



Joy in the Darkness

Philippines 1:1-11

(letters from Prison #1)

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1. True Joy _____ circumstances.

"The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name." Acts 5:41, NIV

"But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ." 1 Peter 4:13, NIV

2. True joy needs an _____ focal point, an answer to life's biggest questions, and that answer needs to be _____.

- A. What we believe about our _____ completely controls how we are experiencing our _____. We are irreducibly _____-based creatures.

"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:17, 18, NIV

- B. Verse 1: Sainthood isn't something you accomplish. It simply means you have been _____ out, _____, and requisitioned by God for his holy control and use.
- C. Verse 2: Grace (charis, the same root as joy/chara), comes from _____.
- D. Verse 6: With God I cannot _____. His saints, his chosen ones have _____.

- E. Paul's joy is rooted firmly in the _____ of Jesus.

- F. Three-fold truth of the Gospel: Christ has _____. Christ has _____. Christ will _____.

Conclusion: The Gospel of the Resurrected Christ has _____ and there's no _____!