

FOUNDATION STONES OF JOY

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Joy Infusion, part 2

Joy it doesn't just happen by accident.

"Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus: To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in *Philippi*, including the overseers and deacons. *Grace* to you and *peace* from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." **Philippians 1:1-2** CSB

BIG IDEA: Joy's foundations are anchored deeply into what Jesus has done for you and said to you—and you owning them as yours.

1. IN CHRIST JESUS.

- Your story has been **HIJACKED** into his. (Eph. 1:13)
- You are **IN UNION WITH HIM.** (John 17:21)
- You are **ENVELOPED INTO HIS PERSON—now it a new position.** (Eph. 2:6)
- You are **PARTICIPATING** in dynamic relationship.

"that they may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." **Jn. 17:21**

- You are **IN KING JESUS' FAMILY.** (Rom. 8:17)
- You have a **NEW ALLEGIANCE.**
- Your new identity is **IN CHRIST!**

2. IN PHILIPPI—Separate-but-engaged locally.

Tension: a *battle* for your affections and attention.

"...they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I am not praying that you take them out of the world but

that you protect them from the evil one." **Jn 17:14-16** CSB (see 15:19)

"My kingdom is not of this world..." **John 18:36**

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world..." **Rom 12:2**

"Do not love the world or the things in the world..."

1 John 2:15 CSB

Which citizenship has your loyalty?

3. DIVINE GRACE: God's action toward you-creation.

- Grace—*charis*
- Gifts—*charismata*
- Gladness/Joy—*chara*
- Gratitude—*eucharisteo*

"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it." **Ephesians 2:8-9** NLT

4. SUPERNATURAL PEACE—*eirene.*

Shalom: peace+ God setting things right!

"he was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; the punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds."

Isaiah 53:5

ACT ON IT:

_____ who you are in Christ.

_____ to God's generosity.

_____ from worldly values/actions the Spirit is putting his finger on.