

## “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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### **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 made full.”
- ▶ *John 16:24*, “Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be made full.”

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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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### **Joy Is In Christ.**

- ▶ Joy in preaching Christ.
  - The shepherd who found the lost sheep. Luke 15:5,7; Matthew 13:44
  - The seventy returned with joy. Luke 10:17-20
  - Paul rejoiced when Christ was preached. Philippians 1:18
  - Converts rejoiced at receiving the gospel. Acts 2:46; 8:4; 8:39; 16:34

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### **Joy Is Not Dependant On Outward Circumstances.**

- ▶ Solomon. Ecclesiastes
- ▶ Moses. cf. Hebrews 11:25
- ▶ The Rich man. Luke 12:16-21
- ▶ *John 16:22* “And ye therefore now have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no one taketh away from you.”

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### **Some who found real joy.**

- ▶ Hebrews who were persecuted. Hebrews 10:32-34
- ▶ Apostles rejoiced. Acts 5:41
- ▶ Paul and Silas in prison. Acts 16:25-34; 1 Thessalonians 2:2
- ▶ Paul about to be executed. 2 Timothy 4:6-8
- ▶ Joy and suffering are related. Matthew 5:11-12; 1 Peter 4:12-16

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### What Gives A Christian Such Joy?

- ▶ The promises of God. 2 Peter 1:4; 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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### What Gives A Christian Such Joy?

- ▶ Preaching of Philip in Samaria. Acts 8:4-8
- ▶ Preaching of Philip to the Eunuch. Acts 8:39
- ▶ Fellowship of the saints. Philippians 1:3-4
- ▶ Thankfulness with joy is viewed as the undertone of the Philippian letter. 1:18,25; 2:17,18,28,29; 3:1; 4:1,4,10
- ▶ Paul thanked God for his brethren. Romans 1:8; 1 Corinthians 1:4; Philemon 4 *"We give thanks ..."* Colossians 1:3; 1 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:3
- ▶ We should rejoice at the anticipation of being with our brethren. 1 Thessalonians 3:6-9; Philemon 7

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### What Does This Mean To The Christian?

- ▶ Count it all joy ... James 1:2-4
- ▶ Cultivates patience. Hebrews 10:32ff
- ▶ Changes our perspective. Hebrews 12:2; See 2 Corinthians 11:23; 2 Corinthians 4:17ff; Romans 8:18; 1 Peter 1:8; 1 Peter 4:13; Jude 24

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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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### Consequences Of Losing Your Joy.

- ▶ Destroy lives.
  - Families.
- ▶ Scare away anyone who might be interested in the gospel.
- ▶ Lose your soul.

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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."*
- ▶ *1 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."*

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