

Rejoice always.

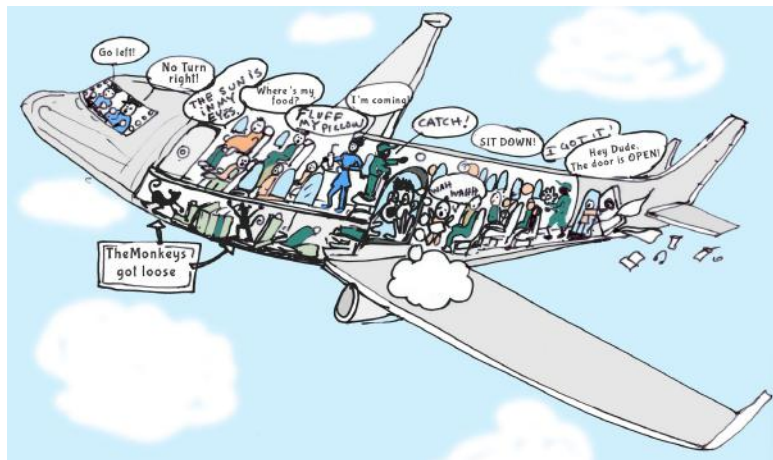
1 Thessalonians 5:16

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Why joy?
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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 for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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1 Thessalonians

The most prominent theme:
The second coming of Jesus

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4 periods of human history and the 3 great works of God

Creation

Fall

Christ's
1st coming:

Christ's
2nd coming:

Humility
Death
Resurrection

Re-Creation

Glory
Resurrection
> Wrath
> Or grace

Redemption

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1 Thessalonians

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The second coming of Jesus

"Encourage one another with these words."

1 Thessalonians 4:18; 5:11

"As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you **how to live in order to please God**, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more."

1 Thessalonians 4:1

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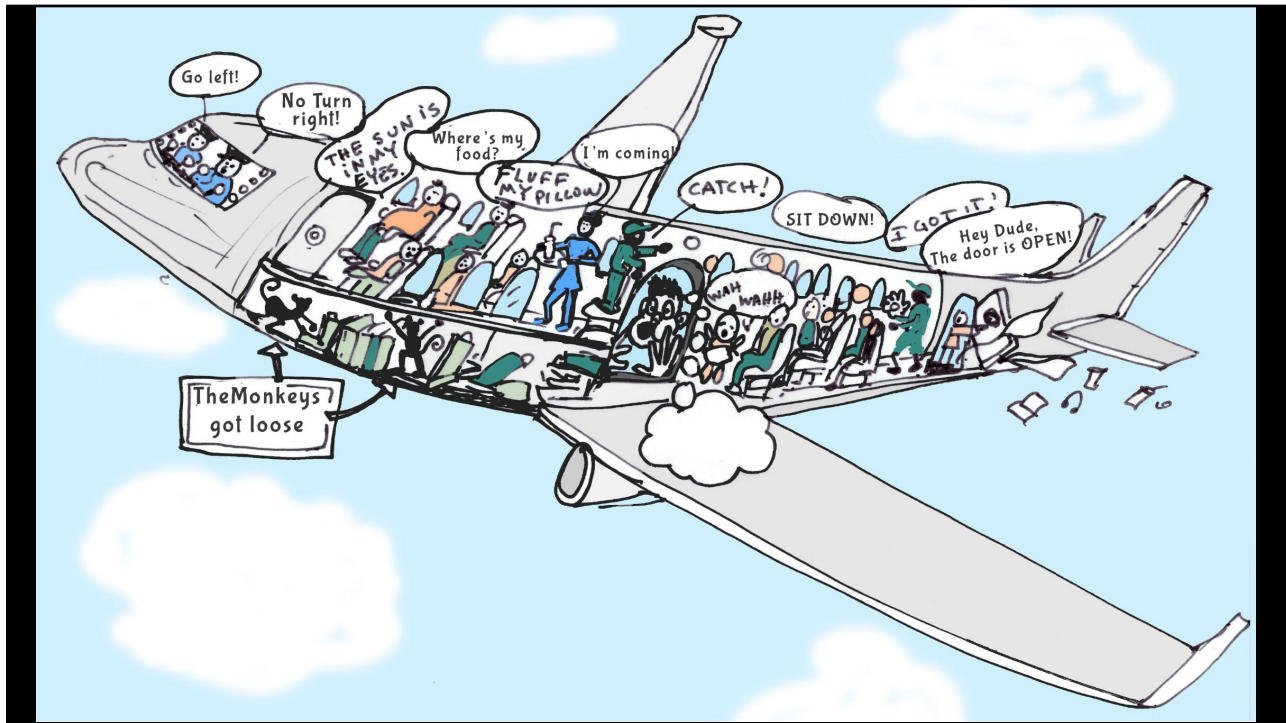
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What are we to do?

Rejoice always...in Christ

- "Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: ...

sorrowful, yet always rejoicing..."

2 Corinthians 6:4, 10

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- “**set your hope** on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.” 1 Peter 1:13b

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What are we to do?

Pray continually...in Christ

- = Constantly recurring prayer, growing out of continual dependence upon God
- “Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. **Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.**” *John 16:24*
- “Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. **Yet not what I will, but what you will.**” *Mark 14:36*

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- <https://www.crosswaymchurch.org/prayer/>
- 3rd Sundays, prayer chain, daily update, in Life Groups, Sunday mornings, ...
- 2nd & 4th Thursday morning, 6:30-7am
tiny.cc/cmcpayer

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What are we to do?

Give thanks in all circumstances...in Christ

- "Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, **always giving thanks to God the Father for everything**, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Ephesians 5:19b-20

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- “And we know that **in all things God works for the good** of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28

- God is using every part of life...
to achieve His good purposes in us
 - To give us a foretaste of the new creation
 - To bring us home to joy with Him forever
 - To grow us in the character and qualities of Jesus

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Joy, fellowship with God, and thanksgiving are
“**the spring from which all obedience flows**”

1 Thessalonians 4-5 **Sanctified = freed from sin and filled with love**

- Love holy lives
- Love and encourage people
- Live responsibly
- Live in rich community
- Follow the Spirit’s lead and be discerning

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“And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. **For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame,** and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:1b-2