

Created for Joy
Psalm 118:24

We Were Made for Joy - Created with a Capacity to Rejoice - Is 12:3; Jo 15:11

- It takes an original experience with God - Ps 118:13-14,21
- A holy gladness rooted in the unseen, eternal nature of God

Joy Quenchers/Killers:

- lies about God
- lies about ourselves
- lies about life
- lies about Christianity
- the lie that we can live anywhere but in the present
- the lies of hedonism and materialism
- the lies of ego enthronement and self-absorption
- the lie that faith is about using God for my purposes

Witness of Joy Is Upon...

- The single-minded - Heb 2:8-9; Ps 16:11
..."The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything" - Julian of Norwich
- The submissive - Is 35:8-10
..."well done faithful servant, enter into the joy of your master" - Matt 25:14-30
- The sacrificial - Heb 12:2
...Joy and self-preservation cannot breathe the same air
...Joy is about self-expenditure not self-acquisition

This Is the Joy of Christ - Jo 15:11

- ...This is our joy - Phil 4:4
- ...This is what we were made for! - Ps 118:24