

# **JOY & REJOICE!** **in PHILIPPIANS, ACTS & PSALMS**

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*To Glorify God, and enJOY God forever!* (Shorter Catechism)  
*“The fruit of the spirit (in people and communities) is love, JOY”* (Gal. 5:22)

## **PHILIPPIANS**

*(A Church in Northern Greece, c.AD 61)*

### **JOY IN RELATIONSHIPS/ SEEING OTHERS THRIVE**

#### **Philippians 1:4**

I constantly pray with **JOY** in every one of my prayers for all of you

#### **Philippians 1:25**

I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and **JOY** in faith

#### **Philippians 2:2**

Make my **JOY** complete: Be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind

#### **Philippians 2:28-29**

I am very eager to send Epaphroditus to you, in order that you may **REJOICE** at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. Welcome him then in the Lord with all **JOY**

#### **Philippians 4:1**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my **JOY** and crown, stand firm in the Lord

#### **Philippians 4:10**

I **REJOICE** in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me;

### **JOY IN GOD’S OVER-RULING LOVE & SOVEREIGNTY IN CHRIST**

#### **Philippians 1:18**

[*even if some preachers do not like me, still*] Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I **REJOICE**. Yes, and I will continue to **REJOICE**.

#### **Philippians 2:17-18**

Even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and **REJOICE** with all of you— and in the same way you also must be GLAD and **REJOICE** with me.

#### **Philippians 3:1**

Finally, my brothers and sisters, **REJOICE** in the Lord.

#### **Philippians 4:4**

**REJOICE** in the Lord always; again I will say, **REJOICE**.

## ACTS of the APOSTLES

(The First years of the Church)

### JOY BECAUSE OF THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD IN CHRIST

#### **Acts 8:5, 8**

Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them.  
. . . So there was great **JOY** in that city.

#### **Acts 15:3**

Paul and Barnabas were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great **JOY** to all the believers.

#### **Acts 13:52**

(*following persecution in Iconium*) the disciples were filled with **JOY** and with the Holy Spirit.

#### **Acts 14:17**

God has not left himself without a witness in doing good—giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food, and your hearts with **JOY**.

## PSALMS

### JOY COMMANDED & PROMISED

#### **Psalms 33:1**

**REJOICE** in the LORD, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

#### **Psalms 47:1**

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of **JOY**.

#### **Psalms 95:1**

O come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a **JOYFUL** noise to the rock of our salvation!

#### **Psalms 95:2**

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a **JOYFUL** noise to him with songs of praise!

#### **Psalms 118:24**

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us **REJOICE** and be GLAD in it.

#### **Psalms 97:12**

**REJOICE** in the LORD, O you righteous, give thanks to his holy name!

#### **Psalms 107:22**

Let (God's people) offer thanksgiving sacrifices,  
and tell of his deeds with songs of **JOY**

## JOY BECAUSE OF WHO GOD IS

### Creator & Sovereign King

**Psalm 66:1, 100:1; 98:4**

Make a **JOYFUL** noise to the LORD, **all the earth**;  
break forth into **JOYOUS** song and sing praises.

**Psalm 96:11**

Let **the heavens** be **GLAD**, and let **the earth REJOICE**;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it

**Psalm 19:5**

**The sun** comes out *like a bridegroom* from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with **JOY**.

**Psalm 92:4**

You, O LORD, have made me **GLAD by your work**;  
*at the works of your hands* I sing for **JOY**.

**Psalm 65:12,13**

The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with **JOY**; the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain: they shout and sing together for **JOY**.

**Psalm 97:1**

*The LORD is king!* Let the earth **REJOICE**;  
let the many coastlands be **GLAD!**

## Joy Because God Seeks Relationship With and For Us!

**Psalm 21:6**

You bestow on your servant blessings forever;  
you make him **GLAD** with the **JOY** of *your presence*.

**Psalm 35:27**

shout for **JOY** and be **GLAD**, and say evermore,  
"Great is the LORD, who *delights in the welfare of his servant*."

**Psalm 16:11**

You *show me the path of life*. In your presence there is fullness of **JOY**;  
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**Psalm 31:7**

I will exult and **REJOICE** in *your steadfast love*,

**Psalm 90:14**

Satisfy us in the morning with *your steadfast love*,  
so that we may **REJOICE** and be **GLAD** all our days.

**Psalm 119:162**

I **REJOICE** *at your word* like one who finds great spoil.

**Psalm 19:8**

*The precepts of the LORD* are right, **REJOICING** the heart;  
*the commandment of the LORD* is clear, enlightening the eyes

**Psalm 84:2**

My soul longs, indeed it faints for *the courts of the LORD*;  
my heart and my flesh sing for **JOY** to the living God.

## **JOY EVEN WHEN WE ARE WEAK**

### **Psalm 21:1**

*In your strength* the king **REJOICES**, O LORD,  
*and in your help* how greatly he exults!

### **Psalm 5:11**

Let all who *take refuge* in you **REJOICE**;  
let them ever sing for **JOY**. Spread your protection over them . . .

### **Psalm 20:5**

May we shout for **JOY** *over your victory*

### **Psalm 67:4**

Let the nations be GLAD and sing for **JOY**,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

## **JOY EVEN WHEN THINGS GO WRONG**

### **Psalm 51:1, 12**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. Blot out all my transgressions. Let me hear **JOY** and GLADNESS;  
Restore to me the **JOY** of *your salvation*

### **Psalm 30:5**

God's anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may linger for the night, but **JOY** comes with the morning.

### **Psalm 126:6**

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of **JOY**, carrying their sheaves.

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### **Sources of JOY**

1. Some-thing, action or achievement that creates a “wow!” moment – something unexpected, beautiful or excellent
2. Some-thing that provides security and hope: opening up a future
3. Some-one: a relationship that is truly significant and loving especially with God made known in Jesus Christ:

### **“Rejoice in the Lord”**

Let The Holy Spirit Bring You Joy  
By Stirring Up Your Memory to Remember  
Who God Is, And What God Has Done  
to be In Relationship With You  
Through Christ Jesus

Read Luke 15: *Remember God's JOY at finding lost sheep, lost coins and YOU!*  
Nehemiah 8:10: *“The Joy of the Lord is my strength”*