

(Romans 15:13) I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Romans 14:17 ESV) For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

--- ABCs that kill the joy in me ---

A - _____ people.

(Proverbs 21:24) Mockers are proud and haughty; they act with boundless arrogance.

✓ _____ **for your own emotions.**

(Psalm 19:14) May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

B - _____ news.

(Proverbs 24:1-2 NASB) Don't envy evil people or desire their company. For their hearts plot violence, and their words always stir up trouble.

✓ _____ **something** _____ **in each conversation.**

(Proverbs 16:24) Kind words are like honey, sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.

C - _____ circumstances.

(Psalm 22:1-2) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why are you so far away when I groan for help? Every day I call to you, my God, but you do not answer. Every night I lift my voice, but I find no relief.

✓ _____ **in God.**

(Ecclesiastes 5:19) To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—this is indeed a gift from God.

--- Bring the Joy ---

(Luke 2:8-10) That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people."

1. The Good News says that Christ Jesus has taken my old arrogant life and given me _____.

(2 Corinthians 5:17) anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

(Psalm 16:11 ESV) You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

2. The Good News says that I no longer have the bad news of being bound by sin but can now walk in _____ to Christ.

(Romans 8:3-4) He (God) sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

(Psalm 37:3-5) Trust in the Lord and do good. Then you will live safely in the land and prosper. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires. Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you.

3. The Good News says that challenges will come and go, but my _____ forever.

(Philippians 4:4-5) Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.