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1. [Group] Lighting Cue!



Galatians 5
p. 975

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²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law

Galatians 5:22-23

3. Galatians 5:22 (ESV)



¹But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. ²For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, ⁴treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, **lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God**, ⁵having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

4. 2 Timothy 3:1-5 (ESV)



²⁵...enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

Hebrews 11:25

5. Hebrews 11:25 (ESV)



WHAT IS CHRISTIAN JOY?

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Christian joy is a delight in God

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²⁶For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. ²⁷Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.

1 Chronicles 16:26-27

8. 1 Chronicles 16:26-27 (ESV)



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

Psalms 16:11

9. Psalms 16:11 (ESV)



⁴Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 37:4

10. Psalms 37:4 (ESV)



¹⁰ ... for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

Nehemiah 8:10b

11. Nehemiah 8:10 (ESV)



**Christian joy is beyond
our circumstances**

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²looking 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.

Hebrews 12:2

13. [Hebrews 12:2] Hebrews 12:2 (ESV)



⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Acts 5:40-42

14. [Acts 5:40-42] Acts 5:40-42 (ESV)



¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

2 Corinthians 6:10

15. [2 Corinthians 6:10] 2 Corinthians 6:10 (ESV)



²Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1:2-4

16. [James 1:2-4] James 1:2-4 (ESV)



Christian joy anticipates a glorious future

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³Blessed 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, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by
God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation
ready to be revealed in the last time.

18. [1 Peter 1:3-5] 1 Peter 1:3-5 (ESV)



⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so 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. ⁸Though 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, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:3-9

19. [1 Peter 1:6-9] 1 Peter 1:6-9 (ESV)



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HOW DO WE CULTIVATE JOY IN THIS TIME?

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HOW DO WE CULTIVATE JOY IN THIS TIME?

Abide in Jesus

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⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

John 15:9-11

23. John 15:9-11 (ESV)



Abide in Jesus

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Abide in Jesus
-Knowing Him

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²⁵Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. ²⁶My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever...²⁸But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

Psalms 73:25-26 & 28

26. Psalms 73:25-28 (ESV)



Abide in Jesus

-Knowing Him

-Obeying Him

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

John 15:11

28. John 15:11 (ESV)



¹¹The Lord your God is among you, a warrior who saves. He will rejoice over you with gladness. He will be quiet in His love. He will delight in you with singing.

Zephaniah 3:17