

## The Joy of the Lord

What is Joy? A slogan, more than happiness, the opposite of misery, a fruit, cooking, a surprise?

Psalms: 98:4 (Make a joyful noise...);  
118:24 (This is the day...);  
122:1 (I was glad when...)

Proverbs: 5:15-23 (A command for men?);  
17:22 (Good medicine or dry bones?)

Nehemiah: 8:9-12 (The joy of the Lord is your strength.)

Luke: 1:39-45 (A leap of joy);  
2:8-14 (Good news of great joy!)

John: 15:1-12 (Vine, branches, pruning, fire, fruit, abiding, love, commandments, joy.)  
16:19-24 (Sorrow, followed by joy that cannot be taken away)

Galatians: 5:16-25 (Walk by the Spirit, works of the flesh [strife, fits of anger, envy] fruits of the spirit, keep in step with the Spirit.)

## Questions

Where does joy come from?

How do we abide in his love & walk in His Spirit?

Does God want us to have joy?

Does God command us to be joyful?

Is joy a choice?

## Let Us Re.....!

----- Inspired by Psalm 98, Isaac Watts wrote, “  
\_\_\_\_\_ the sounding joy.”

----- A work of the flesh, an opposite of joy.

--- Jesus wants us to have his \_\_\_\_\_.

----- Christmas fruit.

-- To bear fruit, we must abide \_\_\_\_ Him.

----- Psalm 118:24 gives us an encouraging \_\_\_\_\_.

----- In John 16, the sorrow of the disciples turned into this kind of joy.