

**THE LORD JESUS
WANTS US TO BE FULL OF JOY**

Text:

Philippians 4:4: Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

John 15:11: “These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.”

John 16:24: “Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My Name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.”

Introduction: The greatest of medical doctors tell us that JOY and a CHEERFUL SPIRIT are the best ingredients to a healthy mind and body. Even Psychiatrists and Psychologists who deal with the emotionally and mentally disturbed, say: To make people laugh and be cheerful is the best remedy to their patient’s illness.

JOY is the result of peace and harmony. We need harmony to have peace.

This is the reason why the Apostle Paul entreated and counseled two women by the names of Euodias and Syntyche who were at odds with each other, to settle their differences as Christians should do. Paul then urged a true yokefellow (Paul didn’t give his name.) to assist these women in resolving their disputes.

He wants them to know that the church cannot realize its spiritual strength and power unless unity and love are present. As a matter of fact, the Holy Spirit is the producer of unity and love. The Holy Spirit, who is the producer of unity, is grieved when we are at laager heads with one another. The Bible teaches.

- ***James 3:14: But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.***
- ***James 3:16: For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.***

- **1 Corinthians 3:3: For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?**
- **Philippians 2:1-3: ¹ If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,**
² **Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.**
³ **Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.**

JOY is also the result of having peace with God, when our heart is in harmony with our Maker. The Lord Jesus came to implant JOY and peace into the human heart. The heart of every born again Christian has every reason to rejoice and to be glad.



1. First reason to rejoice and be glad - because our Saviour removes the sense of guilt and the awful weight of sin's burden from our hearts.

John 8:36: If the Son [Son of God, Jesus] therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

2. Christ frees us from the dominion of old sinful habits and lusts of the flesh.
3. Christ leads us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

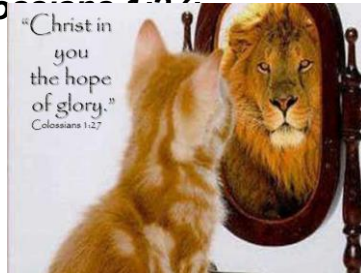
1 Peter 2:9: But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

4. Christ has imparted His Spirit within your hearts, and that presence brings JOY unspeakable and full of glory.

1 Peter 1:8: Whom having not seen, ye love; in Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

Psalms 16:11: Thou wilt show me the path of life: in Thy Presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Colossians 1:27



To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the Hope of Glory

Revelation 3:20:

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My Voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.

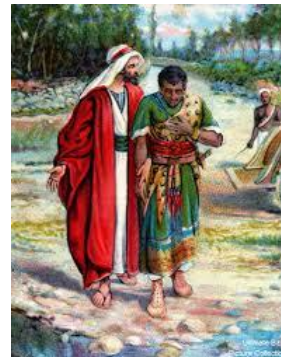
5. Isaiah 12:2-3: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation.

³ Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

6. Psalms 51:12: Restore unto me the joy of Thy Salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

7. Acts 8:36-39: And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, "See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?"

³⁷ And Philip said, "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."



38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

- 8. *Psalms 13:5: But I have trusted in Thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in Thy Salvation.***
- 9. *Isaiah 25:9: And it shall be said in that day, “Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His Salvation.”***
- 10. *Isaiah 61:10: [Speaking of Christ and His ornamentation by the Father] I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in My God; for He hath clothed Me with the garments of Salvation, He hath covered Me with the robe of Righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.***
- 11. *Luke 1:46-47: And Mary said, “My soul doth magnify the Lord, 47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.”***
- 12. *Psalms 97:12: Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of His Holiness.***

WHAT ELSE are we to Rejoice in the Lord over?

Psalms 118:24: This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalms 150:6: Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.



WHAT ELSE are we to Rejoice in His Word?

- ***Psalms 19:8: The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.***
- ***Psalms 119:111: Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for-ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.***
- ***Psalms 119:162: I rejoice at Thy Word, as one that findeth great spoil.***
- ***Jeremiah 15:16:***



Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by Thy Name, O LORD God of Hosts.

