

Philippians 3:1

Do You Know How to Rejoice?

Rejoice in the Lord! ...

I. What It Is

- A. Expression of Bliss
- B. From a Spirit Filled Soul

II. Why We Do It

- A. Awe at His Person (3T)
- B. Wonder at His Works
- C. Joy in His Salvation

III. Why We Need to Be Reminded to Do It

- A. We Forget
- B. It's Preparation

... again I say rejoice.

Children, Listen ...

1. Why are people who don't believe in Jesus able to have true joy?
2. What does it mean to rejoice in the Lord?
3. How can Christians rejoice even when things in life go bad?
4. Can you rejoice in the Lord? If so, why?

Rejoice!

When the Apostle Paul directs the saint to rejoice in the Lord he is not being original. The call for God's people to rejoice reverberates throughout Scripture. While the exhortation is penned by the likes of David and Isaiah they were inspired by the Holy Spirit to do so. It is none other than the voice of God calling us to rejoice in what He rejoices in. There are other things to rejoice over but in our context we can focus on God's glory and the salvation He has bestowed on us. Take the time to contemplate the goodness God has lavished on you in Christ and surely you will *rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory* (1 Peter 1:8b). You may rejoice in many things but above all bask in the immeasurable grace He has shown to you – and give Him the glory. Jesus puts it plainly to his enthusiastic disciples upon their return from a short, "successful" ministry endeavor: *"Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."* Luke 10:20