



Message: The Bulletproof “Beamer” of Joy

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Joy in the Lord: A Bulletproof “Beamer”

ESV **Philippians 3:1** Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

NIV **Philippians 3:1** Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you.

The “Sniper-Fire” From Which Our Armor-Plated “Chara” (Greek: “Joy”) Secures Us

ESV **Romans 6:13** Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

ESV **Romans 12:1** I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,...

ESV **Romans 13:10** ...love is the fulfilling of the law.

BIG IDEA: The *power* for presentation is “joy in the Lord.”

ESV **Nehemiah 8:10** ...the joy of the LORD is your strength."

ESV **Colossians 1:11** May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy,

NLT **Proverbs 17:22** A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength.

BIG IDEA: By giving us strength for self-giving love, the “joy of the Lord” saves us from relationship-rupturing selfishness.

The “Engine” of the Armor-Plated *Chara*: The Presence of God

ESV **Psalm 16:11** ...in your presence there is fullness of joy;

ESV **John 15:11** These things [Abide!] I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

The “Up and C.O.M.E.R.”: A “Tool” for Propelling Us Into His Joyful Presence

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