

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

## *Reason 2: The Joy of Gospel Partnership*

Philippians 1:3–7

The Lord's Day Morning

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Last week, we saw the logic of fact-based joy:

Because of the solid **fact** of Christ's past resurrection (2:9; 3:11),  
We confidently **hope** for Christ's future return (1:6,10; 2:16),  
Which produces enduring **joy** in Christ's present reign (1:4,18;2:17,18,  
29; 3:1;4:1,4)  
Regardless of any **circumstance** faced by Christ's saints (4:12).

The ultimate circumstance is the presence of the risen Lord Jesus Christ. But joy can increase or decrease based on our immediate circumstances (2:2,27,28). In today's text, Paul's increased joy comes from his genuine gospel partnership with the church in Philippi. In other words, he feels happier in prison because he has this partnership, than he would if he didn't. His increased joy is based on three facts:

Fact #1: The \_\_\_\_\_ they made proves that they \_\_\_\_\_  
(3–5).

Fact #2: The \_\_\_\_\_ of their saving faith proves his work was  
\_\_\_\_\_ (6).

Fact #3: The \_\_\_\_\_ of their commitment proves their loyalty  
\_\_\_\_\_ (7).