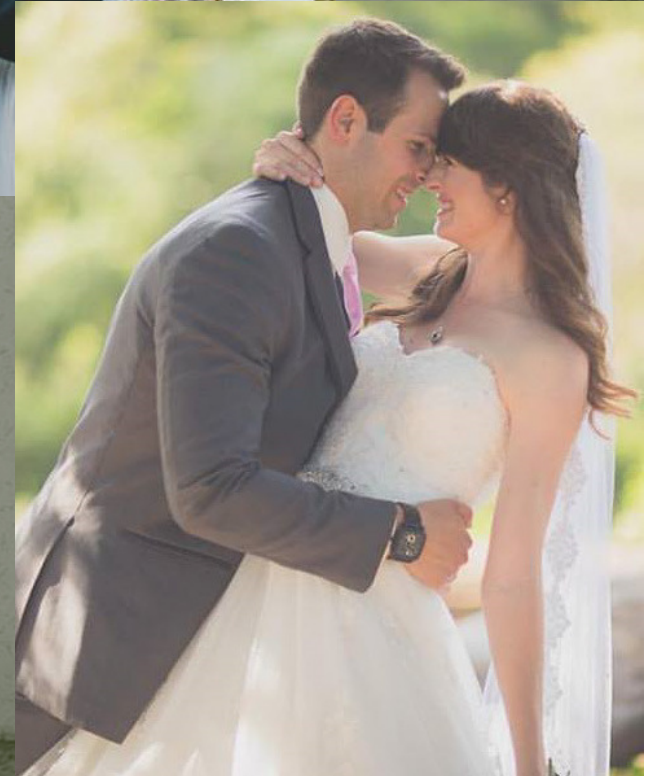


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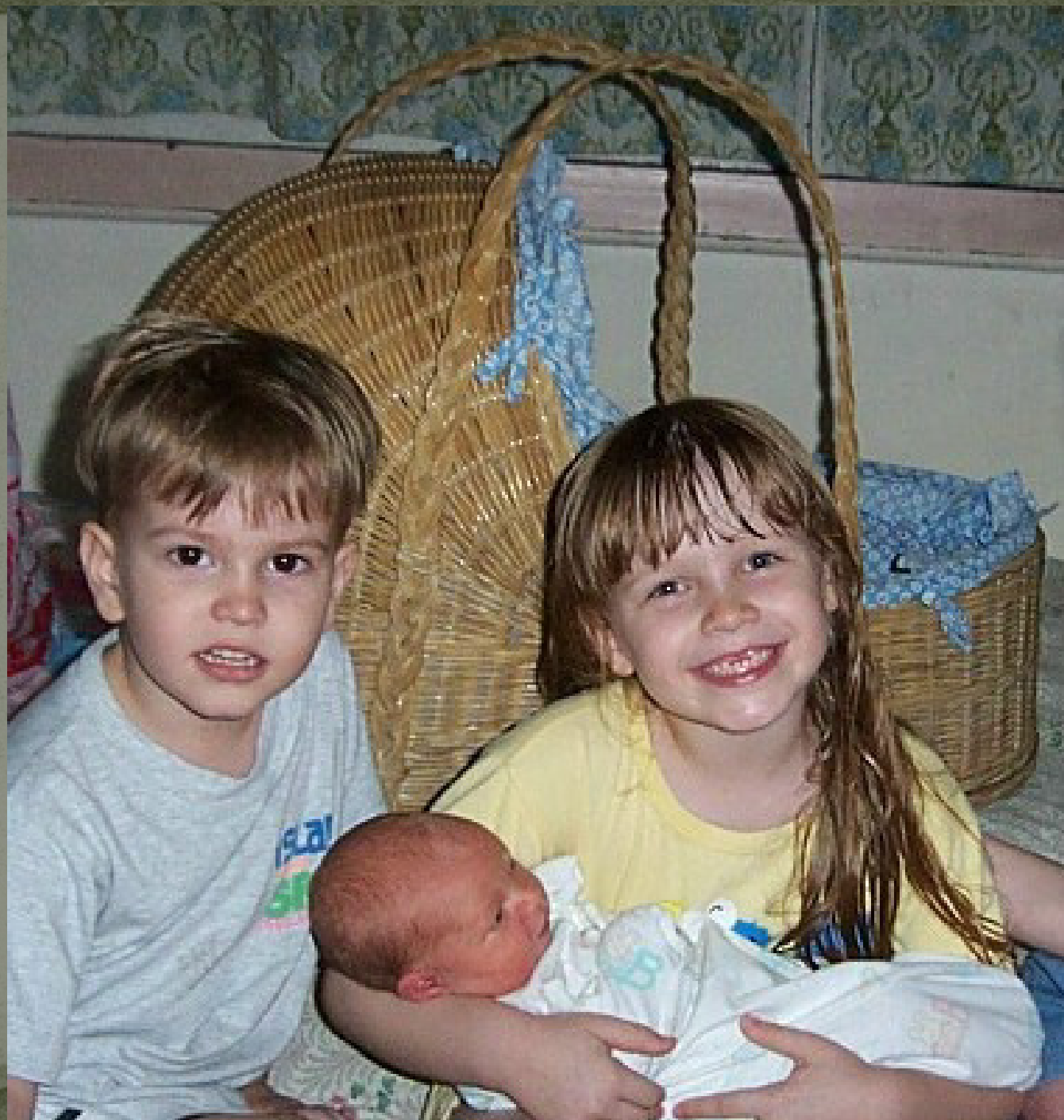
Find Your Joy in Living Worthy of the Gospel

