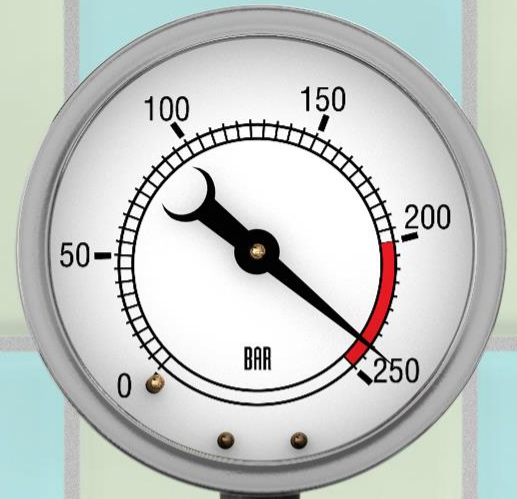


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Philippians 1:1-6 (ESV)

¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,

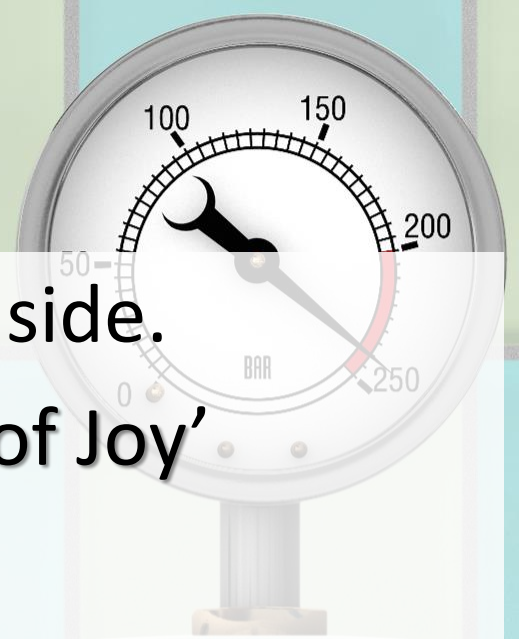
⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy,

⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

⁶ **And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.**

Real Joy for a Sad World

- Few people have contentment inside.
- Most people look for 'Moments of Joy'
- Few people have hope?
- Most define happiness based on a set of 'good circumstances'



The Theology of JOY.

1. Joy is a gift from God:

- **Psalm 4:7,8** “You put gladness in my heart”
- **Psalm 16:11** – ‘your presence is fullness of Joy’



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2. Joy is the result of Accepting the Gospel:

Luke 2:10,11 'good news of great joy'

John 15:11 'Jesus said, My Joy may be in you and your joy may be full'

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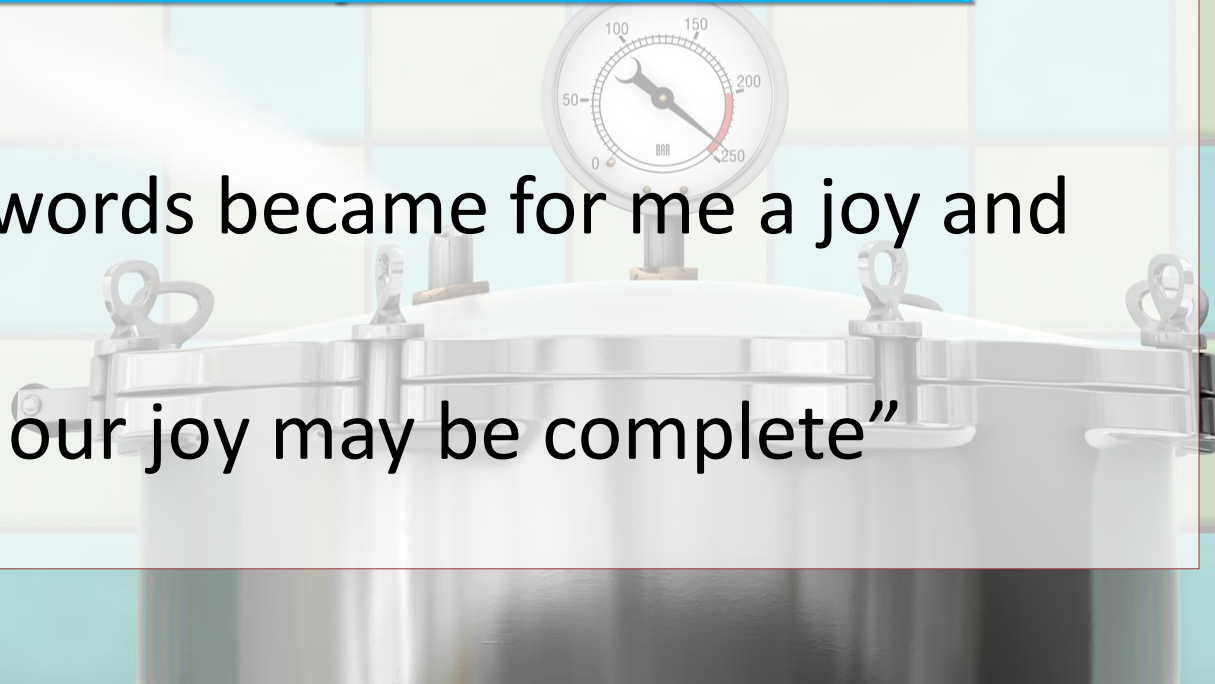
3. Joy is produced by the Holy Spirit:

- **Rom 14:17** ‘The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and *joy in the Holy Spirit*’
- **Gal 5:22** ‘The fruit of the Spirit is love, JOY’ (This is a SUPERNATURAL JOY FROM GOD)

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4. Joy is best when we obey the Word of God:

- **Jer 15:16** “your words became for me a joy and delight”
- **I John 1:4** “that our joy may be complete”



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5. Joy is fully realized during trials and suffering:

- **I Thess 1:6** “having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit.”
- **James 1:2** “consider it all joy when you fall into various trails”
- **I Peter 1:3-6**

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6. Joy As We Look forward to Heaven:

- **1 Peter 1:8** ‘joy inexpressible and full of glory’
- **1 Peter 4:13** ‘share in the sufferings of Christ and keep on rejoicing’
- **Jude 24,25** ‘with great joy’

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