

Joy in Times of Trouble, Part 8

INTRODUCTION

- On what foundation do you build your joy and rejoicing?

GRATITUDE

- Thankfulness and gratitude are a _____ expression in response to being _____
- True gratitude is deep acknowledgement of an act of _____. It is the deep acknowledgement of one who has fulfilled this: L_____ another.
- Where does love first originate? _____. Therefore, our gratitude first comes from _____ loving us.
- Gratitude does not _____ a _____ for anything, but rejoices _____ in the love given

CONTENTMENT

- Contentment is the state of being satisfied _____ with what one has.
 - What were some of Paul's circumstances? (1 Cor 4:11-1, 2 Cor 11:24-28, 2 Cor 12:7-10) _____
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- The secret of Paul's contentment is found in _____
 - How has verse 13, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" been misapplied? _____
 - "Contentment is not compromise _____, nor is it a false peace based on ignorance. Contentment is not an escape from the battle, but rather an abiding presence _____ and confidence _____ in the midst of the battle." Warren Wiersbe

ASSURANCE

- Paul has assurance in God's promise _____.
- What are some biblical examples of God providing? _____
- How has God provided for your needs in Christ Jesus? _____
- What is the promise of Romans 8:35-39? _____

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

1. Is this gratitude part of your DNA? If not, ponder anew the Love of God for you in Christ Jesus.
2. Do you have contentment in your life? If not, meditate on the sufficiency and power of the grace of Christ Jesus.
3. Do you have assurance that God will provide for your every need? If not, read Matthew 6 and Romans 8.

