"The Joy Of Thy Salvation"

2 Samuel 11:1-27

Psalms 51:12, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with a willing spirit." ASV

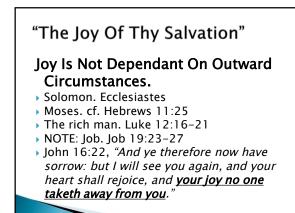
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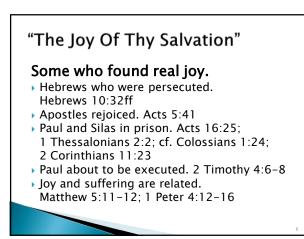
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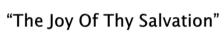
Joy – chara (khar–ah'); cheerfulness, i.e. calm delight: (Strong's)

- "To rejoice. Joy, rejoicing, gladness." (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)
- chara is closely related to the word charis, to do something pleasant or agreeable (to one), to do a favor to, gratify ... to grant forgiveness, to pardon: 2 Corinthians 2:7 (Thayer).
 - *charis* (grace) is "undeserved favor" which in turn gives joy, pleasure, and delight.
 - **chara** (joy), then, is our response to the undeserved favor of God.
- Think of joy as the happy response to the grace we receive from God.

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God wants us to lead lives full of joy.

Jesus told the apostles, John 15:11, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy

may be in you, and (that) your joy may be

John 16:24, "Hitherto have ye asked nothing

in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that

Joy Is In Christ.

made full.

Joy in preaching Christ.

your joy may be made full."

- The shepherd who found the lost sheep. Luke 15:5,7; Matthew 13:44
- The seventy returned with joy. Luke 10:17
- Paul rejoiced when Christ was preached. Philippians 1:18; cf. Ephesians 3:8
- Converts rejoiced at receiving the gospel. Acts 2:46; 4:8; 8:39; 16:34

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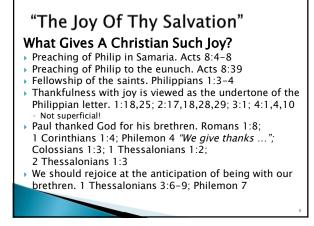
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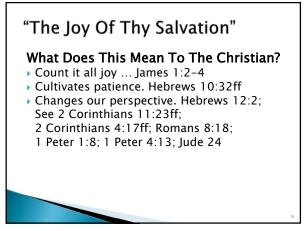
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What Gives A Christian Such Joy?

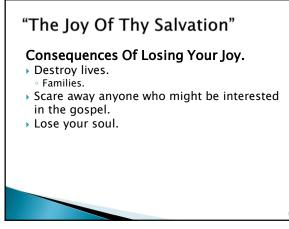
- The promises of God. 2 Peter 2:4; Psalms 33:21; Romans 5:2; cf. Romans 12:12; Romans 15:13
- *"I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee."* Hebrews 13:5
- Our names are written in heaven. Luke 10:20
- Rejoice *"In the Lord."* Philippians 3:1; 4:4
- ... "I bring you tidings of great joy." Luke 2:10
- The word of God. Psalms 1:2; Psalms 19:8,10; Psalms 119:14, 16, 111, 162, 165
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The Importance Of Joy

- Joy is an essential element in the kingdom of God. Romans 14:17
- Joy lightens the burden of the trials of life.
 1 Peter 5:6-9
- > Shown in the way we sing. cf. Hebrews 13:15
- Shown in the way we pray. Matthew 6:5ff; John 16:24
- > Shown in the way we study. cf. Ephesians 1:15ff
- Shown in the way we give. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

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Conclusion:

Jesus and the apostles gave us WOrds whereby our **jOy** might be made full.

John 15:11, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may be in you, and (that) your joy may be made full."

I John 1:3-4, "... that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you also, that ye also may have fellowship with us: yea, and our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ: and these things we write, that our joy may be made full."