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Phil. 4:4-7, “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”

In essence, the beginning of this wonderful passage reminds us where we are to be. We are to be “in the LORD always.” What exactly does that mean? First, it means how we are to be in the LORD. We are to be rejoicing. The Greek word here means to be full of joy. Are you full of joy today? Or, do you have moments of joy from time to time?

When we truly consider all that the LORD has done for us, how could we possibly not be full of joy? He has done great and mighty things which we can’t even fully comprehend. He has redeemed us by His blood. He has set us apart as His ambassadors. He has gifted us with His Holy Spirit. He has encouraged us to walk in Him. He instructs us through His Word. He supplies all of our needs. He provides for us. He sings over us. He will never leave us. How could you not rejoice when you consider the wonderful LORD we serve? This world needs to see some joy. If they don’t see it in us as Christians, where will they see it? In the beautiful words of Jesus, let us be reminded of this: **Mt. 5:14-16, “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”**

Dear LORD, we rejoice in You today. You are our amazing Father. You are our Provider. You are our Peace. Help us to walk in You with rejoicing. We bow before You. We exalt Your name. In Jesus Name, Amen.