

Philippians – the Letter of Joy

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Happiness = an emotion that is not _____ or programmed; It is experienced when circumstances are _____, therefore, it is _____.

Joy = a deep and abiding _____ that, regardless of one's circumstances in life, all is _____ between the believer and the Lord

"Rejoice" appears _____ times in the New Testament. Joy appears _____ times. These two words appear _____ times in the book of Philippians.

Biblical theology of joy:

1. It comes from God. Ps. 16:11 "In Your _____ is fullness of joy."

2. God grants joy to those who believe the _____.

Luke 2:10-11 - "I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all people..."

John 15:11 – "These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be made _____." - Jesus

3. Joy is produced by the _____ _____.

Rom. 14:17 – "For the kingdom of God is not eating or drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

Gal. 5:22-23 – "The fruit of the Spirit is love, Joy, peace..."

4. Joy is experienced most fully as believers _____ and _____ God's Word.

Jer. 15:16 – "Your words became for me a joy..."

1 John 1:4 – "...that your joy may be made complete."

5. Believers' joy is deepened through _____.

1 Thess. 1:6 _____

2 Cor. 6:10 _____

James 1:2 _____

1 Peter 1:3-6 _____

6. Our joy is made complete when we set our _____ on the glory of Christ's revelation.

1 Peter 1:8 _____

1 Peter 4:13 _____

Jude 24-25 _____

Elements of Joy:

1. The Joy of _____ (1:3)

2. The Joy of _____ (1:4)

3. The Joy of _____ (1:5)

Koinonia (participation) has the root meaning of sharing something in _____. It is sometimes translated " _____ " or "communion".

4. The Joy of _____ (1:6)

Epiteleo (to perfect) = from *teleo* (to complete) and the preposition *epe*, which intensifies the meaning

5. The Joy of _____ (1:7-8)

What robs believers of biblical joy?

1. False _____

2. _____ the Lord (Ps. 103:2)

3. _____ (Ps. 51:12)

4. Focusing on _____ (John 14:27)

5. _____ (1 Thess. 5:18)

6. Living by uncontrolled _____ instead of by the Spirit

7. Unwillingness to accept God's _____ (Ps. 103:12; 1 John 1:9)

Because joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, believers can always be _____.