

When Living Means Christ, We Have Joy - Phil 4:4

Joy Is A Gift - Ps 43:4

- A Holy gladness rooted in the unseen, eternal nature of God
- Not found in absence of anything, but in the presence of Someone - Ps 16:11
- God must give us Himself before we can have His joy - Jo 15:11
- There is no one to blame if we are without joy - Jo 16:22

Joy Is A Fruit of the Spirit - Ga 5:22

- A divine doing in a human being
- To experience joy, we subordinate body and soul to Spirit - Ga 5:24,25

Joy (Rejoicing) Is A Command - Phil 4:4; Ps 118:24

- A choice to cooperate with God's operation in us - Phil 2:13
- An expression of our worship - Ps 35:9; 97:1

Joy Quenchers/Killers:

- Lies about God
- Lies about ourselves
- Lies about life
- Lies about Christianity
- Lies about past, present, future
- Lies about hedonism/materialism
- Lies of ego enthronement/self absorption
- Lies about using God for my purposes

Joy Is God's Witness Upon the Self-Surrendered Life

- We experience God's joy when we are rightly related to God - 1 Pet 1:3-9; Ps 126:1-3
- We experience God's joy when we are surrendered to others - Heb 12:2

...joy and self-preservation cannot breathe the same air - Jo 15:10-11