# "Rejoicing Brings Peace"

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## I. REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS!

A.This is no Polyanna denial of s \_\_\_\_\_\_.

B.Joy does not mean

1. E\_\_\_\_\_ is going your way.

2. R\_\_\_\_\_ all you desire.

C. Joy comes from an inner a\_\_\_\_\_

- 1. That whatever you are going through, g\_\_\_\_/b\_\_\_\_
- 2. G\_\_\_\_\_ is with y\_\_\_\_.

*"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel." (Matt. 1:23)* 

#### <u>Memory Verse</u>:

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:4-7)

### II. LET Y OUR GENTLENESS BE KNOWN

A.It is hard to be gentle at C \_\_\_\_\_.

B.God e\_\_\_\_\_ himself and took on human form.

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: who, made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness." (Phil. 2:5,7)

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves." (v. 3)

#### III. DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING

- A. When s\_\_\_\_, give thanks!
- B. When m\_\_\_\_, give thanks!
- C. When g\_\_\_\_, give thanks!

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#### MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO...

- □ Memorize Philippians 4:4-7
- Learn to rejoice always!
- □ Plan to invite a F.R.A.N. to Christmas Eve services at Immanuel.

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