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Joy is a Choice

“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials.” (James 1:2)

“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials.” (Philippians 4:4)

“Rejoice always.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16)

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“These things (commandments) I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.” (John 15:11)

1. Hearing the word of God brings joy that not only remains in us but remains full.
2. Do you lack joy in your life?
 - a. Study the word.
 - b. Listen to teaching.
 - c. Read a book.
 - d. Meditate on the word through the day.

“Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.” (John 16:24)

1. There is a joy that comes through answered prayer (Matthew 15:31, Acts 8:7-8).
2. Praise reports bring joy to us – hearing of answered prayer.

“And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.” (1 John 1:4)

1. Freedom from sin brings abundance of joy.
“These things” are about remaining in fellowship with God.
2. Sins robs us of our joy. In the Psalms, David prayed, “Lord, restore to me the joy of my salvation.”
3. There is a joy nothing else can give when our heart is pure and clean before God.

“Having many things to write to you, I did not wish to do so with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.” (2 John 12)

1. Fellowship with believers we love bring joy.
2. Paul looked forward to the times he could return to be with churches and ministers and have great joy (2 Timothy 1:4, Acts 20:38, Philippians 4:1).

“So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart.” (Acts 2:46)

1. Attending and becoming involved in a church is a way to fulfill all four areas and have fullness of joy.
2. In church, we are in God's presence (Psalm 16:11).
3. In church, we are in the presence of the family of God (Psalms 42:4).