

## Joy in Times of Trouble, Part 1

### INTRODUCTION

- How would you describe the times in which we live? What is your reaction?
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### THANKFULNESS IN CHRIST

- Paul is stating from the very beginning his identity, your identity and the blessings we have from that identity is found IN \_\_\_\_\_
  - Paul was writing from where? \_\_\_\_\_ What happened to Paul in Philippi?
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- Fe \_\_\_\_\_ in the church flourishes when there is the common goal or purpose in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - Who in your life do you have fellowship in the gospel?
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### THANKFULNESS FOR CHRIST

- Verse 6 is about the sov \_\_\_\_\_ of God who is the author of all that it \_\_\_\_\_.
- In God, we have the assurance of him ke \_\_\_\_\_ His word, fulfilling His pr \_\_\_\_\_ even when we falter. In God we have the promise that He will both pr \_\_\_\_\_ and persevere.
- Verses to look up: Psalm. 89:33; 138:8; John 3:16, 4:14, 6:37, 39; 10:28; Romans 8:39; 2 Timothy 2:19; 1 Peter 1:4, 5

### THANKFULNESS OF CHRIST

- Paul's desire is that they grow in the depth and breadth of \_\_\_\_\_
- When you love someone, you want to know them intimately. You want to know \_\_\_\_\_ heart's desire
- Where do you find what is excellent, pure and blameless?
- We ought to be focused \_\_\_\_\_ on becoming a better version of ourselves and more on becoming a better reflection of \_\_\_\_\_.

### WHAT ABOUT YOU?

If you lack joy and thankfulness:

- Look to Jesus and find your identity in him.
- Rest in the assurance of God's promises that come from Jesus
- Fill your mind with the knowledge and discernment of Jesus

