

Book:	Philippians
Series:	Rejoice in the Lord!
Lesson 1:	Reasons to Choose Joy
Text:	Overview
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Next Lesson:	Philippians 1:3-8

INTRODUCTION

The theme of Philippians can be summarized in one repeated command, “Rejoice in the Lord” (3:1; 4:4; 10)! “Joy in the Lord” is unaltered by one’s circumstances, for its Source transcends them. In this epistle, *Paul chooses joy, and he calls his readers to do so, as well—yes, you should choose joy!* An overview of this epistle will suggest *three reasons why we ought to choose joy.*

WE SHOULD CHOOSE JOY BECUASE WE HAVE A _____ WITH GOD THROUGH CHRIST.

1. *This relationship is based on Christ’s _____.*
2. *This relationship is _____ with God’s fullness.*

Application:

WE SHOULD CHOOSE JOY BECAUSE WE HAVE A _____ WITH BELIEVERS IN THE GOSPEL.

1. *The _____ of joyful partnership*

- _____ to the _____, _____, and _____ of the gospel

2. The _____ of joyful partnership

- *Mutual _____ —*
- *Affectionate _____ —*
- *Corporate _____ —*
- _____ *Service —*

3. The _____ of joyful partnership

Application:

WE SHOULD CHOOSE JOY BECUASE WE HAVE THE _____ OF GLORIFICATION AMIDST SUFFERING.

1. *The _____ is temporal.*
2. *The _____ is eternal.*
3. *The _____ is obedience.*

Application: