

What Is Joy? Romans 5:1-8

Defined

Often define joy with words like delight, happiness, elation

In considering Biblical Joy should understand it as an action we choose

It is a state of being, more than an emotion, even though it will illicit such emotions

This is why it is something which is encouraged and even commanded of believers

Philippians 4:4; 1Thessalonians 5:16

Joy Is A Response

To what God has done for us - **Psalm 16:8–11; Philippians 3:1; 1Peter 1:3-9**

We are to find joy in God's message of salvation - **Luke 2:10; Matthew 13:44; John 16:20–22; 1Thessalonians 3:9**

To persecution - **Matthew 5:12; Colossians 1:24; James 1:2; 1Peter 4:13–14; Hebrews 12:2**

Joy Is A Result

Of righteousness - **Romans 14:17; Galatians 5:22–23**

Expressed after the resurrection - **Luke 24:41**

Exemplified after obedience - **Acts 2:46; 8:39; 13:52; 15:3**

Joy Comes From God

This assurance is from God - **1John 1:4–7**

From a relationship with God - **Jeremiah 15:16**

Submissive obedience is required - **1Peter 3:21**

Such is our Joy In Christ!

In this we can Truly Rejoice