

GOD CREATED US FOR JOY!

And be not grieved and depressed, for the **joy** of the Lord is your strength and stronghold. *Nehemiah 8:10b (AMP)*

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of rules about food and drink, but is in the realm of the Holy Spirit, filled with righteousness, peace, and **joy**. *Romans 14:17 (TPT)*

For you shall go out [from the spiritual exile caused by sin and evil into the homeland] with **joy** and be led forth [by your Leader, the Lord Himself, and His word] with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. *Isaiah 55:12 (AMP)*

I will jump for **joy** and shout in triumph as I sing your song and make music for the Most High God. *Psalms 9:2 (TPT)*

JOY gave Jesus His Strength:

We look away from the natural realm and we fasten our gaze onto Jesus who birthed faith within us and who leads us forward into faith's perfection. His example is this: Because his heart was focused on the **joy** of knowing that you would be his, he endured the agony of the cross and conquered its humiliation, and now sits exalted at the right hand of the throne of God! *Hebrews 12:2 (TPT)*

JOY is why Jesus Spoke to Us:

My purpose for telling you these things is so that the joy that I experience will fill your hearts with overflowing gladness! *John 15:11 (TPT)*

We complete Jesus' JOY and We are to be Filled with that JOY:

But let them all be glad, those who turn aside to hide themselves in you. May they keep shouting for **joy** forever! Overshadow them in your presence as they sing and rejoice. Then every lover of your name will burst forth with endless **joy**. Lord, how wonderfully you bless the righteous. Your favor wraps around each one and covers the under your canopy of kindness and **joy**. *Psalms 5:11-12 (TPT)*

Until now you've not been bold enough to ask the Father for a single thing in my name, but now you can ask, and keep on asking him! And you can be sure that you'll receive what you ask for, and your **joy** will have no limits! *John 16:24 (TPT)*

JOY is the youngest emotion:

The moment you came in the door and greeted me, my baby danced inside me with ecstatic **joy**! *Luke 1:44 (TPT)*

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JOY is why Scriptures were written:

We are writing these things to you because we want to release to you our fullness of **joy**. *1 John 1:4 (TPT)*

We are each other's JOY!

For what will be our *confident* hope, our *exhilarating* joy, or our *wonderful* trophy that we will boast in before our Lord Jesus at his appearing? It is you! Yes, you are our glorious *pride and joy!* *1 Thess. 2:19-20 (TPT)*

It's no wonder I pray with such confidence, since you have a permanent place in my heart! You have remained partners with me in the wonderful grace *of God* even though I'm here in chains for standing up for the truth of the gospel. *Phil 1:7 (TPT)*

JOY characterized His disciples:

They left the new converts in Antioch overflowing with the **joy** of the Holy Spirit. *Acts 13:52 (TPT)*

Now may God, the inspiration and fountain of hope, fill you to overflowing with uncontainable **joy** and perfect peace as you trust in him. And may the power of the Holy Spirit continually surround your life with his super-abundance until you radiate with hope! *Romans 15:13 (TPT)*

JOY and God's Face

For you have revealed to me the pathways to life, and seeing your face fills me with euphoria! *Acts 2:28 (TPT)*

Gaze upon him, join your life with his, and **joy** will come. Your faces will glisten with glory. You'll never wear that shame-face again. *Psalms 34:5 (TPT)*

O God, my saving God, deliver me fully from every sin, even the sin that brought bloodguilt. Then my heart will once again be thrilled to sing the passionate songs of **joy** and deliverance! Lord God, unlock my heart, unlock my lips, and I will overcome with my joyous praise! *Psalms 51:14-15 (TPT)*

So listen, my sons and daughters, to everything I tell you, for nothing will bring you more **joy** than following my ways. *Proverbs 8:32 (TPT)*

A **joyful**, cheerful heart brings healing to both body and soul. But the one whose heart is crushed struggles with sickness and depression. *Proverbs 17:22 (TPT)*