Near Joy

Phil 4:4-7

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Introduction: The Discomfort of Joy “always”

Key question: What are the true sources of comfort in the Christian life?

I.                    Joy (v 4-5)

a.       The command: “rejoice, always” (v4)

b.      The source: God’s Presence (v4b+5b)

c.       The effect: Reasonableness (v5a)

The application: replacing anxiety with prayer (v6a)

II.                  Prayer (v6)

a.       The command: Pray (v6b)

b.      The subject: everything (v6c)

c.       The action: Request (v6d)

d.      The attitude: Thanksgiving (v6c)

The result = peace

III.                Peace (v7)

a.       It’s nature: surpassing understanding (v7a)

b.      It’s effect: surpassing opposition (v7b)