

How to Have Joy that Lasts Part 1

Lasting Joy is Founded on 2 Theological Facts:

Fact 1: Our God (whom we worship and serve) is a _____ God.

Matt. 25:21-23

Fact 2: God really wants you to be _____.

John 15:11/ 17:13

There are 3 primary words in the Greek New Testament that are translated "joy:"

"chara" = An inner _____ of joy or well-being because of benefits received.

"euphrosune" = The subjective _____ of joy. The _____ of happiness or gladness.

"agalliasis" = The _____ of joy. Often translated "glory" or "exult." Often experienced in public worship.

God says He _____ desires and has _____ a way for every genuine Christian to experience "chara." Galatians 5:22

The Biblical Definition of Joy:

"Joy is an _____ of the heart, based on my _____ with God and the _____ of His Word, that enables me to _____ have a _____ perspective on life.

Examining the Definition:

1. "An attitude of the heart"
2. "Based on my relationship to God"

A _____ relationship makes joy a possibility. 1 Pet. 1:8

An _____ relationship makes joy a reality. John 15:11

Joy cannot be based on my _____ . James 1:2-4

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3. "Based on . . . the truth of His Word."

Truth #1 Your sins are really _____ and forgotten as far as God is concerned. 1 John 1:7

Truth #2 Jesus is your constant _____ and source of real help. Matt. 28:20 / Heb. 13:5

Truth #3 Your salvation is _____. John 6:37

Truth #4 The Holy Spirit _____ every Christian and gives them the _____ to overcome every trial and temptation, fulfill every demand, and experience fellowship with God every day. John 16:7-13

Truth #5 Death, though not pleasant, has lost its _____ power for the Christian. 1 Cor. 15:55-57

Truth #6 God has prepared a _____ for all genuine Christians after death. John 14:1-6

4. "That enables me to continually have a positive perspective on life."

Why does God want you to have joy?

Reason #1 So you can _____ your life here. John 10:10

Reason #2 So your life will _____ others to Christ. Ps. 51:12-13

Are you Experiencing God's Joy or Life's Roller Coaster of Emotions?