



## Part 2: Thankfulness

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All scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted.

### DEFINING JOY

Joy *Miriam Webster*

1 *the emotion evoked by well-being, success, or good fortune or by the prospect of possessing what one desires : delight*

2 *a state of happiness or felicity : bliss*

3 *a source or cause of delight*

**Christian Joy** *is the emotional response of the soul from the Holy Spirit which produces supernatural spiritual strength for life. (Galatians 5:22, Nehemiah 8:10)*

### REVIEW

We find our joy in right perspective about ourselves.

We find our joy in right perspective about others.

We find our joy in right perspective about the source.

We find our joy in right perspective about the past.

### PAUL FINDS HIS JOY IN THANKFULNESS

Philippians 1:3b (ESV)- I thank my God in all my remembrance...

Ephesians 5:20 (ESV)- giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

### 1. THANKFUL FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Philippians 1:4-5 (ESV)- I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (ESV)-Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!

### 2. THANKFUL FOR GOD'S WORK

Philippians 1:6 (ESV)-And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 16:4a. (NIV)-The Lord works out everything to its proper end

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (ESV)-And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

### 3. THANKFUL FOR GOD'S GRACE

Philippians 1:7 (ESV)- It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

1 John 1:8-9 (ESV)-If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Romans 3:23-24 (ESV)-for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 13:9 (ESV)-Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace.

**Here is the Point:** Joy is found in Thankfulness!

Three Important Words: I Am Thankful!