

Philippians: FULLY ALIVE – JOY THAT WORKS!

Message #2: How Do You Increase Your Joy?

Philippians 1:3-11

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You Will Increase Your Joy by ...

1. PARTNERING IN THE GOSPEL

Philippians 1:3-5 ³ *I **thank my God** in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always ***in every prayer*** of mine for you all making my ***prayer with joy***, ⁵ because of your ***partnership in the gospel*** from the first day until now.*

2. PARTAKING OF GOD'S GRACE.

Philippians 1:6-8 ⁶ *And I am sure/confident of this, that he who began a **good work** in you will **carry it on to completion** at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I **hold you in my heart**, for you are all **partakers with me of grace**, both in **my imprisonment** and in the **defense** and **confirmation of the gospel**. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I **yearn** for you all with the **affection** of Christ Jesus.*

3. PRAYING WITH PASSION.

Philippians 1:9-11 ⁹ *And it is my **prayer** that your **love may abound** more and more, with **knowledge** and all **discernment**, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is **excellent**, and so be **pure and blameless** for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the **glory and praise** of God.*

NEXT STEP: ASK JESUS TO FILL YOU WITH HIS PRESENCE -- JOY COMES WITH HIM. Ps. 16:11 "In His presence is fullness of joy."