

Our Joy

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Jesus said, "If you **abide in Me**, and My words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you be My disciples. As the **Father has loved Me**, so have **I loved you**; continue you **in My love**. If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in His love. These things have I spoken unto you, so that **My Joy might remain in you**, and that **your Joy might be full**." ([John 15:7-11](#))

"Truly, truly, I say unto you, 'That you shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice; and you shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow **shall be turned into Joy**. A woman when she is in labor has sorrow, because her hour has come; but as soon as she has delivered a child, she remembers no longer the anguish, **for joy** that a man-child is born into the world. And you now, therefore, have sorrow; but I will see you again, **and your heart shall rejoice**, and **your joy** no man can take from you. And in that day you shall ask of Me nothing. Truly, truly, I say unto you, 'Whatever you shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you. Until now you have asked nothing in My Name; ask, and you shall receive, so that your Joy may be full.'" ([John 16:20-24](#))

Joy: from the Greek word **chara** a noun which means: joy; ~ cheerfulness, gladness, delight; but 'joy' for the believer in Christ Jesus: is more inwardly profound; being rooted in the awareness of God's grace (**charis**), and redemptive lovingkindness. A Fruit of the Holy Spirit !

Rejoice: from the Greek word **charesetai** (**chairo**) the verb form, which means: to rejoice, rejoicing; for the believer, also being rooted in the awareness of God's grace

Our Joy in Christ Jesus is bound together with all the fruits of God's Holy Spirit; it should be as it says:

"But the **Fruit of the Spirit** is **Love, Joy, Peace, Long-suffering, Kindness, Goodness, Faith, Gentleness, Self-control**; against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let **us also walk in the Spirit**." ([Galatians 5:22-24](#))

Our Joy, now, in the first coming of Jesus Christ, should be as it was then:

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the **Glory of the Lord** shone round about them: and they were very afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for, behold, I bring you **Good-news of Great Joy**, which shall be unto all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David **a Savior, who is Christ the Lord**. And this shall be a sign unto you: you shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, **Glory to God in the Highest**, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'" ([Luke 2:8-14](#))

Our Joy is rooted and founded in the Father's Love for us, who through His Beloved Son Jesus Christ, and for the Joy set before Him, endured death on the Cross for us; thereby obtaining for us who believe: Salvation from wrath, Redemption for our souls, and Reconciliation between us and God the Father! Please consider the following:

"But God commends **His love towards us**, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified through by His blood, we shall **be saved from wrath through Him**. For if, when we were enemies, we were **Reconciled to God by** the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only so, but we also Rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the Reconciliation." ([Romans 5:8-11](#))

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to **His abundant mercy** has begotten us again unto **a living hope** through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ **from the dead**, **to an inheritance incorruptible**, and **undefiled**, and that **fades not away**, **reserved in Heaven for you**, who are kept in the power of God **through faith** unto **Salvation** ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein **you Greatly Rejoice**, though now for a season, if need be, you are grieved through various trials; so that the proven-genuineness of your faith, being **much more precious than of gold** that perishes, though it be tested through fire, might be found unto **praise and honor and glory** at the revelation of Jesus Christ; whom having not seen, you love; in whom, though now you see Him not, **yet believing, you Rejoice with unspeakable Joy** and full of glory; receiving the end of your faith, **even the Salvation of your souls!**" ([1 Peter 1:3-9](#))

Our Joy in sinners who repent from sinfulness should be as Jesus taught us:

"And He (Jesus) spoke this parable unto them, saying, 'What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after that-one which is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, **Rejoicing**. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying unto them, '**Rejoice with me**; for I have found my sheep which was lost.' I say unto you, that likewise **Joy shall be in Heaven over one sinner who repents**, more than over ninety-nine just persons, who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she loses one piece, does not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls her friends and her neighbors together, saying, '**Rejoice with me**; for I have found the piece which I had lost.' Likewise, I say unto you, **there is Joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents**'" ([Luke 15:3-9](#))

