

Paul the prisoner urged his readers to Rejoice in the Lord! Why?

1. Paul himself had Joy, part of the Fruit of the Spirit; Galatians 5.

2. He was Laser Focused: “To live is Christ and to die is gain”; 1:21.

A. Thanksgiving: I have you in my Mind v3-6

* Paul’s Remembrance
* God changed potential Sorrow of memories into Joy
* The Philippian believer’s Partnership
* Their partnership was manifested in their Generosity
* Our shared Confidence
* The work God does For us is Salvation, In us is Sanctification, and Through us is Service

B. Affection: I have you in my Heart v7-8

* The Philippian believer’s Participation
* Philippians partook of God’s grace through sacrificial Giving, devoted Intercession, and faithful Christian Living
* Paul’s Longing
* He was a model of the Affection and Compassion of Christ

C. Intercession: I have you in my Prayers v9-11

* Loving
* What is the Prescription for disunity and fault finding? Love is the Antidote
* Discerning
* Discern between what is Good, Bad, and Best
* Fruitful
* Christ desires to develop His Character in your Life
* He wants people, when they look at you, to see Himself

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