



All I want for
Christmas

Contented with Joy

John 15



* “Joy has nothing to do with material things, or with a man's outward circumstance ... a man living in the lap of luxury can be wretched, and a man in the depths of poverty can overflow with joy.”

William Barclay



“I have told you this so that my joy
may be in you and that your joy may
be complete.” John 15:11



• Laughing at ourselves is a pleasant revolt
against pride and the beginning of joy!



Mark 10:17 As He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”



18 And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.



* 19 You know the* commandments, ‘DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, Do not defraud,* HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.’”



20 And he said to Him, “Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth up.”



21 Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, “One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”



22 But at these words he was saddened,
and he went away grieving, for he was
one who owned much property.



* Joy of Rejection – Mark 10

- ‘inherit’ is deserving at least by birth
- ‘good’ = God?
- Commandments – worst to acceptable
- ‘all have been kept’ – Jesus knows!
- “Then he said to them, *‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.’*” Luke 12:15

Hebrews 13:5

“Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, **“I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU”**”



John 16:22 Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.



23 In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you.



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



* Joy of Reception*— John 16

- Jesus preparing disciples for departure
- Jesus promising to provide needs
- Jesus promises to fulfill JOY



“If you have no joy, there’s a leak in your
Christianity somewhere.” Billy Sunday



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2John 12 “Though I have many things to write to you, I do not want to do so with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, so that your joy may be made full.”

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* Joy of Relationship – 2 John 12

- John last apostle
- John writes of love – life – light
- John knows much more can be said
- John knows value of relationship!



“Joy is the serious business of Heaven.”
C.S. Lewis



Luke 15:7 I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.



Luke 15:10 In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”



* Joy of Repentance – Luke 15

- Lost sheep – rescue
- Lost coin – recovery
- Lost son – repentance
- Lost opportunity – regrets!
- Gospel is always good news – even if ignored



“The joy of the Lord will arm us against the assaults of our spiritual enemies and put our mouths out of taste for those pleasures with which the tempter baits his hooks.” Matthew Henry



* Contentment is Joy!

- Proverbs 17:22 “A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.”
- Like most seeds – joy is best sown on broken ground!
- Romans 12:12 “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”



There is a big difference between
joy and happiness!

Happiness is a reaction to
something great.

Joy is the product of someone great.





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