

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS “JOY”

1. **Galatians 5:22:** *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.*
2. **Romans 14:17:** *For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*
3. **Romans 15:13:** *Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.*
4. **1 Thessalonians 1:6:** *And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the Word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost.*
5. **Acts 13:52:** *And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.*



SUBJECT: HOLY GHOST JOY

QUESTION: Since Joy comes with our salvation, why is this second helping by the Holy Ghost provided?

ANSWER: Because of the lost Joy amongst God's people

David's prayer:

Psalms 51:12: Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

Salvation's Joy

1. **Isaiah 61:10:** *I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.*

2. **Isaiah 12:2:** *Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation.*

3. **Luke 2:10-11:**

¹⁰ *And the Angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*

¹¹ *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."*

4. **Acts 8:6-8:**

⁶ *And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.*

⁷ *For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.*

⁸ *And there was great joy in that city.*

5. **Acts 8:39:** *And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he [the eunuch] went on his way rejoicing.*



Joy is very much a necessary part of our salvation experience. That is how we got started out. We read in **Acts 16:34** about the Philippian jailer when he got saved and baptized, he rejoiced believing in God, along with his entire house.

Acts 16:34: *And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.*

Some Christians look like . . .

1. they were weaned on a dill pickle barrel
2. they took a bath in vinegar
3. they have been sucking on a lemon



Maybe, some of you have been camping around:

Ecclesiastes 7:3: Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.

Personally, I think we need to get much more around the Lord Jesus, who said:



1. ***John 15:11: "These things have I spoken unto you, that My Joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."***
2. ***John 16:20: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy."***
3. ***1 Peter 1:8: Whom having not seen, ye love; in Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of Glory.***
4. ***1 Peter 4:13: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His Glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.***
5. ***Jude 24: Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His Glory with exceeding joy.***
6. ***Revelation 19:7: Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His Wife hath made herself ready.***
7. ***Isaiah 35:10: And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.***
8. ***Psalms 89:15: Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance.***

9. *Isaiah 64:5: Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember Thee in Thy ways: behold, Thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved.*

10. *Psalms 16:11: Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in Thy Presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right Hand there are pleasures for evermore.*

I believe in a salvation which makes people happy, joyful and produces laughter, and also a smile on the face.



11. *Psalms 105:3: Glory ye in His Holy Name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.*

12. *Proverbs 16:20: He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he.*

13. *Psalms 32:11: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.*

14. *Psalms 19:8: The Statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the Commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.*

15. *Psalms 119:162: I rejoice at Thy Word, as one that findeth great spoil.*

16. *Jeremiah 15:16: Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by Thy Name, O Lord God of Hosts.*

17. *Psalms 144:15: Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.*

Note:

1. True happiness is not found in what we have, but in what we are.
2. Happiness is not having what we want, but in wanting what we have.

3. Sin is a destroyer of Christian joy.

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