How To Be Assured Of Joy

Be Obedient To God, His Word & Principles

• (John 15:10 NIV) If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. (11) I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

• A Life Of Obedience Is A Prerequisite Of Joy
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• **Two Important Keys To Overcoming Joy** are

1. **Relationship And Communication with Jesus**

2. **Being Obedient To His Spirit And His Word**
Look for God’s Joy -- Not The World’s Joy

**GOD’S JOY**
- Produced Within
- Past – Present - Future
- Salvation & Trust In God
- Fruit Of The Spirit
- Internal Hope
- Content
- God Supplies All
- God Gives Strength

**THE WORLD’S JOY**
- External
- The Present
- Trust In Self
- Fruit Of Humanity
- Endless Search
- Not Content
- Supply Own Needs
- Supply Own Strength
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• “There Is More Joy In Jesus In 24 Hours Than There Is In The World In 365 Days. I Have Tried Them Both!”
  R.A. Torrey

• “You will not find Joy in: Unbelief, Pleasure, Money, or Military Glory. True Lasting Joy is Found in Christ Alone!”
  Turning Point
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Know The Inner Reality Of Joy

• Joy Is Character
• Joy Is Actions
• Joy Is Attitude
"Joyful" Christians Are Different In Their Actions And Attitudes

• A. Joyful People Think Different.

• B. Joyful People Act Different.

• C. Joyful People React Different.
God’s Word Has Promises For Us Leading To Joy Even In Tough Times

• We Can Have Joy In Times Like Today

• Psalm 91:1-2 (NIV)  
  (1) He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.  
  (2) I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
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Prepare For The Test Of Discouragement:

• If Joy Is Our Strength Then The Lack Of Joy Can Be Our Weakness

• (Psa 30:5 NIV) For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.
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• (1 Pet 1:6-7 NIV) In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. (7) These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.
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• We Know That We Can Have Joy No Matter What This Life Throws At Us

• (Isa 12:2 NIV) Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation."