

The Fruit of the Spirit



Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

CONDITIONS OF THE HEART

love

joy

peace

RELATIONSHIP WITH
OTHERS

patience

kindness

goodness

RELATIONSHIP TO GOD AND
THE WORD

faithfulness

gentleness

self-control

JOY

*Joy
Differs from Happiness*





1. As noted in **Gal. 5:22**, the fruit of the Spirit involves "joy."

THEREFORE: It is necessarily inferred that...

2. A relationship exists between the **Holy Spirit** and joy:

- The kingdom of God is "joy in the Holy Spirit" (**Rom. 14:17**).
- The Thessalonians had received the word "with joy of the Holy Spirit" (**1 Thess. 1:6**).

Joy

The Bible Definition of Joy



I. The Definition of "Joy"

A. The Greek word is "CHARA"...

1. Thayer defines as "joy, gladness."
2. Vine adds "delight."
3. The word is used 60 times in the NT

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The Bible Definition of Joy



I. The Definition of “Joy”

B. The verb form of “CHARA” is “CHAIREIN”

- 1. It is most often translated "to rejoice"**
- 2. It is used 72 times in the NT**

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I. The Definition of “Joy”

C. Closely related is the word “CHARIS”...

1. The word most often translated as “grace”
2. Grace is “that which bestows pleasure, delight, or causes favorable regard.”

“My grace is sufficient for you.” (2 Cor. 12:9)

3. Therefore, grace and joy are necessarily connected.

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D. Notice the connection between “Grace” and “Joy”

- 1. It is because God has extended His **grace** to us that we may have **Joy** whatever our situation in life.**
 - 2. Grace is nothing less than God’s love in action.**
 - 3. Grace is God sending His only son to the cross so that we guilty ones might be reconciled to Himself through the forgiveness of sins.**
- 2. The ever-present knowledge that we are the recipients of God’s saving grace is both the “source” and the “impetus” of all joy.**

Joy

Joy of the Lord knows no bounds



The Joy of the Lord is enduring.

1. God wants Christians to have joy (**Jn. 15:11**).
2. He gives joy “inexpressible and full of glory” (**1Pet. 1:6-8**).
 - a. Unlike the “passing pleasures of sin” (**Heb. 11:25**).
 - b. Good things in life may be "vanity" (**Ecc. 2:10-11**).
3. “Rejoice in the Lord always” (**Phil. 4:4**).

Joy

Sources of Christian Joy



II. Sources of Christian Joy

A. Joy is a consequence of faith...

1. Joy comes from “a confident trust” in God (Phil. 1:25).

a. Without faith in God and Christ, there is no lasting joy.

b. Why is faith essential to joy?

- **Faith dispels “worry,” “doubt” and “fear” (Mat. 6:25-30).**
- **Faith comes from the Word of God (Rom. 10:17).**
- **In turn faith produces joy (Rom. 15:13).**

2. All the teachings of Jesus give joy (Jn. 15:11; 17:13).

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II. Sources of Christian Joy

B. Joy is also the result of obedience...

1. Obedience to the Word of God creates joy.

a. The Samaritans. (Acts 8:5-8)

b. The Ethiopian eunuch. (Acts 8:35-38)

c. The Thessalonians. (1Thess. 1:6)

2. Disobedience dispels joy and causes fear. (Heb. 10:26-27)

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II. Sources of Christian Joy

C. Joy is also a consequence of forgiveness.

1. Sin robs people of joy. (Rom. 7:22-24)

2. Forgiveness creates and stimulates joy. (Rom. 5:1-2, 10-11)

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Sources of Christian Joy



II. Sources of Christian Joy

D. Joy also results from Christian fellowship

1. It is a joy just to **observe such fellowship.**

a. Philemon's love and fellowship gave Paul joy. (Phm. 7**)**

b. He rejoiced that brethren had been restored. (2 Cor. 7:7**)**

2. It is also a joy to **experience such fellowship.**

a. Paul rejoiced in fellowship with the Philippians. (Phi. 4:10**)**

b. John had joy when brethren were united. (2 Jn. 12**)**

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II. Sources of Christian Joy

E. Joy comes from Christian service

1. It is a joy to spread the gospel.

a. Barnabas: conversions at Antioch (Acts 11:20-23**)**

b. Christian Jews: conversion of the Gentiles (Acts 15:3**)**

2. There is great joy in seeing the spiritual progress of others.

a. A source of joy to Paul (Rom. 16:19; Col. 2:5; 1Thess. 3:6-9**)**

b. John wrote that this was the highest form of joy (3 Jn. 4**)**

c. Those whom we have brought to Christ will be a joy:

1) Now

2) In the day of Christ (1Thess. 2:19-20**)**

Joy

Joy in Adversity



**Jesus speaks
of Joy on the
way to the
Garden of
Gethsemane.**

(John 15:11)



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Joy in Adversity



Jesus prayed for Joy in the lives of His disciples (**John 17:13**).

- In just a few hours Jesus will be **HANGING** on a **CROSS**.
- The **JOY** that Jesus had was from the **Father**.

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Joy in Adversity



**“...for the JOY set before Him,
Jesus endured the cross,
scorning the shame...”
(Hebrews 12:2)**

- **The JOY of providing a way by which man can be saved.**
- **The JOY of fulfilling His purpose on earth.**
- **The JOY of returning home to the Father.**

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Joy in Adversity



Paul Rejoices In Prison

“The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed in us.”

Romans 8:18

A painting of an elderly man with a long white beard, looking upwards with a contemplative expression. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting his face against a dark background.

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

– Philipians 4:4

Joy

Joy of Freedom



**There is great joy in the
freedom from sin:**

**Joy on earth.
Psalm 51:12**

**Joy in heaven.
Luke 15:7**



**I WILL
REJOICE IN
THE LORD
I WILL
BE JOYFUL
IN GOD
MY SAVIOR.**

HABAKKUK 3:18

 **JESUS CALLS**
FOR THE WORLD

Joy

Conclusion



CONCLUSION

1. The joy of the Lord is available to all through:

- a. Faith in Christ
- b. Obedience to His Will
- c. Forgiveness through His blood
- d. Fellowship with His disciples
- e. Service in His Kingdom

“The joy of the Lord is your strength”

Nehemiah 8:10