



JOY TRANSCENDENT

26: CARRY ON IN JOY

1. JOY IN _____

Philippians 1:1-5, Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

- ★ Koinonia: to share something in common, to participate together
- ★ They didn't just share in a common Gospel, they labored for it together
- ★ Participating in ministry together creates a unique and God-given joy
- ★ Who am I in the Gospel-trenches with?

2. JOY IN _____

Philippians 2:1-11, So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- ★ Jesus is coeternal, coessential, and coequal with the Father
- ★ In the Incarnation, Jesus had all the rights & privileges of God but refused to cling to them
- ★ One day every created being will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. As believers, we choose to do that today and every day!

3. JOY IN _____

Philippians 3:1, Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

- ★ HAPPINESS: the feeling of exhilaration associated with favorable circumstances
- ★ JOY IN THE LORD is independent of circumstances; it is grounded in transcendent God
- ★ Rejoicing in God literally shapes the quality of our lives and is "safe" for us

Philippians 3:8-9, Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith

4. JOY IN ALWAYS _____

Philippians 4:4-7, Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Acts 16:25-26, About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened.

Philippians 4:21-23, Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.