Philippians 1:8-11











The Joy of:

vs 1-3 **Recollection:** “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,”

vs 4 **Intercession:** “always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all.”

vs 5 **Participation:** “in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.”

vs 6 **Sanctification:** “For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

vs 7-9 **Affection:** “For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me. For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.”

1:8 NASB: “For God is my witness, how I long for you all
with the affection of Christ Jesus.”

1:8 KJV: “For God is my record, how greatly I long
after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.”

* What does the affection of Jesus Christ look like?

It is an:

- Unconditional love: Rom. 5:8
- Sacrificial love. John 15:13
- An unending love: Psalm 100:5

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1Cor. 13:4-8a is a great illustration:

Jesus is patient, Jesus is kind, and is not jealous;

Jesus does not brag and is not arrogant,

Jesus does not act unbecomingly; He does not seek His own,

Jesus is not provoked, He does not take into account a wrong suffered,

He does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

Jesus bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Jesus never fails.

9 “And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real **knowledge** and all discernment”

There are “two words generally translated as 'knowledge:' '*gnosis*' and '*epignosis*'. '*Gnosis*' conveys the idea of just 'knowing', '*epignosis*' is a knowledge that involves a 'full discernment', which is 'to become fully acquainted with' or to have a full understanding of something.”

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Epignosis is an “intimate, personal, experiential knowledge.”

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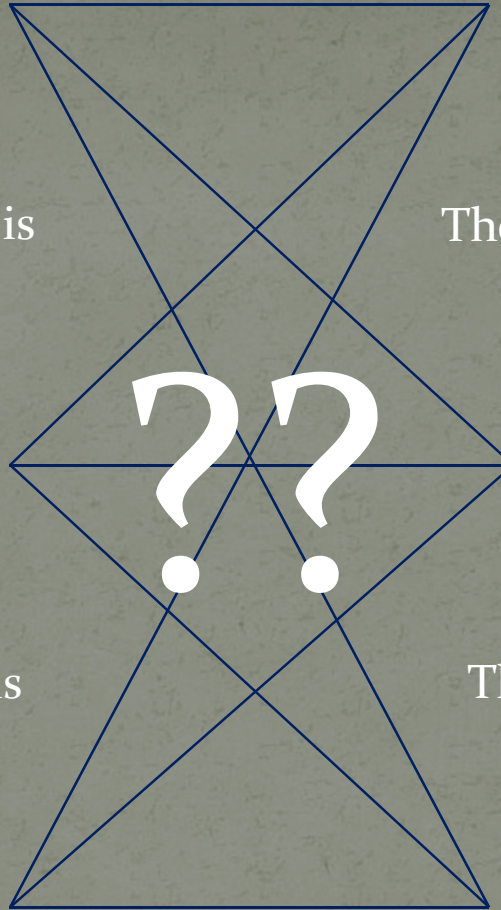
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Jesus Christ



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1 John 4:19 "We love, because He first loved us."

1 John 4:9-11 By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

John 14:21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him."

Vs 9... “that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and **all discernment**”

1 Thess. 5:21: “But examine everything *carefully*; hold fast to that which is good;”

Why is it so important to examine everything carefully?

1) to avoid being deceived: Titus 1:10, 2John 1:7

2) Phil. 1:10 “so that you may approve the things that are excellent in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ”



1:11 “having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”

Different kinds of spiritual fruit in Scripture:

- 1) The fruit of the Spirit: Gal. 5:22, 23
- 2) The fruit of righteous deeds : Phil. 4:16, 17, Heb. 13:15
- 3) The fruit of new believers: Rom.16:5

*What is the source of that fruit?

John 15:4,5: "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

