



LIVING WITH JOY
1 PETER 1:3-9
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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- 1 Peter 1:3

to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, - 1 Peter 1:4

who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed at the last time. - 1 Peter 1:5

You love him even though you have never seen him; though not seeing him, you trust him; and even now you are happy with the inexpressible joy that comes from heaven itself.
- 1 Peter 1:8, Living Bible

The foundation of joy is the promise of heaven.

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary you have been grieved by various trials,
- 1 Peter 1:6

so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. - 1 Peter 1:7

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. - John 16:33

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. - 1 Peter 4:12

But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. - 1 Peter 4:13

The setting of joy is life's trials.



Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, - 1 Peter 1:8

obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. - 1 Peter 1:9

Joy has been the theme of creation from its beginning.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth...when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" - Job 38:4,7

Joy is the theme of heaven for all eternity.

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory" - Revelation 19:6-7

Joy is the signpost that says you're traveling in the direction God wants you to go.

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

Joy is the nature of God's work in your life.

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness - Psalm 30:11

Joy keeps you going when life is out of control.

The joy of the Lord is your strength. - Nehemiah 8:10

Joy is what you get when God answers your prayers.

Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.
- John 16:23-24

Joy is God's gift to you through the Holy Spirit.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. - Romans 15:13

The experience of joy comes as you build your life on spiritual realities.

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