CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR

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Philippians Series #12

Rejoice in the LORD

Scripture Reference: Philippians 4:1-5

I. Paul described the Christians in Philippi as his "Brethren" or _____.
1. He called them his _____ (what touched his _____ the deepest)
2. And his _____ ("stephanos,") – meaning their Salvation and Growth in CHRIST, was an accomplishment in the LORD … that he was _____ for. V.1 ***"I long to see you"***

II. He told them to _____ (be determined, be tough). V.1
1. Get _____, not weaker. Draw _____, not get more distant. Love JESUS, more and more, and never let your love _____.
2. Stand against the _____, against your _____, against your _____ ("not your Friend"), and against a dark _____. If you don't stand firm, you will be _____. Eph. 6:11-13

III. Learn to be a _____. V.2-3 ***"live in harmony"***
1. This is a vital _____ for every leader to learn. Mt. 5:9
2. Being a Peacemaker does not mean that you are _____, or that you let _____ happen, or that you have no boundaries.
3. Being a Peacemaker means that you take _____ as a Good Shepherd and _____ ugly situations, when others won't engage. John 10:12 (the _____, the _____)
   You meet _____ and talk. You _____, bring wisdom and _____, and you set a course of action.
   (never handle conflict in _____) John 10:12 Unaddressed, these things never get better with time, they only _____.
4. Euodia and Syntyche were _____ Leaders in the Philippian Church. Always look for a _____ outcome, because the well-being of The _____ is too important. Plus, division in the Church, Office, or Family can be a huge stumbling block to people _____ to CHRIST. ***"the Book of Life"*** V.3

IV. Paul tells us to, "_____ in the LORD _____, and again I will say, Rejoice." V.4 (He knows what he is talking about)

1. To rejoice means to deliberately _____ to give GOD _____ because HE is _____, trustworthy, holy, wise, and totally committed to us. Romans 8:28 You rejoice because you _____.

2. This is not a suggestion, but a _____. JESUS tells us to praise because rejoicing in the LORD, is _____. Your circumstances change as you praise the One Who _____. It is mood-lifting. It is _____ defeating. It sets you up to _____, so you can see the breakthrough.

3. We rejoice in the LORD, out of _____, not because we feel like it, or even want to, or even think it will work. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

4. Praise _____ the Hand of GOD to move … and the ministry of _____ to come and help you. Acts 16:16-40
   Little _____ … Little _____.

5. **When do you Rejoice in the LORD?**

A. In the _____ and at night. (and throughout the day)
B. When you have a job you love, and when you feel like your job is _____ you.
C. When your marriage is strong, and when it is _____.
D. When your children are _____, and when one is breaking your heart.
E. When you know what to do, and when you have _____ what to do.
F. When your _____ is amazing, and when you are in a tough place.
G. When you are saving money, and when you can't _____.

6. Always means _____! You won't get the Breakthrough, unless you rejoice. The more difficult it is to worship, the more _____ and important it is for you to Rejoice in the LORD … immediately.
   Don't wait until your circumstances _____ to rejoice in the LORD.
   If you do that … they may never improve. Rejoice _____!

7. QUESTION: How does GOD (and others) know that you love and trust HIM?
   ANSWER: Because you _____ HIM (with your mouth) and you _____ HIM.

8. **So this Week:** (practice it until you are good at it)