

“The Joy Of Thy Salvation”

2 Samuel 11:1-27

Psalms 51:12, “Restore unto me **THE JOY OF THY SALVATION**; and uphold me with a willing spirit.” ASV

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God wants us to lead lives full of joy.

- Jesus told the apostles, John 15:11, “*These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may be in you, and (that) your joy may be made full.*”
- John 16:24, “*Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be made full.*”

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“**Joy** – *chara* (khar-ah’); cheerfulness, i.e. calm delight” (Strong)

- “To rejoice. Joy, rejoicing, gladness.” (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)
- “*Chara* is closely related to the word *charis*, to do something pleasant or agreeable (to one), to do a favor to, gratify ... to grant forgiveness, to pardon: 2 Cor 2:7” (Thayer).
 - **Charis** (grace) is “undeserved favor” which in turn gives joy, pleasure, and delight.
 - **Chara** (joy), then, is our response to the undeserved favor of God.
- Think of **joy** as the happy response to the grace we receive from God.

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Joy Is In Christ.

- Joy in preaching Christ.
 - The shepherd who found the lost sheep. Luke 15:5, 7; Matthew 13:44
 - The seventy returned with joy. Luke 10:17
 - Paul rejoiced when Christ was preached. Philippians 1:18
 - Converts rejoiced at receiving the gospel. Acts 2:46; 4:8; 8:39; 16:34

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Joy Is Not Dependent On Outward Circumstances.

- Solomon. Book of Ecclesiastes.
- Moses. cf. Hebrews 11:25
- The Rich man. Luke 12:16-21
- Job. Job 19:23ff
- John 16:22, “*And ye therefore now have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no one taketh away from you.*”

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Some who found real joy.

- Hebrews who were persecuted. Hebrews 10:32ff
- Apostles rejoiced. Acts 5:41
- Paul and Silas in prison. Acts 16:25; 1 Thessalonians 2:2
- Paul about to be executed. 2 Timothy 4:6-8
- Joy and suffering are related. Matthew 5:11-12; 1 Peter 4:12-16

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What Gives A Christian Such Joy?

- The promises of God. 1 Peter 1:3ff; Psalms 33:21; Romans 5:2; cf. Romans 12:12; Romans 15:13
- *"I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee."* Hebrews 13:5
- Our names are written in heaven. Luke 10:20
- Rejoice *"In the Lord."* Philippians 3:1; 4:4
- *"I bring you tidings of great joy."* Luke 2:10
- The word of God. Psalms 1:2; Psalms 19:8, 10; Psalms 119:14, 16, 111, 162, 165

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What Gives A Christian Such Joy?

- Preaching of Philip in Samaria. Acts 8:4-8
- Preaching of Philip to the Eunuch. Acts 8:39
- Fellowship of the saints. Philippians 1:3-4
- Thankfulness with joy is viewed as the undertone of the Philippian letter. 1:18, 25; 2:17-18, 28-29; 3:1; 4:1, 4, 10
- Paul thanked God for his brethren. Romans 1:8; 1 Corinthians 1:4; Philemon 4, *"We give thanks ..."* Colossians 1:3; 1 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:3
- We should rejoice at the anticipation of being with our brethren. 1 Thessalonians 3:6-9; Philemon 7

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What Does This Mean To The Christian?

- Count it all joy ... James 1:2-4
- Cultivates patience. Hebrews 10:32ff
- Changes our perspective. Hebrews 12:2; See 2 Corinthians 11:23; 2 Corinthians 4:17ff; Romans 8:18; 1 Peter 1:8; 1 Peter 4:13; Jude 24

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The Importance Of Joy

- Joy is an essential element in the kingdom of God. Romans 14:17
- Joy lightens the burden of the trials of life. 1 Peter 5:6-9
- Shown in the way we SING. cf. Hebrews 13:15
- Shown in the way we PRAY. Matthew 6:5ff; John 16:24
- Shown in the way we STUDY. cf. Ephesians 1:15ff
- Shown in the way we TEACH. Ephesians 3:8-9
- Shown in the way we GIVE. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

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Consequences Of Losing Your Joy.

- Destroy lives.
 - Families.
- Scare away anyone who might be interested in the gospel.
- Lose your soul.

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Conclusion:

Jesus and the apostles gave us words whereby our JOY might be made full.

- John 15:11, *"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may be in you, and (that) your joy may be made full."*
- 1 John 1:3-4, *"... that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you also, that ye also may have fellowship with us: yea, and our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ: and these things we write, that our joy may be made full."*

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