

GOD'S LOVE, JOY, PEACE

GOD PROVIDED A GREAT JOY BY SENDING HIS SON TO DIE FOR MAN'S SINS

The angel said to *the shepherds*, "I bring you **good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people** (Jews & Gentiles); for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10,11

And when *the magi* saw the star, they **rejoiced exceedingly with great joy**. And they came into the house and saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell down and worshiped Him; and opening their treasures they presented to Him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:10,11

THE JOY OF GOD & HEAVEN:

Hebrews 12:2b Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who **for the joy set before Him endured the cross**, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Luke 15:7b *Jesus said*, "I tell you there will be **more joy in heaven** over one sinner who repents, ...
10b there is **joy in the presence of the angels of God** over one sinner who repents."

THE GREAT JOY OF THE REDEEMED:

Psalms 16:11 Thou wilt make known to me the path of life; **in Thy presence is fullness of joy**; in Thy right hand there are pleasures forever.

Psalms 51:12 *David after confessing his sin prayed*, "**Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation**"

Psalms 63:5 My soul is satisfied ... 6 When I remember Thee on my bed, I meditate on Thee in the night watches, 7 For Thou hast been my help, And in the shadow of Thy wings **I sing for joy**. 8 My soul clings to Thee; Thy right hand upholds me.

John 15:10 "Keep My commandments & you will abide in My love; ... 11 These things I have spoken to you, that **My joy may be in you**, and that **your joy may be made full**." (Joy of God's Fellowship)

John 16:22 *Jesus said about His return*, "Therefore you too now have sorrow; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and **no one takes your joy away from you**." (Joy in reunion!)

John 16:24 *Jesus said concerning prayer*, "Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask, and you will receive, that **your joy may be made full**." (Joy from powerful new prayer format)

John 17:12 *Jesus prayed*, "While I was with them, I was keeping them in Thy name ... and I guarded them, ... 13 But now I come to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that **they may have My joy made full in themselves**." (Joy from understanding our Savior's new intercessory role)

Acts 13:52 And the disciples were continually **filled with joy** and with the Holy Spirit. (After rejection)

Romans 14:17 The kingdom of God is ... righteousness, peace and **joy in the Holy Spirit**. (Perspective)

Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope **fill you with all joy and peace in believing**, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

James 1:2 **Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials**, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. (Rejoice; let God grow/mold you in these trials!)

1 Peter 1:6 **In your salvation you greatly rejoice**, even though now for a little while ... you have been distressed by various trials, 7 that the proof of your faith, ... may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 8c **you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible** and full of glory, 9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and **to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy**, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24,25