

A SEASON OF EXPECTATION



AT NORTHLANDS CHURCH

HAPPINESS:

Old English/Old Norse, "HAP"

1. Chance
2. Luck, Fortune
3. Happenstance



**Happiness “happens”
in Good Circumstances.**



Biblical View on Joy

DAVID

"Those who sow with tears
will reap with songs of joy."

Psalms 126:5

SOLOMON

"A cheerful heart is good
medicine, but a crushed
spirit dries up the bones."

Proverbs. 17:22



Biblical View on Joy

ISAIAH

—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

Isaiah 61:3



NEHEMIAH

Do not grieve,
for the joy of the
Lord is your
strength.

Nehemiah 8:10

HABAKKUK

"Though the fig tree does not
bud and there are no grapes on
the vines, though the olive crop
fails and the fields produce no
food, though there are no sheep
in the pen and no cattle in the
stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will be joyful in God my Savior."

Habakkuk 3:17-18

Biblical View on Joy

Jesus

"**Blessed are you when** people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. **Rejoice and be glad,** because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." Matthew.5:11-12

Paul

"**Rejoice** in the Lord **always.** I will say it **again: Rejoice!**"
Philippians 4:4

James

"Consider it **pure joy,** my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."
James 1:2-3

Peter

"**In all this you greatly rejoice,** though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials." 1 Peter 1:6



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in Good Circumstances**



**Happiness "happens"
in Good Circumstances**

**Joy is called upon and given in
Bad Circumstances**



BIBLE SAYS, JOY IS:

DAVID

*Joy is connected to God's
Faithfulness and Hope in
hardship*

Ref. Psalm 126:5

SOLOMON

*Joy is a REMEDY for
emotional and spiritual
hardship*

Ref. Proverbs. 17:22



BIBLE SAYS, JOY IS:

ISAIAH

*Joy is a GIFT OF
RESTORATION from
God in Suffering*

Ref. Isaiah 61:3

NEHEMIAH

*Joy is Strength and
Fortitude in
hardships*

Ref. Nehemiah 8:10

HABAKKU

*Joy is TRUST in the Lord
that He will bring Salvation*

Ref. Habakkuk 3:17-18



BIBLE SAYS, JOY IS:

Jesus

***Joy is Unshakable in
great persecution
because of promised
resurrection***

Ref. Matthew.5:11-12

Paul

***Joy is available no
matter where we
are or what we
experience***

Ref. Philippians 4:4

James

***Perfect/Complete Joy is
found in trials and
transforms us into someone
greater than before***

Ref. James 1:2-3

Peter

***Joy is ROOTED in Hope of SALVATION AND
RESURRECTION*** Ref. 1 Peter 1:6



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3. Pretending you're the "head and not the tail" while life's kicking your tail





16 Jesus went on to say, "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."

17 At this, some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" **18** They kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what he is saying."

John. 16:16-22



19 Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'?"

20 Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. **You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.**



John. 16:16-22

21 A woman giving birth to a child has pain **because her time has come;** but **when her baby is born** she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. **22** So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, **and no one will take away your joy.**

John. 16:16-22



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THE FUTURE PROMISE



6 "In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. **7** These have come so that the proven **genuineness of your faith**—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. **8** Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, **you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,** **9** for you are receiving **the end result of your faith,** the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:6-10



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2. Joy is not found in pain or pleasure, but in **PURPOSE**

3. Joy is not found in a season, but in a **PERSON**



**Joy is not pretending that bad
seasons are good & so are you**



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**Joy is found knowing Jesus is
Good and He will save you.**



8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, **"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.** 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2:8-14



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