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Galatians 5:22-23

Joy reflects the character of God

A lack of joy invites sin

A lack of joy damages our testimony

"I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ, the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11)

a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)

"In that hour **Jesus rejoiced** in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and the learned and revealed them to babes" (Luke 10:21)

"These things I have spoken to you, that **My joy** may remain in you, and that your joy may be full." (John 15:11)

"But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have **My joy** fulfilled in themselves." (John 17:13)

Joy comes from a relationship with the Lord

"Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." (Luke 10:20)

Joy comes from a relationship with the Lord

"Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him." (Psalm 32:1-2)

"fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind" (Phil. 2:2)

"For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. How can we thank God enough for you in return **for all the joy we** have in the presence of our God because of you?" (1 Thess. 3:8-9)

"For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For you are our glory and joy" (1 Thess. 2:19-20)

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth" (3 John 1:4)

Joy comes from working with the Lord

⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, **that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full**. (John 15:8–11)

Joy comes from going to the Lord

² Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, **who for the joy** set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)

Joy comes from going to the Lord

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith— of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls (1 Peter 1:6-9).

What a song of delight in that city so bright will be wafted 'neath heaven's fair dome; how the ransomed will raise happy songs in his praise. When all of God's singers get home.

As we sing here on Earth songs of sadness or mirth 'tis a foretaste of rapture to come; but our joy can't compare with he glory up there when all of God's singers get home;

Having overcome sin hallelujah amen will be heard in that land 'er the foam; every heart will be light and each face will be bright when all of God's singers get home

When all of God's singers get home, where never a sorrow will come there'll be no place like heaven my home when all of God's singers get home

When All of God's Singers Get Home

¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and **joy** in the Holy Spirit, (Romans 14:17)

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all **joy** and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)