

Significance of the Cross...

The authors of the gospels tell us that the Lord Jesus spoke of the cross before His death (**Matt. 10:38; Mark 10:21; Luke 14:27**) as a symbol of the necessity of full commitment (even unto death) for those who would be His disciples. But the major significance of the cross after Jesus' death and resurrection is its use as a symbol of Jesus' willingness to suffer for our sins (**Phil. 2:8; Heb. 12:2**) so that we might be reconciled (**2 Cor. 5:19; Col. 1:20**) to God and know His peace (**Eph. 2:16**).

Thus the cross symbolizes the glory of the Christian gospel (**1 Cor. 1:17**): the fact that through this offensive means of death (**1 Cor. 1:23; Gal. 5:11**), the debt of sin against us was "nailed to the cross" (**Col. 2:14**), and we, having "been crucified with Christ" (**Gal. 2:20**), have been freed from sin and death and made alive to God (**Rom. 6:6-11**).

The cross, then, is the symbol of **Jesus' love, God's power to save**, and the thankful believer's unreserved commitment to Christian discipleship. To those who know the salvation that Christ gained for us through His death, it is a "wondrous cross" indeed.

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DIRECT BIBLE EXTRACTS



Joy

The Holy Bible,
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Nelson, Inc.) 1982.

This booklet has been compiled from the new Topical Textbook, and the Bible extracts taken from the references mentioned in the Bible. I hope that this may become easier for you to find out His message relating to the this Topic directly from the Bible, and how you could apply this to your personal life according to the world around you and your own circumstances.

Believing in the message and without doubt, one begins to realize how from the beginning of the Bible until the end, God does give us the same message, and no matter how we try to interpret it, the essence and core of our explanation comes directly from the His Word.

We will miss out on the issues relating to these extracts but I trust that these extracts will lead you to further study these circumstances and story leading to these messages.

This has been my Way of discovery, from my own personal decision to find out more about my Creator and what He wants of me. Through His Word He has revealed many insights that have excited me to keep searching for more, and this has now become a daily habit for me.

Best wishes in your discovery, through your own personal commitment!

Enjoy your Day!

...through Jesus Christ our saviour!

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JOY — a positive attitude or pleasant emotion; delight. Many kinds of joy are reported in the Bible. Even the wicked are said to experience joy in their triumphs over the righteous (**1 Cor. 13:6; Rev. 11:10**). Many levels of joy are also described, including gladness, contentment, and cheerfulness.

But the joy that the people of God should have is holy and pure. This joy rises above circumstances and focuses on the very character of God. For example, the **psalmist** rejoices over God's righteousness (**71:14–16**), salvation (**21:1; 71:23**), mercy (**31:7**), creation (**148:5**), word (**119:14, 162**), and faithfulness (**33:1–6**). God's characteristics as well as His acts are the cause of rejoicing.

The joy required of the righteous person (**Ps. 150; Phil. 4:4**) is produced by the Spirit of God (**Gal. 5:22**). This kind of joy looks beyond the present to our future salvation (**Rom. 5:2; 8:18; 1 Pet. 1:4, 6**) and to our sovereign God, who works out all things for our ultimate good, which is Christlikeness (**Rom. 8:28–30**). This kind of joy is distinct from mere happiness. Joy like this is possible, even in the midst of sorrow (**1 Cor. 12:26; 2 Cor. 6:10; 7:4**).

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ENJOY

A. Verb.

tunchano (5177), used transitively, denotes “to hit upon, meet with”; then, “to reach, get, obtain”; it is translated “enjoy” (i.e., obtain to our satisfaction) in Acts 24:2. (See CHANCE, COMMON, *Note* (3), OBTAIN.)

B. Noun.

apolausis (619), “enjoyment” (from *apolauo*, “to take hold of, enjoy a thing”), suggests the advantage or pleasure to be obtained from a thing (from a root, *lab*—seen in *lambano*, “to obtain”); it is used with the preposition *eis*, in 1 Tim. 6:17, lit., “unto enjoyment,” rendered “to enjoy”; with *echo*, “to have,” in Heb. 11:25, lit., “to have pleasure (of sin),” translated “to enjoy the pleasures.” (See PLEASURE)

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Joy.

1. God gives. **Ec 2:26; Ps 4:7.**
2. Christ appointed to give. **Isa 61:3.**
3. Is a fruit of the Spirit. **Ga 5:22.**
4. The gospel, good tidings of. **Lu 2:10, 11.**
5. God’s word affords. **Ne 8:12; Jer 15:16.**
6. The gospel to be received with. **1Th 1:6.**
7. Promised to saints. **Ps 132:16; Isa 35:10; 55:12; 56:7.**
8. Prepared for saints. **Ps 97:11.**
9. Enjoined to saints. **Ps 32:11; Php 3:1.**
10. Fulness of, in God’s presence. **Ps 16:11.**
11. Vanity of seeking, from earthly things. **Ec 2:10, 11; 11:8.**
12. Experienced by
 - a. Believers. **Lu 24:52; Ac 16:34.**
 - b. Peace-makers. **Pr 12:20.**
 - c. The just. **Pr 21:15.**
 - d. The wise, and discreet. **Pr 15:23.**
 - e. Parents of good children. **Pr 23:24.**
13. Increased to the meek. **Isa 29:19.**
14. Of saints is
 - a. In God. **Ps 89:16; 149:2; Hab 3:18; Ro 5:11.**
 - b. In Christ. **Lu 1:47; Php 3:3.**
 - c. In the Holy Spirit. **Ro 14:17.**
 - d. For election. **Lu 10:20.**
 - e. For salvation. **Ps 21:1; Isa 61:10.**
 - f. For deliverance from bondage. **Ps 105:43; Jer 31:10-13.**
 - g. For manifestation of goodness. **2Ch 7:10.**
 - h. For temporal blessings. **Joe 2:23, 24.**
 - i. For supplies of grace. **Isa 12:3.**
 - j. For divine protection. **Ps 5:11; 16:8, 9.**
 - k. For divine support. **Ps 28:7; 63:7.**
 - l. For the victory of Christ. **Joh 16:33.**
 - m. For the hope of glory. **Ro 5:2.**
 - n. For the success of the gospel. **Ac 15:3.**

15. **Of saints should be**
 - a. Great. **Zec 9:9; Ac 8:8.**
 - b. Abundant. **2Co 8:2.**
 - c. Exceeding. **Ps 21:6; 68:3.**
 - d. Animated. **Ps 32:11; Lu 6:23.**
 - e. Unspeakable. **1Pe 1:8.**
 - f. Full of glory. **1Pe 1:8.**
 - g. Constant. **2Co 6:10; Php 4:4.**
 - h. For evermore. **1Th 5:16.**
 - i. With awe. **Ps 2:11.**
 - j. In hope. **Ro 12:12.**
 - k. In sorrow. **2Co 6:10.**
 - l. Under trials. **Jas 1:2; 1Pe 1:6.**
 - m. Under persecutions. **Mt 5:11,12; Lu 6:22,23; Heb 10:34.**
 - n. Under calamities. **Hab 3:17,18.**
 - o. Expressed in hymns. **Eph 5:19; Jas 5:13.**
16. Afflictions of saints succeeded by. **Ps 30:5; 126:5; Isa 35:10; Joh 16:20.**
17. Pray for restoration of. **Ps 51:8,12; 85:6.**
18. Promote, in the afflicted. **Job 29:13.**
19. **Of saints, made full by**
 - a. The favour of God. **Ac 2:28.**
 - b. Faith in Christ. **Ro 15:13.**
 - c. Abiding in Christ. **Joh 15:10,11.**
 - d. The word of Christ. **Joh 17:13.**
 - e. Answers to prayer. **Joh 16:24.**
 - f. Communion of saints. **2Ti 1:4; 1Jo 1:3,4; 2Jo 1:12.**
20. Saints should afford, to their minsters. **Php 2:2; Phm 1:20.**
21. **Ministers should**
 - a. Esteem their people as their. **Php 4:1; 1Th 2:20.**
 - b. Promote, in their people. **2Co 1:24; Php 1:25.**
 - c. Pray for, for their people. **Ro 15:13.**
 - d. Have, in the faith and holiness of their people.

