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2. Why: We can rejoice in the Lord *always* because we _____ in Him.
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 - **Because we know that God's plan has a _____:** We know God is working to _____ us into His image. (James 1:2-3, Phil 1:6, 2:12-13)
3. How: How do we rejoice in the Lord *always* to ensure that we don't _____?
 - Make sure that you are in a right relationship with God through saving _____ in Jesus! (Rom 10:9-10, 13)
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 - Deal properly with relational _____.
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