

Give Thanks

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice! 5 Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds to Christ Jesus.

[Philippians 4:4-7,]

- 1) When should we rejoice? (v.4; Isaiah 61:10)
 - a. **ALWAYS** Perpetually; throughout all time; as God is always the same.
 - b. There is always cause and matter for rejoicing in Christ, even in times of affliction, distress, and persecution; since he is always the same; his **GRACE** is always the same.

- 2) How should we rejoice? (v.6; 1 Thess. 5:18)
 - a. **THANKSGIVING** the act of rendering thanks or expressing gratitude for favors or mercies.
 - b. What are we **THANKFUL** for?

- 3) What will be our results? (c.7; Col.3:15)
 - a. **PEACE** in a general sense, a state of quiet or tranquility; freedom from disturbance or agitation; applicable to society, to individuals or to the temper of the mind.
 - b. This is not peace that comes from the realization that our needs have been met, we have good health, or our children are safe, but from **FAITH** in the Father.