

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

Philippians 4:4-7

PERSPECTIVE #1 HOW CAN I POSSIBLY REJOICE?

- Slave to Circumstances
 - Freedom in Jesus - *John 8:31-32*
- Fear of uncertainty - *Isaiah 41:10*
- God's love is the answer to anger - *Luke 14:23*
- Acknowledging God allows us to see what he has done - *Psalms 118:24*
- Communicating our thankfulness through prayer takes our mind off the things that make us anxious, afraid and angry - *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

PERSPECTIVE #2 DISTRACTED BY IDOLS COMPETING FOR MY HEART

- Luke warm Christian - *Revelation 3:14-22*
- Work out our own salvation with fear and trembling - *Philippians 2:12*
- Godly wisdom vs earthly wisdom - *James 3:13-18*
- It all begins here - *Proverbs 1:17, Romans 10:17, Hebrews 11:6*
- Jesus paid it all - *Isaiah 53*
- God is so patient - *2 Peter 3:9*
- God's steadfast love - *Psalms 136*

PERSPECTIVE #3 GRACE IS THE ANSWER

- Realization of the blessings - *John 3:16*
- Circumstances can't defeat us - *Romans 8:31*
- Suffering and grief are temporary
 - *2 Corinthians 4:17, Romans 8:18, Revelation 21:4, 1 Corinthians 2:9*
- Rejoice because we love Him - *John 14:15*
- Well done good and faithful servant - *Matthew 25:23*
- Rejoice that we can be salt and light - *Matthew 5:12-13*
- We rejoice because we can trust - *Proverbs 3:5-6*
- Heaven awaits - *2 Corinthians 5:1, Hebrews 13:14, John 14:2*