WHAT ELSE? That our names are written in Heaven

- ***Luke 10:20: Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in Heaven.***
- ***John 15:11: These things have I spoken unto you, that My Joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.***

WHAT ELSE? Because God delights to meet with Joyful folks

Isaiah 64:5: Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember Thee in Thy ways: behold, Thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved.

WHAT ELSE? Because God wants us to Rejoice in Him

- ✚ **Leviticus 23:40:** *And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.*
- ✚ **Deuteronomy 12:12:** *And ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your menservants, and your maidservants, and the Levite that is within your gates; forasmuch as he hath no part nor inheritance with you.*
- ✚ **Deuteronomy 26:11:** *And thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you.*
- ✚ **Zephaniah 3:14-15:** *Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.*
¹⁵ The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, He hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.
- ✚ **1 Thessalonians 5:16:** *Rejoice evermore.*

WHAT ELSE? Rejoice in the outpouring of the Holy Ghost

- ✚ **Joel 2:23:** *Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.*
- ✚ **James 5:7:** *Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the Coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.*

✦ **Acts 3:19-21:** *Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.*

²⁰ *And He shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:*

²¹ *Whom the Heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His Holy Prophets since the world began.*

✦ **Romans 14:17:** *For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*

WHAT ELSE? Over the soon return of our Saviour, our Heavenly Bridegroom

Hebrews 3:6: *But Christ as a Son over His Own House; Whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.*

John 16:22: *And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.*

JOY Killers or Destroyers – What are they?

- 1. The fleshly or carnal nature makes for a battlefield of two opposing forces.**

Galatians 5:17: *For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*

Romans 7:23-25: *But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.*

²⁴ *O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*

²⁵ I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the Law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

2. Following after worldly pleasures - associated with the old sins

2 Timothy 3:1-4: This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

² For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

³ Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

⁴ Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

Luke 8:14: And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

1 Timothy 5:6: But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.

3. Worry, fear and anxiety will kill our JOY

Philippians 4:6-7: Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Proverbs 4:23: Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Proverbs 23:7: For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

Philippians 4:8: Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely,

whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Philippians 4:11: Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

Contentment is a life centered in CHRIST and not in *things* or *circumstances*.

EXAMPLES:

1. When the apostle was rebuking the saints who had put a stumbling-block before a weaker brother, Paul says:

1 Corinthians 8:11: And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

2. When counseling a compromising Christian, the shadow of the Cross is brought into focus.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20: What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

²⁰ For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

3. When portraying the ideal relationship of husbands and wives, we are admonished:

Ephesians 5:25: Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it;

4. When encouraging penny-pinching Christians to cultivate the grace of liberality, he brings into the setting, the scenes of Calvary.

2 Corinthians 8:9: For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.

5. When heralding the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ for His Bride (the Church) Calvary is once again brought into attention.

***Titus 2:13-14: Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;
14 Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.***

6. When financially embarrassed, he knows that he is rich in a wealth which this world knows nothing about nor can bestow.

***1 Corinthians 2:9-10: But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.
10 But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.***

Ephesians 1:18: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Hebrews 10:34-35: For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in Heaven a better and an enduring substance.

35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward.

Remedy Repeated:

Philippians 4:8: Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are **true**, whatsoever things are **honest**, whatsoever things are **just**, whatsoever things are **pure**, whatsoever things are **lovely**, whatsoever things are of **good report**; if there be any **virtue**, and if there be any **praise**, think on these things.

These six virtues are characteristic of HOLINESS PEOPLE. The Holy Spirit divides these six into two classes in the remainder of verse 8:

Philippians 4:8: Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

The first class:

1. IF THERE BE ANY VIRTUE,

The first class deals with things which are TRUE, HONEST, JUST, and PURE.

The second class:

2. and IF THERE BE ANY PRAISE, THINK ON THESE THINGS.

This second class deals with things which are LOVELY and of GOOD REPORT.

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