... Zacchaeus

Luke 19:6

⁶So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.

... Coverts

Acts 2:46

⁴⁶So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

... Peter & co.

Acts 5:41

⁴¹So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

... Samaritans

Acts 8:8

⁸And there was great joy in that city.

... Jailor

Acts 16:34

³⁴Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

Holy-Exemplified . . .

. . . Hannah

1 Samuel 2:1

¹And Hannah prayed and said:
 “My heart rejoices in the LORD;
 My horn is exalted in the LORD.
 I smile at my enemies,
 Because I rejoice in Your salvation.

. . . David

1 Chronicles 29:9

⁹ Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the LORD; and King David also rejoiced greatly.

. . . Wise men

Matthew 2:10

¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

. . . The Virgin Mary

Luke 1:47

⁴⁷And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

- 2Co 7:4; 1Th 3:9; 3Jo 1:4.
- e. Come to their people with. **Ro 15:32.**
- f. Finish their course with. **Ac 20:24.**
- g. Desire to render an account with. **Php 2:16; Heb 13:17.**
- 22. Serve God with. **Ps 100:2.**
- 23. Liberality in God’s service should cause. **1Ch 29:9,17.**
- 24. Is strengthening to saints. **Ne 8:10.**
- 25. Saints should engage in all religious services with. **Ezr 6:22; Ps 42:4.**
- 26. Saints should have, in all their undertakings. **De 12:18.**
- 27. Saints shall be presented to God with exceeding. **1Pe 4:13; Jude 1:24.**
- 28. The coming of Christ will afford to saints, exceeding. **1Pe 4:13.**
- 29. Shall be the final reward of saints at the judgment day. **Mt 25:21.**
- 30. **Of the wicked**
 - a. Is derived from earthly pleasures. **Ec 2:10; 11:9.**
 - b. Is derived from folly. **Pr 15:21.**
 - c. Is delusive. **Pr 14:13.**
 - d. Is short-lived. **Job 20:5; Ec 7:6.**
 - e. Should be turned into mourning. **Jas 4:9.**
 - f. Shall be taken away. **Isa 16:10.**
- 31. Holy-Illustrated. **Isa 9:3; Mt 13:44.**
- 32. **Holy-Exemplified**
 - a. Hannah. **1Sa 2:1.**
 - b. David. **1Ch 29:9.**
 - c. Wise men. **Mt 2:10.**
 - d. The Virgin Mary. **Lu 1:47.**
 - e. Zacchaeus. **Lu 19:6.**
 - f. Converts. **Ac 2:46; 13:52.**
 - g. Peter, &c. **Ac 5:41.**
 - h. Samaritans. **Ac 8:8.**
 - i. Jailor. **Ac 16:34.**

God gives

Ecclesiastes 2:26

²⁶For God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who *is* good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, that he may give to *him who is* good before God. This also *is* vanity and grasping for the wind.

Psalms 4:7

⁷You have put gladness in my heart, More than in the season that their grain and wine increased.

Christ appointed to give

Isaiah 61:3

³ To console those who mourn in Zion,
To give them beauty for ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
That they may be called trees of righteousness,
The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.”

Is a fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

... should be turned into mourning

James 4:9

⁹Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and *your* joy to gloom.

... shall be taken away

Isaiah 16:10

¹⁰ Gladness is taken away,
And joy from the plentiful field;
In the vineyards there will be no singing,
Nor will there be shouting;
No treaders will tread out wine in the presses;
I have made their shouting cease.

Holy-Illustrated

Isaiah 9:3

³You have multiplied the nation
And increased its joy;
They rejoice before You
According to the joy of harvest,
As *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil.

Matthew 13:44

⁴⁴“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

And in the sight of your eyes;
But know that for all these
God will bring you into judgment.