Our Joy even in the midst of trials and sufferings should be as follows:

"And He (Jesus) lifted up His eyes on His disciples, and said, '**Blessed** are you poor; for yours is the Kingdom of God. **Blessed** are you who hunger now; for you shall be filled. **Blessed** are you who weep now; for you shall laugh. **Blessed** are you, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the **Son of Man's (Jesus) sake**. **Rejoice you in that day**, and **Leap for Joy**, for, behold, **great is your reward in Heaven**.'" ([Luke 6:20-23](#))

"My brethren, **consider it all Joy** when you fall into **various trials**; knowing this, that the testing of your faith works **enduring-patience**. And let enduring-patience have its perfect work, that you may be **perfect and complete**, lacking nothing." ([James 1:2-4](#))

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning **the fiery trial** which has come upon you, as though some strange thing were happening unto you; but **rejoice**, inasmuch as you are **partakers of Christ's sufferings**; so that, when **His Glory shall be revealed**, you may be **glad also with exceeding Joy**. If you are reproached for the Name of Christ, **Blessed are you**; for the **Spirit of Glory** and of God rests upon you." ([1 Peter 4:12-14](#))

"Although the fig tree shall not blossom, nor shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no food; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls; yet **I will Rejoice in the LORD, I will Joy in the God of my Salvation**. The LORD God **is my strength**, and He will make my feet like deers' feet, and He will make me to walk upon my high places." ([Habakkuk 3:17-19](#))

"And you became followers of us, **and of the Lord**, having received the word in **much affliction (Persecution)**, **with the Joy of the Holy Spirit**." ([1 Thessalonians 1:6](#))

Exhortations from the Psalms and prophets to Rejoice in the Lord our God:

"**Let all those who put their trust in You Rejoice**; let them **always shout for Joy**, because You defend them. Let those also who love Your Name be Joyful in You." ([Psalms 5:11](#))

"I will praise You, O LORD, with **my whole heart**; I will speak all Your marvelous works. I will be glad **and Rejoice in You**; I will **sing praise** to Your Name, **O You Most High.**" ([Psalms 9:1-2](#))

"But let the righteous **be glad**; let them **rejoice before God**; yes, **let them exceedingly Rejoice**. Sing unto God, sing praises to His Name: extol Him who rides upon the heavens by His Name YAH, **and Rejoice before Him**. A Father of the fatherless, and a Judge (defender) of the widows, is God in His Holy Habitation." ([Psalm 68:3-5](#))

"Let all those who seek You **Rejoice** and **be glad in You**; and let such as love Your Salvation say continually, 'Let God be magnified.' " ([Psalms 70:4](#))

"**Be glad in the LORD**, and **Rejoice**, you righteous; and **shout for Joy**, all you who are upright in heart." ([Psalms 32:11](#))

"Glory in His Holy Name; let **the heart of those Rejoice** who seek the LORD." ([Psalms 105:3](#))

"**I will greatly Rejoice in the LORD**, my soul shall be Joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of Salvation, He has covered me with the robe of Righteousness." ([Isaiah 61:10](#))

"Finally, my brethren, **Rejoice in the Lord**. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safety. Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision (mutilation). For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the spirit, and Rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh." ([Philippians 3:1-3](#))

"**Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice!** Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." ([Philippians 4:4-7](#))

"Now the **God of Hope** fill you **with all Joy** and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit." ([Romans 15:13](#))

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... through whom we have now received Reconciliation with the Father !**

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... receiving as the end of our faith, even the Salvation of our souls!**

**We Rejoice when we are partakers of Christ's sufferings ...
... so that when His Glory is revealed, we may be glad with exceeding Joy !**

**I praise You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with my whole heart !
I will be glad and Rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your Name always and always !!**

All Praise, and Glory, and Honor is Yours forever and ever ! Amen and Amen !!