

Rejoicing as we Grow Together - Philippians

4:4-9

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

The Joy that is always available is found “in the Lord” together. - We share the Cross and Resurrection of Christ.

We are “in the Lord” with all our anxiety, prayerful seeking, and honest requests. - Authentic seeking souls find peace together.

The Peace that is beyond understanding is God’s Peace.- God is not explained as much as experienced.

We will be “in the Lord” and find God’s Peace when we train ourselves/souls/minds to focus on where God’s Life, Christ’s character and the fruit of the Spirit shows up and we participate in them. - A community of shared Love knows peace and rejoices in their loving.