... is derived from folly

Proverbs 15:21

²¹Folly is joy to him who is destitute of discernment,
But a man of understanding walks uprightly.

... is delusive

Proverbs 14:13

¹³Even in laughter the heart may sorrow,
And the end of mirth *may be* grief.

... is short-lived

Job 20:5

⁵That the triumphing of the wicked is short,
And the joy of the hypocrite is *but* for a moment?

Ecclesiastes 7:6

⁶For like the crackling of thorns under a pot,
So is the laughter of the fool.
This also is vanity.

The Gospel, good tidings of

Luke 2:10,11

¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.¹¹ “For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

God’s word affords

Nehemiah 8:12

¹²And all the people went their way to eat and drink, to send portions and rejoice greatly, because they understood the words that were declared to them.

Jeremiah 15:16

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart;
For I am called by Your name,
O LORD God of hosts.

The gospel to be received with

1 Thessalonians 1:6

⁶ And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,

Promised to saints

Psalm 132:16

¹⁶ I will also clothe her priests with salvation,
And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

Isaiah 35:10

¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
And come to Zion with singing,
With everlasting joy on their heads.
They shall obtain joy and gladness,
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 55:12

¹²“For you shall go out with joy,
And be led out with peace;
The mountains and the hills
Shall break forth into singing before you,
And all the trees of the field shall clap *their*
hands.

Isaiah 56:7

⁷Even them I will bring to My holy mountain,
And make them joyful in My house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
Will be accepted on My altar;
For My house shall be called a house of prayer
for all nations.”

Saints shall be presented to God with exceeding

1 Peter 4:13

¹³ but rejoice to the extent that you partake of
Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is
revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding
joy.

Shall be the final reward of saints at the judgement day

Matthew 25:21

²¹ “His lord said to him, ‘*Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.*’

Of the wicked . . .

. . . is derived from earthly pleasures

Ecclesiastes 2:10

¹⁰ Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep
from them. I did not withhold my heart from
any pleasure,
For my heart rejoiced in all my labor;
And this was my reward from all my labor.

Ecclesiastes 11:9

⁹ Rejoice, O young man, in your youth,
And let your heart cheer you in the days of
your youth;
Walk in the ways of your heart,

day is holy to our LORD. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Saints should engage in all religious services with

Ezra 6:22

²²And they kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy; for the LORD made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria toward them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

Psalms 42:4

⁴When I remember these *things*,
I pour out my soul within me.
For I used to go with the multitude;
I went with them to the house of God,
With the voice of joy and praise,
With a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast.

Saints should have, in all their undertakings

Deuteronomy 12:18

¹⁸ “But you must eat them before the LORD your God in the place which the LORD your God chooses, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, and the Levite who *is* within your gates; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God in all to which you put your hands.

Prepared for saints

Psalms 97:11

¹¹ Light is sown for the righteous,
And gladness for the upright in heart.

Enjoined to saints

Psalms 32:11

¹¹Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous;
And shout for joy, all *you* upright in heart!

Philippians 3:1

¹Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you *is* not tedious, but for you *it is* safe.

Fulness of, in God’s presence

Psalms 16:11

¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
In Your presence *is* fullness of joy;
At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.

Vanity of seeking, from earthly things

Ecclesiastes 2:10,11

¹⁰ Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure,
For my heart rejoiced in all my labor;
And this was my reward from all my labor.

¹¹ Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done
And on the labor in which I had toiled;
And indeed all *was* vanity and grasping for the wind.
There was no profit under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 11:8

⁸ But if a man lives many years
And rejoices in them all,
Yet let him remember the days of darkness,
For they will be many.
All that is coming *is* vanity.

Experienced by . . .

. . . Believers

Luke 24:52

⁵²And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

Acts 16:34

³⁴Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

. . . Peace-makers

Proverbs 12:20

²⁰ Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, But counselors of peace have joy.

Hebrews 13:17

¹⁷Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

Serve God with

Psalms 100:2

² Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come before His presence with singing.

Liberality in God's service should cause

1 Chronicles 29:9,17

⁹Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the LORD; and King David also rejoiced greatly.

