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The Essence of Joy

Finding Joy in Life –Part 1

Philippians 1:18-21 *“What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretence or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice. ¹⁹For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, ²⁰according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”*

1. **Joy is the _____ of Christ** (vs 18)

(Philippians 1:15-16, Galatians 1:8, Acts 17:10-11)

- God's Word is a source of great joy to us, but only as we hold on to _____ of it.

2. **Joy is the _____** (vs 19)

(Philippians 2:24, James 4:13-15)

3. **Joy is the _____** (vs 20)

(Matthew 15:8)

4. **Joy is _____** (vs 21)

“For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

- (a) Means we _____ and Him crucified
- (b) Means we _____ of Christ. *(1 Cor. 11:1)*
- (c) Means we _____ of Christ *(Psalm 42:1)*
- (d) Means we are willing to _____ that gets in the way of Christ. *(Philippians 3:8)*
- (e) Means Christ is the _____ of our joy.