

Lesson 118 Answers and Comments

My	patience	strengtheneth
Strength	longsuffering	sufficiency
Perfect	joyfulness	God
Weakness	glorified	wept
Power	greatness	weep
Christ	power	stone
Rest	mighty	encouraged
Reproaches	power	LORD
Necessities	raised	God
Persecutions	dead	strong
Distresses	exceeding	grace
Weak	abundantly	Christ
Strong	ask	Jesus
Worketh	think	grace
Patience	power	grace
Experience	worketh	I
Hope	power	grace
Affliction	resurrection	with
Moment	inner	
Worketh	man	
Treasure	strengthened	
Earthen	might	
Power	Spirit	
God	inner	
Not	man	
Strengthened	renewed	
Might	all	
Power	Christ	

God instructs His children to “Be strong.” There must be a reason for this instruction. We face a God rejecting, Satan dominated world. At the end of his life Paul says, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.” Supernatural strength was needed to be able to say that! Work out in Grace! The grace that is in our Lord Jesus Christ!

Lesson 119 The Third Finally

Phil. 3:1 “Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord...”

Where was Paul when he wrote Philippians? _____ Phil. 1:13-16

Yes, he was in prison. Not a place that too many of us would be found “rejoicing”.

Read Acts 16:12-40 about Paul’s visit to Philippi. It certainly was an exciting and dangerous visit!

Paul is _____ in vs. 23 and thrust into the inner _____ and had his feet bound in _____ in vs. 24.

There were many believers at Philippi as a result of Paul’s visit. These Philippians who had witnessed the beating, the imprisonment and cruel treatment of their beloved apostle now hear that he is in bonds.

Paul tells them in Phil. 2:17 that he was not only in prison but willing to “...be _____ upon the _____ and service of your faith, I _____, and _____ with you all.” Paul was willing to give his very life for the furtherance of the faith of these saints.

Knowing Paul was in prison could have caused the Philippian saints to become discouraged. Discouragement can come from many fronts.

In Phil. 2:25-30 he speaks about the sadness experienced because of Epaphroditus’ grave illness.

There was also dissension at the church at Philippi. Phil. 4:2-4, vs. 2 “I beseech _____, and beseech _____, that they be of the _____ in the Lord.”

Persecution, sickness, contention, these all can rob us of joy! But not if our joy is found in the _____!
Phil. 4:4 “_____ in the _____: and again I say _____.”

Rejoice: lively gladness flowing from a joyful heart.

Our verse says “...rejoice in the _____.”

There must be a source that produces joy in our life. That source of joy for the believer is the Lord! If the Lord is the source of our rejoicing we will be able to follow God’s instruction in I Thess. 5:16
“_____.” God’s will for the believer is to have a consistent, constant abiding rejoicing. Not up one day and down the next!

In Isaiah 61:10 we read, “I will _____ in the _____, my _____ shall be _____ in my _____; for he hath _____ me with the _____ of _____, he hath _____ me with the _____ of _____.”

God’s provisions of salvation and righteousness produced a rejoicing in the hearts of God’s people!
When you and I are focused on the loving acts and mercy and kindness of God our Saviour we will likewise have joyful hearts!

Lesson 119 Continued

God's gift of salvation and imputed righteousness should produce rejoicing!

In Ps. 97:12 we find that rejoicing and _____ go together. "_____ in the LORD, ye righteous; and give _____ at the remembrance of his holiness." Yes, rejoicing and thankfulness go together!

In Ps. 33:1-4 we read about some other things that go together with rejoicing. "_____ in the _____, O ye righteous: for _____ is comely for the upright. Vs. 2 _____ the _____ with _____: _____ unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings. Vs. 3 _____ unto him a new _____; _____ skillfully with a _____ noise." Rejoicing goes with praise, music, singing!

Sound doctrine built up in our soul produces rejoicing. Read Hannah's prayer in I Sam. 2:1-10 vs. 1 "And Hannah _____, and said, My _____ in the _____..." Hannah goes on to praise God for the salvation and deliverance she knew that he had promised. Much the same Mary, knowing the word of God says in Luke 1:46-56, vs. 47 "And my _____ hath _____ in God my _____." Sound doctrine in both of these women welled up into rejoicing!

God's word is designed to produce joy in the believer. Rom. 15:13 "Now the God of hope fill you with all _____ and peace in _____..."

God wants believing in His word to fill His people with joy! Jer. 15:16 "...and thy _____ was unto me the _____ and _____ of mine _____..."

Speaking of the Lord, Peter says in I Pet. 1:8 "Whom having not seen, ye _____; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet _____, ye _____ with _____ and full of glory:"

The central theme of the word of God is the Lord Jesus Christ. The more we know of him the more we can rejoice in Him.

Does this mean that the believer never knows sorrow?? Paul says in Rom. 9:2&3 "That I have _____ and _____ in my _____. Vs. 3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh."

In Phil. 3:18 we see that Paul was _____

Can you have great heaviness and continual sorrow and weeping and yet still be rejoicing?

There are many believers who bear great burdens and yes, even weep. Is this out of the will of God? Of course not! Paul was not in rebellion to Phil. 3:1 when he wrote Phil. 3:18! Yes, it's possible to have sorrow and yet still be rejoicing in the Lord.

Rom. 12:15 "_____ with them that do _____, and _____ with them that _____." We can do both!

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When our rejoicing is flowing from the Lord (all He is and has done) we can sorrow but not as the world sorrows, II Cor. 7:10 "For _____ repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the _____ of this _____ worketh _____."

In this passage we see a believer full of sorrow over his sin.

It is so very important that we don't lose sight of the fount of our rejoicing. I think of when the Lord Jesus sent the 70 out in Luke 10 and they come back sooooo excited because of the great power they had! Read Luke 10:17-19, these things would certainly put a smile on most of us! But what does the Lord tell them in vs. 20? "Notwithstanding in this rejoice _____, that the spirits are subject to you; but rather _____, because your _____ are _____ in _____."

Dear friend, rejoice evermore!!