

# Rejoice Always

1 Thessalonians 5:16

## I. What is Christian joy?

1 Thessalonians 1:6

1 Thessalonians 2:14

1 Thessalonians 3:1–4

Philippians 4:4

**Luke 6:22** Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

**Psalms 16:11** In your presence there is fullness of joy.

## II. What robs us of our joy?

**John 16:22** So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

**Romans 10:17** Faith comes from hearing and hearing through the word of Christ.

**Colossians 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

**1 Peter 1:13** Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**Philippians 4:8** Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

## III. How can we learn to rejoice?

**2 Corinthians 6:10** as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

**2 Corinthians 6:4-5** but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger;

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

**Psalms 4:7** You have put more joy in my heart

**Mark 1:35** And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.

**Mark 1:36-37** And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you."

**Hebrews 12:1b-2** Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.