

I. THE COMMAND FOR JOY

Philippians 4:4

Joy is not to be determined by our situation.

1. When Paul wrote this he was in prison.

Yet, he could still rejoice, as he and Silas had done in Acts 16.

2. Happiness depends on the outwards conditions.

It feels good on the mountain.

3. Joy depends on the inward condition; it depends on Jesus.

4. Jesus had a deep joy even as he faced the cross.

II. THE CREATOR OF JOY

A. We find Joy in His Word:

John 15:11

His Word is true, living, satisfying, and filled with His promises.

John 15:16

B. We find Joy in His Worship:

John 15:9-17

C. We find Joy in His World:

John 4:36

D. The commission is to go.

Matthew 28:18-20

III. THE CAUSE FOR JOY

A. We can rejoice because of God's Salvation:

Isaiah 61:10

John 1:12

B. We can rejoice because of God's Sufficiency:

Many trust God for the sweet by and by, but not for the here and now.

Philippians 4:13

C. We can rejoice because of God's Spirit:

Romans 14:17

D. We can rejoice because of God's Son:

1 Peter 1:8

E. We can rejoice because of God's Special Place:

Luke 10:20

"When we all get to Heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be."

Conclusion: Where is joy found?

The answer is simple: In Christ alone.

John 16:22