

THIS SEASON OF JOY

PSALM 16:11

You will make known to me the path of life, In Your presence is fullness of joy;
In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

STUDY GUIDE

Luke 10:17 (KJV) And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

Luke 10:21 (KJV) In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

1. Luke 10:17 The Power to do Ministry, They Rejoice For The Results; The Seventy returned with Personal Praise: The testimony of their return has several significant lessons for every generation of Christian laborers.

1. They returned with **joy (chara)**. The word means joy and rejoicing, a heart full of gladness.

Frankly, their spirit was different from what so many express after an arduous ministry.

They were not sharing and reveling in...

- how much they had done for Christ.
- how taxing the work had been.
- how strong the opposition and enemy had fought.

They were filled with joy and were rejoicing in Christ over the phenomenal power of Christ's name.

2. They returned with astounding results—results that were wrought through the name of Christ.

The seventy expressed surprise: "Lord, even the devils are subject unto us."

But note two facts.

- a. The power had come **through Christ's name**.
- b. Their shock at such power or results led to a confession of their own weakness and nothingness before Christ. They knew and readily confessed that the power to do the work had not come from them.

Only the **name of Christ** could give genuine power and results.

In Luke 10:17, The disciples had been sent out to minister the gospel and they returned excited. "The seventy returned with **joy** saying, 'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name'".

Jesus was elated for them: "At that very time He **rejoiced greatly** in the Holy Spirit... (v. 21).

Luke 10:21 Jesus rejoiced (egalliasato). The word is much stronger than the English *rejoice*.

The Greek means **great joy** and exultation. It means to be filled with joy or thrilled with joy. There is the idea of **victorious joy** because of the glorious triumph over the arch-enemy Satan in [Luke 10:18-20](#).

Note: This joy comes only from the **Spirit**; it cannot be worked up. It is a joy of **confidence** and **assurance** that arises from down deep within—a confidence and assurance that all is well with God and the victory is won over evil. This was the joy experienced by Christ when the seventy returned.

Souls had been snatched from the grip of sin and death, **for the power of God over evil had been exercised by men**. Satan's fall was assured. God would be victorious within the world as the gospel was carried forth by His servants; the Spirit of God stirred Jesus to rejoice greatly over the victory won.

Joy is **refreshing** and **empowering**. It is glorious, and heaven is full of it.

Yes Psalms 16:11 says, in the presence of the Lord there is **fullness of joy!**

Jesus is committed to you being filled with **joy**.

John 15:11, "These things I have spoken to you so that **My joy** may be in you, and that **your joy** may be **made full**".

John 16:24, "Until now you, have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full".

Imagine waking up every morning filled with joy. You go about your day and joy floods you in waves, and then when you lie down to sleep at night joy washes over your soul. That is a nice reflection of a full life.

Many people are often filled with so much stress that they never experience joy.

Life is so serious and heavy for them. This is not God's will for mankind. He wants everyone to experience the beauty of His joy.

In Christ, you have been blessed with "joy unspeakable and full of glory."

1 Peter 1:5-8 (PassionNTPsa)

⁵Through our faith, the mighty power of God constantly guards us until our full salvation is ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶ May the thought of this cause you to jump for joy, even though lately you've had to put up with the grief of many trials.

⁷ But these only reveal the sterling core of your faith, which is far more valuable than gold that perishes, for even gold is refined by fire. Your authentic faith will result in even more praise, glory, and honor when Jesus the Anointed One is revealed.

⁸ You love him passionately although you did not see him, but through believing in him you are saturated with an ecstatic joy, indescribably sublime and immersed in glory. For you are reaping the harvest of your faith—the full salvation promised you—your souls' victory!

Choose to receive His joy. Think on those things that are good and lovely and allow your heart to engage in some pure joy.

Joy to the World, the Lord is come!
 Let earth receive her King;
 Let every heart prepare Him room,
 And Heaven and nature sing,
 And Heaven and nature sing,
 And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!
 Let men their songs employ;
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
 And makes the nations prove
 The glories of His righteousness,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders, wonders, of His love.
 Joy to the World, the Lord is come!

JOY AND LAUGHTER

DECLARATION

Tonight, I decree you receive joy unspeakable and fullness of glory! That laughter fill your heart and a smile flood your countenance. We take authority over every stronghold of grief, sorrow, depression, hopelessness, and anguish. I command every dark cloud over you to dissipate in the Name of Jesus. I declare your thoughts become filled with the light of God's goodness. I pray you receive a fresh sense of hope, confidence, faith, and purpose regarding your future. We prophesy that you experience gladness in your heart. I pray that we rise up in renewed faith that enables us to see that everything is going to be alright! We are asking God that you will receive good news tomorrow! Declare it's going to be a great day!