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“FULL AND OVERFLOWING”

“EXPERIENCING AND EXPRESSING THE GENEROSITY OF GOD”

Paul's Final Words of Encouragement to the Church at Philippi

PART 1

“JOY BREAKERS”

“Restoring the Flow of Christ's Joy in Your Life”

(Colossians 2:6-7; Philippians 4:2-9)

INTRODUCTION:

“Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly **rooted** and now being **built up** in Him and **established** in your faith, just as you were instructed, and **overflowing with gratitude.**”

—Colossians 2:6, 7

“But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

—Philippians 4:18, 19

OVERVIEW OF AND BACKGROUND TO THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS:

“Joy for the Journey: Experiencing the Firstfruits of our Heavenly Citizenship”

- Learning to _____ in the midst of _____: Three affirmations which marked the life of Paul and provided the basis for his remarkable joy:

1. God _____ me here. (Acts 16:6-12)

“...a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’”

—Acts 16:9

2. God _____ me here. (Acts 16:19-27)

“But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.”

—Acts 16:25

3. God _____ me here. (Acts 16:13-18, 28-40)

“And a certain woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.”

—Acts 16:14

JOY BREAKERS:

“Restoring the Flow of Christ’s Joy in Your Life” (Philippians 4:2-9)

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!”

—Philippians 4:4

1A. JOY BREAKER # 1: _____ IN THE _____. (4:2,3)

“I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to **live in harmony in the Lord**. Indeed, true comrade, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel, together with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.”

—Philippians 4:2, 3

• The Principles:

1B. Relational harmony begins with a _____.

2B. We are to assist the _____ process.

3B. We are in a battle _____ one another,...not _____ one another.

2A. JOY BREAKER # 2: _____ IN THE _____. (4:5-7)

“Let your forbearing spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. **Be anxious for nothing, 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 comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

—Philippians 4:5-7

• The Principle: The way to be anxious for nothing is to be _____ about _____ in a spirit of _____.

3A. JOY BREAKER # 3: _____ IN THE _____. (4:8, 9)

“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.”

—Philippians 4:8, 9

• The Principle: Right _____ precedes and leads to right _____.
A godly _____ is the product of a godly, _____ mind.

• The Precaution: The _____ of the _____.

• The Priorities: The _____ for our _____.

CONCLUSION: