

## **Watchful Rejoicing**

### **1. Jesus Is the Source of Our Joy (1a).**

### **2. False Confidence Steals This Joy (1b-2).**

### **3. Rejoice in Christ—*Worship by Spirit, Glory in Jesus, Brag Not in Flesh* (3).**

CONCLUSION: Do you struggle to rejoice? How are we to obey God's command to rejoice in Christ? We have seen how the completed work of Jesus is all that we need for a lifetime of abundant, overflowing, contagious joy. We also know that God's enemies are intent on robbing us of that joy. It is imperative that we continue together worshipping Christ by the Holy Spirit, finding our glory in Jesus, and refusing all temptations to boast in the flesh. Let us pledge anew to faithfully rejoice in Christ together in these godly ways! Amen.

### **Luke 6:20-23**

20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

22 “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! 23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

### **Psalm 16:11**

11 You make known to me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy;

at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

### **Psalm 28:6-9**

6 I wash my hands in innocence

and go around your altar, O Lord,

7 proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,

and telling all your wondrous deeds.

8 O Lord, I love the habitation of your house

and the place where your glory dwells.

9 Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,

nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

### **Psalm 149:4-9**

4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with salvation.

5 Let the godly exult in glory;

let them sing for joy on their beds.

6 Let the high praises of God be in their throats

and two-edged swords in their hands,

7 to execute vengeance on the nations

and punishments on the peoples,

8 to bind their kings with chains

and their nobles with fetters of iron,

9 to execute on them the judgment written!

This is honor for all his godly ones.

Praise the Lord!

### **John 10:10**

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

### **Ephesians 6:10-17**

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,