

1 Peter 1:8 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, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Acts 13: 48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. 50 But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. 51 But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. 52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

“Christian people too often seem to be perpetually in the doldrums and too often give this appearance of unhappiness and lack of freedom and absence of joy. There’s no question at all but that this is the main reason why a large numbers of people have ceased to be interested in Christianity. A world where everything is gone says sadly astray, we should be standing out as men and women to four, people characterized by a fundamental joy!”

Ecclesiastes 3:1 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

2 a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

3 a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in [or by] believing.

Romans 5:1 Since we have been justified by faith we now have peace with God. {Past tense leading into the future}

Romans 15:13 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!

Matthew 18: 3 and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”