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2Cor 1:24 Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers/helpers for your joy; for by faith you stand.

Ps 16:8 set the LORD always before me; 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices 11 You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. 21:6...made him exceedingly glad with Your presence.

Rm 14:17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

1Thess 1:6 And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,

**A. To learn to rejoice in God alone, we must know and experience God - as revealed: in His Word and in response to our faith.**

Ps 40:16 Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;

Neh 8:9...all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law. 10 this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." 11 So the Levites quieted all the people, saying, "Be still, for the day is holy; do not be grieved." 12 And all the people went their way to eat and drink, to send portions and rejoice greatly, because they understood the words that were declared to them.

**B. Faith is essential to joy - cx anxiety/worry** *Mt 6:30 you of little faith*, **fear**, **and doubt** *Mt 14:31* *you of little faith, why did you doubt?*

Rm 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Ps 19:8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

Ps 5:11...all those rejoice who put their trust in You; ever shout for joy, 'cs You defend them; those also who love Your name be joyful in You

Ps 13:5 But I have trusted in Your *hesed;* My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

Ps 28:7 LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, with my song I will praise. 31:7 I will be glad and rejoice in Your hesed, for You have considered my trouble; You have known my soul in adversities,

**C. Joy is gained thru seeking/receiving/believing Truth; Lost thru failing to endure/follow the Truth** Mt 13:20-21

Ps 19:8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; 119:162 I rejoice at Your word As one who finds great treasure.

Ps 119:14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches. 111 Your testimonies...are the rejoicing of my heart.

Jer 15:16 Your words were found; I ate them; Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Your name, LORD

Job 6:8 Oh, that I might have my request, that God would grant what I hope for 9 that God would be willing to crush me, to let loose his hand and cut off my life! 10 Then I would still have this consolation, my joy in unrelenting pain, that I had not denied the words of the Holy One

**D. Joy is a blessing from getting right with God** Ps 32:1 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. 2 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Ps 51:12 restore joy of salvation

Job 33:26 He shall pray to God, and He will delight in him, he shall see His face with joy, for He restores to man his righteousness.

Acts 8:8 And there was great joy in that city. 39...Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away....the eunuch went on his way rejoicing.

**E. Holiness, Growth and Service build our joy** Phil 1:25...I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith

Ps 45:7 You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness... companions

86:4 Rejoice the soul of Your servant, for to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. 97:11 Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. 12 Rejoice **in the LORD**, you righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

Ps 51:12 Restore joy of salvation, uphold by a willing spirit. 85:6 Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?

Philemon 7 we have great joy and encouragement by your love, 'cause the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother v20

Rm 16:19 your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; be wise in what is good, and simple re: evil.

Acts 11:23 When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. 13:49 word spread 50 persecution..expelled 52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit

Jn 4:36 he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

Mt 25:21 Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful...make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.

**F. Expectation of Joy alleviates Experience of Sorrow for doing what is right**. Ps 126:5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

Jn 16: 20 Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. 22 Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you. 24 Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

2 Cor 2:2 sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad...made sorrowful by me? 3 And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all.

2 Cor 6:10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Ps 58:10 righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance...11 Surely there is a reward for the righteous; He is God who judges in the earth