

I. PAUL SHARES HIS SECRET - verses 1-3

A. 'FINALLY...REJOICE IN THE LORD' - verse 1

- The Power Of Praise (The remarkable story of King Jehoshaphat)
- 2 Chronicles 20:21-22 (NKJV) - He appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the LORD, For His mercy endures forever." Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.

B. HERE IS A PRACTICAL WARNING - verses 2-3

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II. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF FAITH - verses 4-11

A. NO CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH - verses 4-8

- Matthew 5:20 (NIV) - For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. Here is Paul.

• Verse 8 - Paul Had A Current Testimony

B. THE BEAUTY OF FAITH - verses 9-11

• The Signs Of Self Righteousness

- Or I can recognize that I have a problem with sin, with myself and my flesh. I can be honest with myself.