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Jesus, our Joy, part 1

**‘These things I have spoken to you,
that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full’**

John 15:11

Joy

- † Joy is different from happiness. Happiness is a feeling one gets after achieving victory like winning a game, being promoted and others**
- † Joy, on the other hand, is unaffected by circumstances**
- † Joy is deep**
- † Joy is stable**
- † It is a settled state of contentment, confidence and hope**

Christ is the source of our Joy (Jn 15:1-17)

- † God, Whom Heaven and earth cannot contain, descended to earth (1 Kgs 8:27)**
- † took our flesh (Jn 1:14)**
- † carried our sins on the Cross (1 Pt 2:24; 1 Jn 2:2)**
- † saved us (Mt 1:21; Jn 3:16)**
- † gave us freedom and eternal life (Jn 8:36; 10:28)**
- † He promised to stay forever with us (Mt 28:20)**
- † He even gave us His own Spirit to dwell in us (Jn 14:16)**
- † sanctifying us, to become His Temple on earth (2 Cor 5:17; 1 Cor 3:16)**
- † and leading us to Heaven to live with Him eternally (Jn 10:28)**

Christ is our Joy

- † ‘One filled with the Joy preaches without preaching’ Mother Teresa**
- † ‘For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy’ Lk 1:44**

Paul and Silas rejoiced in the Lord in all circumstances (Acts 16:16-40)

- † Paul and Silas got into a lot of trouble simply because they were not satisfied to remain private in their proclamation**

† Joy overcomes every fear. *‘So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word’ Mt 28:8*

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thes 5:16-18)

† *‘For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus’ Phil 1:6*

† *‘For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain’ Phil 1:21*

† *‘fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind’ Phil 2:2*

† *‘Do all things without complaining and disputing’ Phil 2:14*

† *‘forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus’ Phil 3:13a-14*

† *‘Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!’ Phil 4:4*

We cannot but rejoice knowing that our Heavenly Father cares for us and provides for all our needs

Bibliography

Unless otherwise noted, all Biblical passages referenced are from the New King James Version

Legend

 Refers to mandatory readings

Verse to memorize

‘Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice’ Philippians 4:4

In my Prayer and Faith Autobiography Book

God acts

† God gave me His Joy and His Spirit

My reaction

† Am I looking for Joy in union with Jesus?

† Does my happiness come from worldly matters?

During the coming week, let us pray expectantly

- 1. seeking the Lord's will to be done in Lebanon**
- 2. for CrossTalk to find a locale**
- 3. for David, Gisele, Habib and Karim**
- 4. to become more of saints and less of sinners**
- 5. to seek the Lord in every word I say, every act I do and every thought I think**
- 6. to help in building His Kingdom by building His Church on earth**
- 7. to deny ourselves, carry our cross and follow Him**
- 8. to thank Him for creating us and each one around us, on His image and likeness, and choosing us to reveal His splendor**
- 9. to all the sick**
- 10. to all those in prison**
- 11. to the unity of the Christians**
- 12. to one another to be honest and not lack integrity**
- 13. to put all that we have in the Lord's hands trusting His management**
- 14. to all the Christians who are being persecuted, and to those who are persecuting them**
- 15. to all families, that the Lord unites the parents together in His Name and stops all fights**
- 16. to the situation in Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Iraq and the whole region**

During this coming week, we will lift the Protestant Church in prayer

قانون الايمان
نحن نؤمن بالله واحد
اب قادر على كل شيء
خالق السماء والارض
وكل ما يرى وما لا يرى
وبرب واحد يسوع المسيح، ابن الله الوحيد
المولود من الاب قبل كل الدهور
إله من إله، نور من نور، إله حق من إله حق
مولود غير مخلوق
ذو جوهر واحد مع الاب
هو الذي به كان كل شيء
الذي من أجلنا نحن البشر ومن أجل خلاصنا
نزل من السماء
وتجسد بالروح القدس من مريم العذراء وصار
إنساناً
وصليب عنا على عهد بيلاطس البنطي
وتألم وقبر
وقام أيضاً في اليوم الثالث حسب الكتب
وصعد إلى السماء
وهو جالس عن يمين الاب
وسيتأتي أيضاً بمجد
ليدين الأحياء والأموات
الذي ليس لملكه نهاية
ونؤمن بالروح القدس
الرب المحيي
المنبثق من الاب والابن
المسجود له والممجد مع الاب والابن
الذي تكلم بالأنبياء
ونعتقد بكنيسة واحدة، مقدسة، جامعة، رسولية
ونعترف بمعمودية واحدة لمغفرة الخطايا
وننتظر قيامة الموتى وحياة الدهر الآتي
أمين

الصلاة الربانية

أبانا الذي في السموات
ليتقدس اسمك
ليأت ملكوتك
ليتكُن مشيئتك
كما في السماء
كذلك على الأرض
خُبرنا كفافنا أعطنا اليوم
واغفر لنا ذنوبنا
كما تغفر نحن أيضاً
للمذنبين إلينا
ولا ندخلنا في تجربة
لكن نجنا من الشرير
لأن لك الملك والقوة والمجد
إلى الأبد
أمين