**BAPTISTWAY PRESS—LIVING IN THE SPIRIT: RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE, AND JOY**

**Lesson Eight--“Righteousness Peace, and Joy” –Romans 14:13-19; Philippians 4:1-7**

**CONTEXT OF THE BOOK OF Philippians Chapter 4**

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