

# JOY

## KINDS OF JOY:

1. **Foolish: Proverbs 15:21**  
Folly (foolishness) is pleasure to him who is without heart and sense.
2. **Temporary: Matthew 13:20**  
One who receives the word with excitement as something which is new and pleasing but it doesn't take root to do its work, to grow and develop within a person.
3. **Motherly: Psalm 113:9**  
The barren woman can experience the joy of spiritual children.
4. **Figurative: Isaiah 52:9**  
Break forth joyously, sing together you waste places of Jerusalem
5. **Future: Matthew 25:21, 23**  
The faithful servants will share the joy (the delight, the blessedness) of their Master. You who are faithful and trustworthy receive His delight in you as a great reward.

## JOY IS DESCRIBED AS:

1. **Everlasting: Isaiah 51:11**  
An everlasting joy is for those the Lord has redeemed. That joy is a part of His nature which He gives to His own.
2. **Great: Acts 8:8**  
The healings of people in the city brought great joy.
3. **Full: 1 John 1:4**  
John is stating the purpose of his epistle was to bring them into fellowship with the Father and Son. This would make his (and their) joy full (or fulfilled).
4. **Abundant: 2 Corinthians 8:2**  
Even though these people in the church at Corinth were experiencing severe testing and affliction, they had an abundance of joy within to give to others. That is only a joy placed within by Christ. Our hearts should always be joyful for what He has done for us in spite of our circumstances.

## CAUSES OF JOY:

1. **Victory: 1 Samuel 18:6**  
Defeat of the enemy in our lives should always bring joy for God's victories in our lives and others.

2. **Christ's Birth: Luke 2:10, 11**  
The message of God sending His Son to us should bring joy. As He is birthed within our hearts there should be a joy.
3. **Christ's Resurrection: Matthew 28:7, 8**  
Christ's victory over sin and death should bring joy.
4. **Sinner's Repentance: Luke 15:5, 10**  
God is joyful when one comes to Him in repentance. His purpose for coming to earth was to find the "lost sheep." This is the kind of extraordinary love God has for each of us.
5. **Miracles Among the Gentiles: Acts 8:7, 8**  
Many healings and deliverance from demons brought joy to the city.
6. **Forgiveness: Psalm 51:8; 12**  
God's forgiveness changes our distresses to joy. The Psalmist knew of the joy God's salvation brought. Apparently sin had come into his life and he wanted that restored which God's forgiveness brings.
7. **God's Word: Jeremiah 15:16**  
God's Word brings joy and delight for His Word is truth. "Your testimonies have I taken as a heritage forever, for they are the rejoicing of my heart." Psalm 119:111
8. **The Treasure of God's Kingdom: Matthew 13:44**  
When a man finds it, he experiences great joy because of its value. It is worth more than anything else we can have.
9. **Our Names Are Written in Heaven: Luke 10:17, 20**  
The seventy were filled with joy over demons being subject to them. Jesus told them the rejoicing should be for the fact their names were written in heaven. We should always view things according to the eternal perspective.
10. **True Faith: 1 Peter 1:8**  
Those who have not seen Christ and believed are more blessed than those who saw Him and believed. Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (John 20:29)

#### **PLACE OF JOY IN:**

1. **Prayer: Isaiah 56:7**  
God will bring us to His holy mountain where we can experience joy in His house of prayer. At His mountain we may worship the Lord in offerings and prayers.
2. **Giving: 2 Corinthians 8:2**
3. **Temptations/Trials: James 1:2**  
James encouraging believers that it is possible to profit from them. Have a positive outlook because of what the trials can produce in our lives. Turn these times into opportunities to learn and increase our trust and faith in the Lord.

**4. God's Presence: Psalm 16:11**

**JOY IS EXPRESSED BY:**

**1. Songs: Genesis 31:27**

Laban pursuing Jacob.

See also: Psalm 67:4

**2. Musical Instruments: 1 Samuel 18:6**

David's victory. The women came singing and dancing with tambourines and other instruments of music. See also Exodus 15:20: Miriam

**3. Sounds: 1 Chronicles 15:16**

David told the Levites to appoint their relatives as singers and raise their voices with joy. It heightened the excitement, elevated people's hearts and minds and sealed this event in their hearts and minds.

**4. Praises: 2 Chronicles 29:3**

King Hezekiah and officials told the Levites to sing praises to the Lord using the words of the Psalmists: David and Asaph

**5. Shouting: Ezra 3:12, 13**

At the temple's rebuilding (50 years later) there were shouts of joy.

See also: Psalm 5:11, Psalm 32:11, Psalm 35:27, Psalm 132:9

**OTHER SCRIPTURES RELATING TO JOY:**

**Luke 6:22-23**

When people reject you because of Jesus, rejoice because your reward will be great in heaven. They are not rejecting you but are rejecting the One you represent.

**Acts 5:41**

Apostles left the Sanhedrin. They were rejoicing because they had been persecuted like their Lord. Perhaps they were re-calling Jesus' words in Luke 6:22-23. See also Peter's exhortation to us in 1 Peter 4:13

**Romans 15:13**

Paul's prayer that the truth of their faith (joy and peace) be filled and overflowing within them.

**Galatians 5:22**

One of the fruit of the Spirit