



The Fruit of the Spirit

Joy





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Defined



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- Chara (Gk): Joy or delight; the experience of gladness; literally joy, as a feeling of inner happiness, rejoicing, gladness, delight
- So, this is no small joy, but one of delight and rejoicing!
- Joy vs. happiness?
 - Joy is based on the constant of God, His work and word.
 - Happiness is based on having one's life and circumstances the way one wants/likes them.



God wants you to be
joyful!



Joy is promised

- Through Jesus to all people – Lk. 2:9-11
- By Jesus – Jn. 15:11; 17:13
- By the apostles of Jesus – 2 Cor. 1:24; Rm. 15:13; 1 Jn. 1:4



Why is joy found in
Christ?



In Christ we have **Joy** because...

- We are saved!...from wrath...to eternal, joyful life – 1 Pt. 1:6-9; Rm. 5:8-10; 8:17-18; Mt. 25:21
- We are rightly called “God’s children” – Jn. 1:12-13; Rm. 8:14-17
- We are fulfilling our God-designed purpose – Eccl. 12:13-14



How do we fully
experience this joy?



Having Joy necessitates...

- Dealing properly with sin – Rm. 6:20-21; Eph. 1:7; Rm. 6:12-13, 22
- Becoming a servant of others – Mt. 20:25-27; Php. 2:3-4
- Developing a spiritual view of life – 1 Jn. 2:17; Rm. 8:6-8; 2 Cor. 4:16-18
- Look to Christ, the perfect example of joy – Jn. 15:7-11; 5:30; Mt. 20:27-28; Heb. 2:12