

Joy

to the world

Isa 9:3 You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

Luke 2:10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good *news of great joy* that will be *for all the people*. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a *Savior*, who is *Christ* the *Lord*.

This “joy to the world” is
forever linked to the
person and work of
Jesus Christ

Acts 8:7-8 For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. 8 So there was much joy in that city.

Act 16:31-34 ESV ...the
Philipian jailer “rejoiced along
with his entire household that
he had believed in God.”

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The Repentance of ONE
PERSON causes Great
Joy in heaven

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Luke 15:7 Just so, I tell you,
there will be *more joy in*
heaven over one sinner who
repents than over ninety-nine
righteous persons who need no
repentance.

God is Happy / Joyful --

Where He lives is called
“the joy of your
master”

Matt 25:21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

Zephaniah 3:17 ESV The LORD
your God is in your midst, a
mighty one who will save; he will
rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love; he
will exult over you with loud
singing.

Gal 5:22-23 ESV But *the fruit of the Spirit* is love, *joy*, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

John 15:10-11 ESV If you **keep my commandments**, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

11 These things I have spoken to you, that *my joy may be in you*, and that *your joy may be full*.

Our joy is full when His
Joy is in Us

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Psa 4:6-7 ESV There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!" 7 You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

Hab 3:17-18 ESV Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, 18 *yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.*

Jas 1:2 ESV *Count it all joy,*
my brothers, when you meet
trials of various kinds,
KNOWING THIS...

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Luk 6:22-23 ESV "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! 23 *Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy,* for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

Has the kingdom of
heaven captured your
attention - what is your
source of joy?

Mat 13:44 ESV "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Mar 10:21-22 ESV 21 And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."
22 Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Maybe our JOY needs to
be restored?

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Psa 51:12 ESV Restore
to me *the joy of your
salvation*, and uphold
me with a willing spirit.

Maybe we're searching
for joy in the wrong
places - or maybe we just
need eternal perspective

Luk 10:17-20 ESV The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" 18 And he said to them... .. do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Maybe we need to spend
a little time in prayer

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John 16:24 Until now you
have asked nothing in my
name. Ask, and you will
receive, *that your joy
may be full.*

Maybe we need to take
another look at
obedience

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