

REJOICE IN THE LORD

Philippians 4:1-23

Key Verse: 4:4

Study Questions

1. Read verse 1. To what is Paul referring when he says "that is how you should stand firm in the Lord"? Read verses 2-3. What can you learn here about Euodia and Syntyche? What was Paul's earnest request to them? Why is this matter important? Whose help does he ask? What is a "yokefellow"?
2. Read verses 4-5. What does Paul repeatedly exhort? What might gentleness have to do with rejoicing? With the problem between the two women? What does it mean that "the Lord is near?"
3. Read verses 6-7. How does anxiety hinder joy? What should we do instead of being anxious? Why "with thanksgiving"? What does God give in place of anxiety? Read verse 8. What should we think about? What should we not think about? Why? How can we have a pure thought life?
4. Read verse 9. God spoke through Paul to write 2/3 of the New Testament. How does Bible study keep our thought life pure? Why is it important to put it into practice? How are peace and joy related?
5. Read verses 10-13. What made Paul rejoice in the Lord? (10) What was his relationship with the Philippian church? What is the secret that Paul has learned? (11-12) What is the source of his inner strength and of his contentment? (13) What can we learn from him?
6. Read verses 14-16. How had the Philippian church been exemplary in the matter of giving? What did Paul say about their past record?
7. Read verses 17-18. Is Paul asking for their material help? How does Paul regard their gifts? Why is God pleased by giving Christians? How does he bless them? (19) Read verses 20-23. What can we learn about Paul's life purpose, his situation and his ministry from these final greetings?