

Seventeen Reasons for Fact-Based Joy: A Study In Philippians

Reason 15: The Joy of Logical Prayer

Philippians 4:4–7

The Lord's Day Morning

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When we began our study of Philippians, we considered the difference between immediate and ultimate circumstances. Immediate circumstances are the facts that “stand around” us on any given day (weather, sickness, arguments, bills, imprisonment, etc.), but they are temporary and ever changing. The ultimate circumstances are the facts that “stand around” our immediate circumstances that are eternal and never changing. The believer must keep these facts in mind: The inevitable fame (1:18), sovereign lordship (2:10,11), imputed righteousness (3:9), and triumphant return (3:20) of Jesus Christ. In this morning's text we find seven important steps that lead to lasting joy.

1. Resolve to obey the command to _____ (4).
2. Consider the ultimate circumstances that justify _____ (4).
3. Control your emotions with disciplined _____ (5).
4. Replace unproductive worry with purposeful _____ 6a).
5. Meet the conditions of respect, humility, and _____ (6b).
6. Present a list to the Lord of everything _____ (6c).
7. Trust God to give you everything _____ (7).