

Living A Life of Faith (Phil. 4:4-9)

I. Dwelling in God's Peace by Faith (4-7)

A. Living Joyfully Dependent (4-6)

1. Bear a Joyful Testimony (4-5)

a. Rejoice in the Lord

- i. He is the source of Joy
- ii. He is the only Joy
- iii. In spite of all opposition

b. Rejoice Always

- i. Never a reason not to
- ii. In spite of all things

c. Rejoice before all men (5)

- i. Let others see gentleness
 - graciousness, moderation
 - rejoicing in hard times

2. Bear a Faithful Mind (5b-6)

a. The Lord is Near

- i. He is present
- ii. He strives with us

b. Fear and Worry is Far Away

- i. Don't ever worry
- ii. Don't worry about anything

c. If God is with us? What is there to fear

3. Bear a dependent Lifestyle (6b)

a. Bring all things to God

- i. through prayer and petition
- ii. Always with thanksgiving – trust
- iii. Ask God – trust God

4. Bear God's Protecting Peace (7)

a. Trusting Produces (regardless of answer)

- i. It surpasses understanding
 - better than
 - transcends

b. Trusting protects

- i. Peace guards heart and mind
 - mind and emotions