¹⁷"I know also, my God, that You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these *things*; and now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here to offer willingly to You.

Is strengthening to saints

Nehemiah 8:10

¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for *this*

1 *Thessalonians 3:9*

⁹For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God,

3 *John 1:4*

⁴I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

... Come to their people with

Romans 15:32

³²that I may come to you with joy by the will of God, and may be refreshed together with you.

... Finish their course with

Acts 20:24

²⁴“But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

... Desire to render an account with

Philippians 2:16

¹⁶holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

... The just

Proverbs 21:15

¹⁵ *It is a joy for the just to do justice, But destruction will come to the workers of iniquity.*

... The wise, and discreet

Proverbs 15:23

²³A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word *spoken* in due season, how good *it is!*

... Parents of good children

Proverbs 23:24

²⁴The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, And he who begets a wise *child* will delight in him.

Increased to the meek

Isaiah 29:19

¹⁹ The humble also shall increase *their* joy in the LORD, And the poor among men shall rejoice In the Holy One of Israel.

Of saints is . . .

. . . in God

Psalm 89:16

¹⁶In Your name they rejoice all day long,
And in Your righteousness they are exalted.

Psalm 149:2

²Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Habakkuk 3:18

¹⁸Yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Romans 5:11

¹¹And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

. . . in Christ

Luke 1:47

⁴⁷And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

Philippians 3:3

³For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,

1 Thessalonians 2:20

²⁰For you are our glory and joy.

. . . promote, in their people

2 Corinthians 1:24

²⁴Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand.

Philippians 1:25

²⁵And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith,

. . . Pray for, for their people

Romans 15:13

¹³Now 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.

. . . Have, in the faith and holiness of their people

2 Corinthians 7:4

⁴Great *is* my boldness of speech toward you, great *is* my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation.

1 John 1:3,4

³ that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

2 John 1:12

¹² Having many things to write to you, I did not wish *to do so* with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.

Saints should afford, to their ministers

Philippians 2:2

² fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

Philemon 1:20

²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in the Lord.

Ministers should . . .

. . . esteem their people as their

Philippians 4:1

¹ Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

. . . in the Holy Spirit

Romans 14:17

¹⁷ for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

. . . for election

Luke 10:20

²⁰ **“Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”**

. . . For salvation

Psalms 21:1

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

¹ The king shall have joy in Your strength, O LORD;
And in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

Isaiah 61:10

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
My soul shall be joyful in my God;
For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
As a bridegroom decks *himself* with ornaments,
And as a bride adorns *herself* with her jewels.

... For deliverance from bondage

Psalm 105:43

⁴³ He brought out His people with joy,
His chosen ones with gladness.

Jeremiah 31:10-13

¹⁰“Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
And declare *it* in the isles afar off, and say,
‘He who scattered Israel will gather him,
And keep him as a shepherd *does* his flock.’

¹¹For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,
And ransomed him from the hand of one
stronger than he.

¹²Therefore they shall come and sing in the
height of Zion,
Streaming to the goodness of the LORD—
For wheat and new wine and oil,
For the young of the flock and the herd;
Their souls shall be like a well-watered
garden,
And they shall sorrow no more at all.

¹³“Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance,
And the young men and the old, together;
For I will turn their mourning to joy,
Will comfort them,
And make them rejoice rather than sorrow.

... For manifestation of goodness

2 Chronicles 7:10

¹⁰ On the twenty-third day of the seventh
month he sent the people away to their tents,

... Abiding in Christ

John 15:10,11

¹⁰ “If you keep My commandments, you will
abide in My love, just as I have kept My
Father’s commandments and abide in His
love. ¹¹ “These things I have spoken to you,
that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your
joy may be full.

... the Word of Christ

John 17:13

¹³ “But now I come to You, and these things I
speak in the world, that they may have My
joy fulfilled in themselves.

... Answers to Prayer

John 16:24

²⁴ “Until now you have asked nothing in My
name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy
may be full.

