



**This Joy That I Have – Part I**  
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- Joy must become a pursuit and concentration.
  - It's necessary to have a personal joy self-evaluation.
  - Joy is mentioned over 300 times in the Bible.
  - Joy is a fruit of being Spirit-led.
- ✓ **GOT JOY**            –Do you have it?
  - ✓ **GET JOY**            –Do you want it?
  - ✓ **GROW JOY**        –Will you let God fill you with it?
  - ✓ **GIVE JOY**         –Will you show it?

**I. Joy is Based on a Relationship with the Father**

*John 16:22*  
*Psalm 28:7*  
*Gen. 26:12-17*

- Heaven is the source and center of all joy.
- Humanity can stifle and contaminate joy.

**II. Joy is Inspired by an Internal State of Being and Results in External Factors**

*Nehemiah 8:10*

- Joy is initiated by a process within.
- Joy isn't intimidated by problems without.

*Acts 16:22-25; 20:22-25*  
*Hab. 3:17-18; James 1:2-3;12*

**III. Joy is a Blessing and Reality of Our Faith**

*Hebrews 12:1-2*  
*John 10:27-33*

- Joy is a sign we believe.
- Joy is a sign that we belong.
- Joy is a sign that we are blessed.
- Joy is a sign that we are not in bondage.

*1 Peter 1:3-9*  
*2 Cor. 12:7-10*

- Even though we may be struggling in the right now, joy signifies that it's ok. *Ps. 30:5;*  
*Phil 4:11*

- God is attracted to joy.

*Ps. 66:17-20*

- A lack of joy is our responsibility.

*Ps. 42:1-5*