

JOY CHOOSE JOY

Joy Unlocked
By the Peace
of God

Philippians
4:2-9

¹ Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

² I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³ Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Principle of Peace:

When you think about the word “peace”...

- It *can* mean “the _____ of _____”
- Also involves the **presence** of something _____
- In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for “peace” is _____ (complete, whole, harmony)
 - “an altar of *shalom* _____” (Josh 8:31)
 - “your _____ is *shalom*” (Job 5:24)
 - “if your _____ are *shalom*” (1 Sam 17:18)
 - “_____ *shalom* with him” (Prov 16:7)
 - “a child is born..._____ of *Shalom*” (Isa 9:6-7)
 - “_____ peace I give to you” (John 14:27)
 - “We have **peace** with _____” (Rom 5:1)
 - “unity...in the _____ of **peace**” (Eph 4:1-3)
- True peace takes a lot of work because it’s more than the absence of conflict; it’s taking what’s _____ and _____ it to _____ in order to enjoy _____.

Thinking Through the Text:

- ❖ Phil 4:1 - “in the Lord” - the _____
- ❖ Phil 4:2 - “I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree” - _____
- ❖ Phil 4:4 - “rejoice in the Lord” - _____

❖ Phil 4:7 - “the peace of God...will guard your hearts” - _____

❖ Phil 4:8 - “finally, brothers, whatever is...” - _____

...and the _____ of _____ will be with you. (Phil 4:9)

