



Part 3: Joyful Prayer

Matthew Zamudio, Pastor, Windsor Park Baptist Church, Desoto Tx. August 12, 2018.

All scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted.

Christian Joy is the emotional response of the soul from the Holy Spirit which produces supernatural spiritual strength for life. (Galatians 5:22, Nehemiah 8:10)

REVIEW

We find our joy in being thankful for God's People.

We find our joy in being thankful for God's Work.

We find our joy in being thankful for God's Grace.

THE JOYFUL PRAYER OF PAUL

Philippians 1:4 (ESV)- always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy...

1. INWARD GROWTH

A. Of Love

Philippians 1:9 (ESV)-And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment

Love ἀγάπη (Agape)- Emotion demonstrated through self sacrificing action

Romans 5:5 (ESV)-and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

1 Thessalonians 3:12 (ESV)-and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you,

B. Of Knowledge

Philippians 1:9 (ESV)-And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment

In Knowledge ἐν ἐπιγνώσει (epignosis)-Lit. "Upon Knowledge"

Hosea 6:6 (ESV)-For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

C. Of Discernment

Philippians 1:9 (ESV)-And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment

Discernment αἰσθήσει (Asthesai)- to see clearly and have insight

LOVE (HEART)

KNOWLEDGE (MIND)

DISCERNMENT (SOUL)



2. UPWARD FOCUS

Philippians 1:9-10 (ESV)-And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,

Excellent διαφέρω (diaphero)-Lit. "Worth more than", superior

Romans 12:2 (ESV)- Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3. OUTWARD CHANGE

Philippians 1:10-11 (ESV)- so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Pure εἰλικρινής (elikrines)- Lit. "judged by the sun", sincere

Here is the Point: Ask God joyfully for inward growth, an upward focus and outward change!