

Joy in Christ

Gal. 5:22, 1 Pet 1:8-9, Acts 16:23-33, Rom. 15:13-24
An Advent Message for 12-13-20 by Philip Pinto @ Village Bible Church

- 1) Joy at _____
 - Peace vs. Joy
 - Peace: _____ an unnatural response in the midst of turmoil thanking God
 - Joy: _____ an unnatural attitude and action even when sad, depressing, negative responses to circumstances flood our minds.
- 2) Joy as a natural _____ (gladness)
Joy - “a feeling of great pleasure or happiness”
- 3) Joy as a _____ (conscious choice)
 - “a positive attitude or pleasant emotion; delight.”
(*Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary*)
 - Joy can result in good _____,
but _____ are not always the best measure of true joy.
- 4) Joy as a fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22)
A cause for joy
 - Because of _____
 - ❖ 1 Pet. 1:8
 - ❖ Acts 16:23-25
 - Because it’s a _____ tool (Acts 16:26-33)
 - Because of _____

- Because God _____ the believer with it
 - ❖ Romans 5:13
 - ❖ Gal. 5:22-23
 - ❖ John 16:20-24

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1) Joy at **Christmas**

o Peace vs. Joy

- Peace: **letting go** an unnatural response in the midst of turmoil thanking God
- Joy: **embracing** an unnatural attitude and action even when sad, depressing, negative responses to circumstances flood our minds.
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2) Joy as a natural **response** (gladness)

Joy - “a feeling of great pleasure or happiness”

3) Joy as a **decision** (conscious choice)

- o “a positive attitude or pleasant emotion; delight.”
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- o Joy can result in good **feelings**, but **feelings** are not always the best measure of true joy.

4) Joy as a fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22)

A cause for joy

• **Because of Jesus**

❖ 1 Pet. 1:8

- “Inexpressible”
- “it is a joy on account of the glory of God, which the believer lives in the hope and faith of; and it is a beginning” (John Gill)
- Expression through music/song (Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16, Mat. 26:30, Mk. 14:26)

❖ Acts 16:23-25

- Because it’s a **witnessing** tool (Acts 16:26-33)
- Because of **salvation** (Acts 16:34)
- Because God **fills** the believer with it
 - ❖ Romans 5:13
 - ❖ Gal. 5:22-23
 - ❖ John 16:20-24