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JOY

Introduction: What are you seeking in this life? Are you looking for temporary things or eternal things? What can make you happy? We are studying great Bible words. Today we are going to focus on the word joy. The word joy means cheerfulness, gladness, rejoicing, and merriness. The word “chara” (joy) is closely associated with the word “charis” (grace) in the Greek language. Christians ought to be full of both grace and joy. How can we do that? Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. Joy is Found in the Grace of God

- A. Paul’s joyful letter starts with grace (**Philippians 1:2**).
- B. Paul’s joyful letter is filled with grace (**Philippians 1:7**).
- C. Paul’s joyful letter ends with grace (**Philippians 4:23**).

II. Joy is Found in Jesus Christ

- A. There is joyful praying in Christ (**Philippians 1:3-6**).
- B. There is joyful living in Christ (**Philippians 2:1-4**).
- C. There is joyful serving in Christ (**Philippians 2:5-11**).

III. Joy is Found in Knowing the Truth

- A. Truth is a key to joy (**Philippians 1:18**).
- B. Knowledge is a key to joy (**Philippians 3:9-11**).
- C. Perspective is a key to joy (**Philippians 3:12-14**).

IV. Joy is Found in Real Contentment

- A. We can always be full of joy (**Philippians 4:4**).
- B. We can always trust in the Lord (**Philippians 4:5-12**).
- C. We can always find the strength (**Philippians 4:13**).

Conclusion: Where is your joy? The true source of Paul’s joy was the work of the kingdom (**Philippians 4:1**). The work of God’s hand should give us exceeding joy! You need joy in your life. Have you been saved? You need to share that joy with others. Are you telling the good news? Let’s share this wonderful word with others!



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