

Great Joy

Luke 2:10-11

Introduction

I. The Significance of Joy

What is it?

Joy is an inner gladness of heart, not dependent on outward circumstances, that comes from experiencing the presence and perspective of God.

1 Thess 5:16

Gal 5:22

II. The Stealers of Joy

Why don't we have it?

Joy Busters

1. Sin (Ps 51:12)
2. Pain and problems
3. Worry and fear (Phil 4:6)

III. The Sources of Joy

How do we get it?

Joy Builders

1. Hope (Rom 12:13)
2. God's Word (Ps 119:14, 162; Acts 13:48; 15:30-31)
3. Intimacy with Christ (John 15:11)
4. Answered prayer (John 16:24)
5. Other believers (Acts 11:23; 1 Cor 16:17; Phil 4:1; 2 John 12; 3 John 3-4)
6. Serving the Lord (Luke 10:17; Acts 13:52)
7. Suffering (Rom 5:3; James 1:2)
8. Grace (grace = *charis* joy = *chara / chairo*) Luke 10:20

Conclusion

