



JOYFUL IN GODLY  
THINKING  
PHILIPPIANS 4:7-9  
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3. Whatever is just
4. Whatever is pure
5. Whatever is lovely
6. Whatever is commendable
7. Excellent thinking

## **I. Introduction**

The way you and think about things and people is how we act in relationship, to both circumstances and the people who are around us. That is where we get this “peace” in our lives. It’s not a human peace. It is a divine peace.

## **II. Divine Peace That Guards (v. 7)**

- a. Is sourced from Heaven
- b. Minds fortified by God’s faithfulness

## **III. Discipline of Refusal “the whatevers” (v. 8)**

1. Whatever is true
2. Whatever is honorable

## **IV. Determined Attitude of Behavior (v. 9)**

- a. Practicing the good
- b. Learning to internalize the good

## **V. Conclusion**

The place God wants us all to be is to be living in his shadow and knowing his peace because he has now become our peace and nothing can affect that on this side of Eternity.



CEFC Sermon-Based Growth Group

Week: September 29, 2019

Title: Joyful in Godly Thinking

Text: Phil. 4:7-9

### **Kick Starters...**

1. What is the difference between godly thinking and human thinking?
2. When you are thinking godly, how does that affect our peace with God? (Hint: Eph. 3:18-19)?

### **Entertain the text**

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

### **Engage the text**

4. Read Phil. 4:7, discuss the words, "...which surpasses all understanding..." What does that mean?
5. If your heart is fertile soil for the Holy Spirit's work, what does that look like for a follower of Jesus Christ?

6. Discuss how a high love for Christ help us to: rejoice, be gentle, not be anxious, and pray often?
7. Look at the "whatevers" in VERSE 8 and make them into one, singular thought together.
8. Noble, virtuous, and purity all describe God—how do we pursue those as his children, knowing he wants us to live lives which honor him?

### **Execute the text**

9. Living follow learning. How can we take what we have learned in these verses and implement beginning right now for the days ahead?
10. Pray for God's peace among your Growth Group. Pray for the Lord to work among you, drawing you closer together, to rely on each other as you walk together to dwell in God's shelter forever (Psalm 91:1).