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THE JOY OF THE LORD

INTRODUCTION

(Phil. 4:4) "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, Rejoice."

God definitely wants us to be joyous (happy): (James 1:2) "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials" so, where's the joy? (v3) "**knowing** that the testing of your faith **produces patience.**"

Joy is a by-product, a consequence, a result of a completed task or being in a right relationship.

(Psalm 28:7) "the Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; **therefore**, my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him."

(Psalm 5:11-12) "Let all those rejoice who put their trust in You ... "

JOY IS THE RESULT OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. SALVATION - (Psalm 21:1) "... and in Your salvation **how greatly shall he rejoice.**"

(Psalm 35:9) "My soul shall be joyful in the Lord; it shall **rejoice in His salvation**"

(Romans 5:11) "but we also **rejoice in God** through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have now **received the reconciliation.**"

2. BELIEVING - (1 Peter 1:3 - 9) "... begotten us again to a living hope ... to an inheritance ... who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ... in this you greatly rejoice ... **yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible ... the salvation of your souls.**"

3. (Luke 10:20) "... REJOICE BECAUSE YOUR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN"

(Revelation 20:12, v15)

4. BEING IN THE KINGDOM (CHURCH)

(Romans 14:17) "**for the kingdom of God** is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and joy in the Holy Spirit."

Jesus defined entrance into the kingdom: (John 3:3 - 7) "you must be born again"

5. HOPE - (Romans 12:12) "rejoicing in hope ... "

6. HEAVEN - (Matthew 25:23) "The Lord said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant ... **Enter into the joy of your Lord.**"

(Psalm 30:5) "Weeping may endure for a night; but joy comes in the morning"

(Psalm 126:5) "Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy."

Joy here and a greater joy hereafter.