



The Joy of the Lord

Romans 15:13

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- **2 John 12** Though I have many things to write to you, I don't want to do so with paper and ink. Instead, **I hope to be with you and talk face to face so that our joy may be complete.**



- **John 15:11** [Jesus speaking] I have spoken these things to you so that **My joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.**
- **3 John 4** I have **no greater joy than this:** to hear that my children are walking in the truth.



Luke 15:4-6

- “What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’



Luke 15:8-10

- “Or what woman, if she has ten silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?
⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘**Rejoice with me**, for I have found the coin which I had lost!’ ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”



- **1 Thessalonian 5:16-18 Rejoice always!** Pray constantly. Give thanks in everything, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Chairo – rejoice, to delight in God's grace, to experience God's grace, and to be conscious of God's grace.

Chara – Joy, grace recognized

Charis – Grace



I. Joy comes from knowing we can count on God.

Habakkuk 3:18 yet I will triumph in the Lord;
I will rejoice in the God of my salvation!



I. Joy comes from knowing we can count on God.

Psalm 126

When the Lord brought back the captive ones of Zion, We were like those who dream.

² Then our mouth was filled with laughter

And our tongue with **joyful shouting**;

Then they said among the nations,

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

³ The Lord has done great things for us;

We are glad.



I. Joy comes from knowing we can count on God.

Psalm 126

⁴ Restore our captivity, O Lord,
As the streams in the South.

⁵ Those who sow in tears shall reap with joyful
shouting.

⁶ He who goes to and fro weeping, carrying his
bag of seed,
Shall indeed come again with a **shout of joy**,
bringing his sheaves with him.



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“**[Joy]** is the sign that we are really living in God’s wonderful love, and that love satisfies us.”

– Andrew Murray



II. Jesus Christ's resurrection is the source of our joy.

- **John 16:20-22:** “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. ²¹ Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come;



II. Jesus Christ's resurrection is the source of our joy.

- **John 16:20-22:** *“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. 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*



II. Jesus Christ's resurrection is the source of our joy.

- **Luke 24:40-41** Having said this, He showed them His hands and feet. But while they still could not believe **because of their joy** and were amazed...



II. Jesus Christ's resurrection is the source of our joy.

The story of Jesus ends with a resurrection, not a funeral.



III. We live in joy when we focus on Jesus instead of our situation.

*2 Corinthians 7:4 I have great confidence in you; I have great pride in you. I am filled with encouragement; **I am overcome with joy in all our afflictions.***



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Acts 16:22-34





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“Joy is not the absence of trouble but the presence of Christ.”

– William Van der Hoven



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***Romans 15:13** Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*