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²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Final Greetings

²¹ Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings. ²² All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.

²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.





The 3 joys of being content

The joy of Enough

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The joy of Enough



- Joy comes when we
 - Are content in any circumstance
 - Realize that God is our source of strength
- Not love of money (Hebrews 13:5, 1 Timothy 6:10)
- ▶ His grace is enough (2 Corinthians 12:9)

The joy of Giving

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- Joy comes when we
 - Respond to the need of others
 - Feel supported by the help of others

- God rewards a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)
- Giving gives joy to both giver and receiver (Proverbs 19:17)

The joy of Thanks

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The joy of Thanks

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³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

- Joy comes when we
 - focus on the things for which we are thankful
 - realize that God is faithful and in control

The 3 joys of being content

- Giving
- Enough
- Thanks
- Are we thankful for what God is doing?
- Close our eyes for the greed of ourselves
- Open our eyes for the need of others
- That is being content in Christ!

Joy

And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with gladness, with thanksgivings and with singing, with cymbals, harps, and lyres. . . . Then I brought the leaders of Judah up onto the wall and appointed two great choirs that gave thanks. . . . And they offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and children also rejoiced. And the joy of Jerusalem was heard far away.