



Unstoppable Joy, Part 2: Joy in Praying for People

Philippians 1:3-8

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, ⁵ in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ *For I am* confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. ⁷ For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus

- The joy of the Lord is our birthright
- Rejoice in the Lord by stepping into the circle where joy is found

I. Exposition of Philippians 1:3-8

Paul was passionate about the believers at Philippi

Paul was passionate about prayer

Paul was passionate about praying for people

Praying for people gave him joy

II. Observation of the joy principle

We experience joy when we remember, give thanks and pray for people who are a part of our journey in Christ

III. Applying the joy principle

Philippians 1:9-11

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

- When we pray for people, we ought to pray that they know Christ, that they are transformed in Christ and that they bear fruit for Christ