

The Christian's Joy

What makes the Christian's joy different from the joy that is promoted by the world?

Introduction

- Source of worldly joy is satisfying earthly desires
- Expression of worldly joy is superficial – If you are smiling and laughing, you are joyous
- The Christian's joy is different because it is rooted in pleasing God
- This spiritual joy not always expressed by laughing and smiling

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Depth of The Christian's Joy

Pro 17:22 A joyful heart is good medicine,
But a broken spirit dries up the bones.

Ecc 7:3 Sorrow is better than laughter, For
when a face is sad a heart may be happy.

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Joy In Our Salvation

Act 16:29 And he called for lights and
rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell
down before Paul and Silas,

Act 16:30 and after he brought them out, he
said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

Act 16:31 They said, "Believe in the Lord
Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your
household."

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Act 16:32 And they spoke the word of the
Lord to him together with all who were in his
house.

Act 16:33 And he took them that *very* hour
of the night and washed their wounds, and
immediately he was baptized, he and all his
household.

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Act 16:34 And he brought them into his
house and set food before them, and
rejoiced greatly, having believed in God with
his whole household.

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Psa 119:111 I have inherited Your testimonies forever, For they are the joy of my heart.

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Psa 51:12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit.

Psa 51:13 *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners will be converted to You.

Psa 51:14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation; *Then* my tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness.

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Psa 51:15 O Lord, open my lips, That my mouth may declare Your praise.

Psa 51:16 For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering.

Psa 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

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Joy In Others' Salvation

3Jn 1:4 I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.

1Th 2:19 For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming?

1Th 2:20 For you are our glory and joy.

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1Th 3:5 For this reason, when I could endure *it* no longer, I also sent to find out about your faith, for fear that the tempter might have tempted you, and our labor would be in vain.

1Th 3:6 But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always think kindly of us, longing to see us just as we also long to see you,

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1Th 3:7 for this reason, brethren, in all our distress and affliction we were comforted about you through your faith;

1Th 3:8 for now we *really* live, if you stand firm in the Lord.

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1Th 3:9 For what thanks can we render to God for you in return for all the joy with which we rejoice before our God on your account,

1Th 3:10 as we night and day keep praying most earnestly that we may see your face, and may complete what is lacking in your faith?

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2Co 7:9 I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to *the point of repentance*; for you were made sorrowful according to *the will of God*, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us.

2Co 7:10 For the sorrow that is according to *the will of God* produces a repentance without regret, *leading* to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

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Joy In Persecutions And Trials

Luk 6:22 "Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and insult you, and scorn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man.

Luk 6:23 "Be glad in that day and leap *for joy*, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. For in the same way their fathers used to treat the prophets.

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Joy In Persecutions And Trials

Jas 1:2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,

Jas 1:3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

Jas 1:4 And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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Joy In Being Content With What God Provides

Php 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

Php 4:5 Let your gentle *spirit* be known to all men. The Lord is near.

Php 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

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Php 4:10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned *before*, but you lacked opportunity.

Php 4:11 Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.

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Php 4:12 I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.

Php 4:13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

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Joy In A Living Hope Of Eternal Life

Joh 16:20 "Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy.

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Joh 16:21 "Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world.

Joh 16:22 "Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one *will* take your joy away from you.

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Luk 24:51 While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

Luk 24:52 And they, after worshiping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy,
Luk 24:53 and were continually in the temple praising God.

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1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1Pe 1:4 to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

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1Pe 1:5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1Pe 1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,

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1Pe 1:7 so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

1Pe 1:8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

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1Pe 1:9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

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