

Christmas Joy All the Time... Really?!

1. What Is Joy?

1828 Webster's Dictionary describes joy as:

"The emotion excited by the acquisition or expectation of good."

Biblical joy often includes:

- A response of the _____
- Triggered by _____ received or expected
- Connected to spiritual _____

"The joy of the Lord is your strength." - Nehemiah 8:10

2. Where Does Joy Come From?

God's Presence

Psalm 16:11 – "You will fill me with _____ in your presence."

The Holy Spirit

Galatians 5:22 – "The fruit of the Spirit is love, _____, peace..."

Salvation

1 Peter 1:8–9 – "You are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy."

3. Joy Is Different Than Happiness

Happiness usually depends on our _____.

Biblical joy can exist even when life is _____.

4. Joy in Difficult Times

James 1:2 "Consider it pure _____ whenever you face trials."

Romans 5:3–4 Suffering produces perseverance → character → _____

2 Corinthians 6:10 "Sorrowful, yet always _____."

5. Why Can Christians Rejoice?

Romans 8:28 "In _____ things God works for the good of those who love Him."

6. The Joy of Christmas

Luke 2:10 "I bring you good news that will cause great _____."

The joy was not just that a baby was born, the joy was that a **Savior** had come.

The Big Idea

Christmas joy → God has come to **save** us.

Suffering joy → God is still **working** in us.

The joy of Christ's birth means our suffering is no longer meaningless.