

PEACE ON EARTH





# Joy Unspeakable & Speakable

Isaiah 12:1-6





In the midst of life's futility,  
where are you looking for joy?

1. Joy Unspeakable
2. Joy Unending
3. Joy Unstoppable





# Joy Unspeakable

Isaiah 12:1-2





## Joy Unspeakable | Isaiah 12:1-2

<sup>1</sup> You will say in that day:  
“I will give thanks to you, O Lord,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away,  
that you might comfort me.





## Joy Unspeakable | Isaiah 12:1-2

<sup>2</sup> “Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.”





# Joy Unspeakable | God Is My Strength & My Song

## Nehemiah 8:9-10

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.”





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## Nehemiah 8:9-10

For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for The joy of the Lord is your strength."





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## Psalm 16

<sup>1</sup> Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

<sup>2</sup> I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."

<sup>3</sup> As for the saints in the land, they are  
the excellent ones, in whom is all  
my delight.





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## Psalm 16

<sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.





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## Psalm 16

6 The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

7 I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.





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## Psalm 16

- <sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not  
be shaken.
- <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole  
being rejoices; my flesh also  
dwells secure.





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## Psalm 16

<sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.

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





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## Romans 5:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.





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## Romans 5:1-5

<sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,





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## Romans 5:1-5

<sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame,  
because God's love has been poured into  
our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has  
been given to us.





# Joy Unspeakable

Isaiah 12:1-2





Joy Unspeakable  
springs from the peace  
with God which Jesus brings.





# Joy Unending

Isaiah 12:3





# Joy Unending | Isaiah 12:3

<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.





# Joy Unending | The Well

## John 4:7-14

<sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."  
<sup>8</sup> (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.)





# Joy Unending | The Well

## John 4:7-14

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have





# Joy Unending | The Well

## John 4:7-14

asked him, and he would have given you living water.” <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?”





# Joy Unending | The Well

## John 4:7-14

<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,





# Joy Unending | The Well

## John 4:7-14

<sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”





# Joy Unending | The Joy

## John 15:8-11

<sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.





# Joy Unending | The Joy

## John 15:8-11

<sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.





# Joy Unending | The Joy

## Galatians 5:22-23a

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
<sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control;





# Joy Unending

Isaiah 12:3





Joy Unending  
flows through the living  
water which Jesus gives.





# Joy Unstoppable

Isaiah 12:4-6





## Joy Unstoppable | Isaiah 12:4-6

<sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.  
With joy you will draw water from  
the wells of salvation.





## Joy Unstoppable | Isaiah 12:4-6

<sup>5</sup> “Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;

let this be made known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”





# Joy Unstoppable | Rejoice!

## Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.





# Joy Unstoppable | Rejoice!

## Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.





# Joy Unstoppable

Isaiah 12:4-6





Joy Unstoppable  
overflows in exultant praise  
and exalting proclamation.





# Joy Unspeakable & Speakable

1. **Joy Unspeakable** springs from the peace with God which Jesus brings.
2. **Joy Unending** flows through the living water which Jesus gives.
3. **Joy Unstoppable** overflows in exultant praise and exalting proclamation.





# Concluding Challenge

The only joy deep and wide and rich enough  
fill our hearts and make them sing in the face  
of life's futility is the unspeakable joy of  
Christmas that springs from the peace  
with God which Jesus brings.





PEACE ON EARTH

