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I Thess. 5: 16

REJOICE EVERMORE

I. χαίρετε imperative. Commanded.
cf. Phil. 3: 1; 4: 4

1. No odiousness of God commanding you to be miserable, wretched, downcast. Not "Grieve in the Lord always, and again I say, Grieve." Some X^c people: draw down the shades on Sunday - close the shutters - darken the house - it is Sunday! Never smile - it is willed. A doleful, woful, lugubrious X^c. Not religion - like a mule, long faced - give you the vinegar uncomfitable - an awful thing to be X^c, following X.

2. This is a sunshiny precept - as the X^c religion is a sunshiny, light filled religion. That joy should be commanded, made a duty, is a sure token of the blessedness of the New Covenant. We are never to be wretched. Responding is willed. whatever happens, to rejoice in the Lord.

3. of believe in Jesus X, whereby there is in X is over. Jesus invites us to the banquet. The dinner is spread - come - eat, drink abundantly. Because he has suffered, died, rose again, we are encouraged, commanded, enabled to rejoice. Only the man who has been in his own disciples could teach the precept such a word as this. Happy people who can be thus wretched. Such gardeners of delight; such heirs of gladness.

II. Πάύτος in everything, in all seasons, all times.

A personal, permanent duty, to be always carried out by the people of God. God will have the cloth of gold spread over the work field of life - fruit, love, blessing, mercy, etc..

Some things are to be done at one time - some another time - some another - each in its time - "a time for everything" - but rejoicing for all times. Some things being done once are done with - no further need - but always done with rejoicing. Full up to the highest point.

Look at the location of the text (context): in the midst of many precepts: 5:13-27

of 5:14 All things are to be done in love, as occasion requires, but *rejoice* even more! We may grow sad at having to understand a duty, but *rejoice* even more & not despised: our despising a truth confirmation of their sorrow. our rejoicing a support to the faint. Talk up the sacred duties, entering into us with us they of heart.

The command to rejoice is set in the midst of duties to do it we have to perform them all.

of 5:15 We shall face trouble, bitterness, children of the are apt to have not rendered to them, but to the persecution. But *rejoice* even more. However great the - your is not. 5:11 Blessed are ye when...

6. 5:19 "to rejoice your thank..."
1:21
2:7,9; 13:15

