

Philippians 1:1-6
"Complete Joy"
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Intro: The songs of our youth stay with us. For me an important lyric was: "Real joy is mine no matter if teardrops start; I've found the secret, it's Jesus in my heart."

Key Question: Is it possible to know joy in the midst of tears; to claim the joy of the morning while it's still dark? We discover such joy as described in Paul's...

- I. Partners in Joy
 - A. Fellow Servants (v1a)
 - 1. Unlikely companions
 - 2. Unlikely joy
 - B. Fellow Saints (v1b)
 - 1. Unlikely correspondents
 - 2. Unlikely title
- II. Provision of Joy (v2)
 - A. How does Grace provide peace?
 - 1. Recognize it as a "gift" (v2a)
 - 2. Receive it from God, our Father (v2b)
 - 3. Receive it from the Lord Jesus Christ (v2c)
 - B. How do you claim that peace?
 - 1. Believe that Grace is for you
 - 2. Believe the joy is for you

Grace is about Peace Provided - Peace is about Grace believed

- III. Prayers of Joy
 - A. Remembrance of the church's partnership (v3-5)
 - B. Confidence of the church's "completion" (v6)
 - 1. God finishes what He starts (finishing off)
 - 2. God uses all the saints (filling out)