

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)