

The Mindset of Love, Joy, Peace

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Philippians 1:7a “For it is only right for me to think this way about you all, because I have you in my heart.”



The Greatest of these is Love

- ♥ Matthew 22:37-39
- ♥ Philippians 2:3-4
- ♥ 1 John 3:16
- ♥ 1 Peter 1:22
- ♥ 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10
- ♥ 1 Peter 4:8
- ♥ 1 Corinthians 13:13
- ♥ Colossians 3:14
- ♥ John 13:34-35

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“Happiness – is an attitude of satisfaction or delight based on a certain circumstance related to happenings. Happenings are “chance” events, they may happen or not. They are elusive and can be occasional.”

“Joy is not related to chance or circumstances. It is a deep-down confidence that all is well no matter WHAT the problem, or circumstance may be. Joy is related and connected to our relationship with God.”



“Joy is the flag that flies on the castle of the heart when the King is in residence there.”

Working Definition of Joy – from MacArthur

- ♪ Remember Joy comes from God – Psalm 16:11
- ♪ Joy is for those who believe the Gospel – John 15:11
- ♪ Joy is being produced in us by the Holy Spirit – Romans 14:17
- ♪ We experience joy as we believe, receive and obey the Word of God – Jeremiah 15:16
- ♪ Joy is mixed with various trials – 2 Corinthians 6:10
- ♪ We set our hope and heart on future glory – 1 Peter 1:8

How do we find joy in someone who isn't very easy to love?



- ♪ Recollection – Philippians 1:3
- ♪ Intercession – Prayer – Philippians 1:4
- ♪ Partnership in the Gospel – Philippians 1:5
- ♪ Joy of Anticipation of Heaven – Philippians 1:27
- ♪ Joy of Affection – Philippians 1:7

Joy Stealers

- ☹ Not being saved – 2 Corinthians 13:5
- ☹ Prayerlessness – James 5:16
- ☹ Low after a spiritual high
- ☹ Ingratitude
- ☹ Forgetfulness
- ☹ Lack of contentment – Philippians 4:12
- ☹ Fear of the future – Matthew 6:34
- ☹ Uncontrolled feelings – Psalm 42



Romans 5:1 “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God though our Lord Jesus Christ.

How Do we “Look at God?”

- ❖ Know the Author of Peace – Romans 5:1
- ❖ Where your mind is anchored? – Isaiah 26:3 and Romans 8:6
- ❖ Are you in the Word of Peace? – Psalm 119:165
- ❖ What is ruling your heart? Colossians 3:15 and John 16:33