



EVERGREEN JOY
HOW CONSTANT REJOICING & GRACE ARE POSSIBLE
PHILIPPIANS 4:4-5

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - February 19, 2023

1. Constantly _____
(v. 4)

Philippians 4:4-5 (ESV)
4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand;

2. Respond _____
(v. 5a)

3. Remember _____
(v. 5b)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read *Philippians 4:4***. What are some of the excuses that you think might exempt you from obeying this command? What about the character and work of our Lord Jesus should overcome those excuses?
2. Practically, what can “rejoicing in the Lord” look like when you are discouraged, sad, grieving, or enduring a trial?
3. **Read *Titus 3:1-8***. Why is it often difficult for us to remain gentle and gracious in a world that is hostile to Jesus? Why should remembering our own salvation help us in this?
4. **Read *1 Peter 3:8-9***. Spend time thinking about the attitudes/actions called for here in this passage. How have you been helped by others treating you like this? How would you like to grow in displaying these things in your relationships?
5. Find a couple verses that express the reality that the Lord is near to His people. How will these verses encourage you in difficult situations this week?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Alcorn, Randy. *Happiness*. Tyndale House Publishers, 2015.

Lloyd-Jones, D. Martyn. *Spiritual Depression: Its Causes and Cures*. Eerdmans, 1965.

Watson, Thomas. *All Things for Good*. Gideon House Books, 2015.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that joy would characterize our lives and our church.

Pray that we would reflect the gentleness & grace that God has shown us.

Pray that the women's event on Saturday encourages and strengthens those who attend.

Pray that 2023 is the most faithful and fruitful year of evangelism in your life!

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
2/20	Leviticus 18-21	Mark 8
2/21	Leviticus 22-23	Mark 9
2/22	Leviticus 24-25	Mark 10
2/23	Leviticus 26-27	Mark 11
2/24	Numbers 1-2	Mark 12
2/25	Numbers 3-4	Mark 13