... Communion of saints

2 Timothy 1:4

⁴ greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of
your tears, that I may be filled with joy,

Psalm 85:6

⁶ Will You not revive us again,
That Your people may rejoice in You?

Promote, in the afflicted

Job 29:13

¹³The blessing of a perishing *man* came upon
me, And I caused the widow's heart to sing
for joy.

Of saints, made full by . . .

. . . the favour of God

Acts 2:28

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of
life;
You will make me full of joy in Your
presence.'

. . . Faith in Christ

Romans 15:13

¹³Now 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.

joyful and glad of heart for the good that the
LORD had done for David, for Solomon, and
for His people Israel.

. . . For temporal blessings

Joel 2:23,24

²³ Be glad then, you children of Zion,
And rejoice in the LORD your God;
For He has given you the former rain
faithfully,
And He will cause the rain to come down for
you –
The former rain,
And the latter rain in the first *month*.
²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of wheat,
And the vats shall overflow with new wine
and oil.

. . . For supplies of grace

Isaiah 12:3

³Therefore with joy you will draw water
From the wells of salvation.

. . . For divine protection

Psalm 5:11

¹¹But let all those rejoice who put their trust
in You;
Let them ever shout for joy, because You
defend them;

Let those also who love Your name
Be joyful in You.

... For divine support

Psalm 28:7

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 63:7

⁷ Because You have been my help,
Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will
rejoice.

... For the victory of Christ

John 16:33

³³ "These things I have spoken to you, that in
Me you may have peace. In the world you
will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I
have overcome the world."

... For the hope of glory

Romans 5:2

² through whom also we have access by faith
into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice
in hope of the glory of God.

Afflictions of saints succeeded by

Psalm 30:5

⁵ For His anger *is but for* a moment,
His favor *is for* life;
Weeping may endure for a night,
But joy *comes* in the morning.

Psalm 126:5

⁵ Those who sow in tears
Shall reap in joy.

Isaiah 35:10

¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
And come to Zion with singing,
With everlasting joy on their heads.
They shall obtain joy and gladness,
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

John 16:20

²⁰ "Most assuredly, I say to you that you will
weep and lament, but the world will rejoice;
and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow
will be turned into joy.

Pray for restoration of

Psalm 51:8,12

⁸ Make me hear joy and gladness,
That the bones You have broken may rejoice.
¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me *by* Your generous Spirit.

... under Persecutions

Matthew 5:11,12

¹¹ “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. ¹² “Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

... under Calamities

Habakkuk 3:17,18

¹⁷Though the fig tree may not blossom,
Nor fruit be on the vines;
Though the labor of the olive may fail,
And the fields yield no food;
Though the flock may be cut off from the fold,
And there be no herd in the stalls—
¹⁸Yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will joy in the God of my salvation.

... expressed in Hymns

Ephesians 5:19

¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

... For the success of the gospel

Acts 15:3

³So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren.

Of saints should be ...

... Great

Zechariah 9:9

⁹ “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He *is* just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

... Abundant

2 Corinthians 8:2

² that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.

... Exceeding

Psalms 21:6

⁶For You have made him most blessed forever;

You have made him exceedingly glad with
Your presence.

... Animated

Psalm 32:11

¹¹Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you
righteous;
And shout for joy, all *you* upright in heart!

... Unspeakable

1 Peter 1:8

⁸whom having not seen you love. Though
now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you
rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

... Full of glory

1 Peter 1:8

⁸whom having not seen you love. Though
now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you
rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

... Constant

2 Corinthians 6:10

¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor,
yet making many rich; as having nothing, and
yet possessing all things.

Philippians 4:4

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say,
rejoice!

... For evermore

1 Thessalonians 5:16

¹⁶ Rejoice always,

... with Awe

Psalm 2:11

¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear,
And rejoice with trembling.

... in Hope

Romans 12:12

¹² rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation,
continuing steadfastly in prayer;

... in Sorrow

2 Corinthians 6:10

¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor,
yet making many rich; as having nothing, and
yet possessing all things.

... under Trials

James 1:2

²My brethren, count it all joy when you fall
into various trials,