



JOY In Spite of Troubled Times

Philippians 1:12-14

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Review Section

- Biblical joy, accompanied with God's calming presence, is the ability to see spiritual truths and eternal realities amid any situation.
- Paul made a conscious choice to be joyful.
- Paul put his confidence in God alone.
- Paul had companionship with other believers characterized by "Love" and "Forgiveness."
- Some things matter and some things don't!

Study Section – Philippians 1:1

Philippians 1:10–11, NLT ⁻¹⁰ *For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return.*

¹¹ *May you always be filled [lit., a continual filling (surrender)] with the fruit [rf., an outward evidence of an inward change; JOY and RIGHTEOUSNESS (in part) would be that fruit] Of your salvation—the righteous character produced [the word "produced" does not appear in the GK; it is implied because "Jesus Christ" is in the Genitive Case. This 'filling' comes from Jesus] in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.*

Fruitfulness • Filling • Focus (God's Glory)

Message Section

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1. God's purposes are often accomplished through our problems.

Philippians 1:12, NLT ⁻¹² *And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News.*

**In troubled times, don't complain about "What God did not do;"
Anticipate "What God is going to do."**

2. God's purposes should always be our goal.

Philippians 1:13, NLT ⁻¹³ *For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ.*

2 Timothy 2:9, ESV ⁻⁹ *...I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!*

In troubled times, share Christ with the lost.

3. God's purposes should shine through every aspect of our lives.

Philippians 1:14, NLT ⁻¹⁴ *And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear.*

In troubled times, seek to have the courage of other believers.

Application Section

- God is still on His throne.
- Jesus is still the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.
- The Bible will still have all the answer to every problem.
- The tomb is still empty.
- The cross is still blood stained.
- Jesus is still the only way to Heaven.
- Prayer still works.
- Jesus will still save anyone who places their faith in him.
- God is still with us.
- There is still room at the cross for you.