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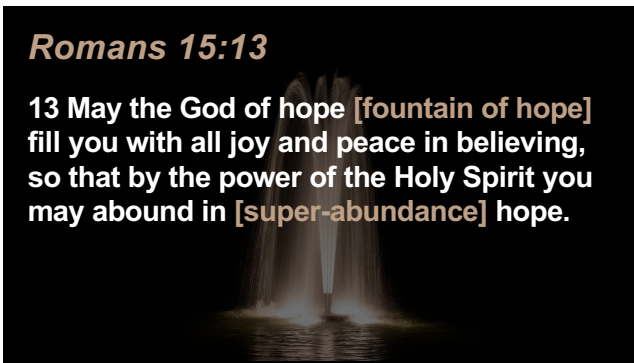
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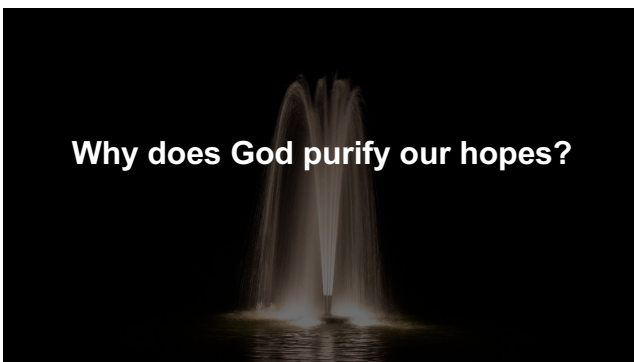
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**Ephesians 1**

18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, [so] that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

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**How the Holy Spirit Responds to Hope**

We know the relationship between faith and love in the movement of the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. What is less known is the relationship of hope to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

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**How Joy comes from Hope**

The joy and peace of believers arise chiefly from their hopes. What is laid out upon them is but little, compared with what is laid up for them; therefore the more hope they have, the more joy and peace they have . . . Christians should desire and labor after an abundance of hope.

-Matthew Henry  
Commentary on Romans 15:13

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***Hope Bears Fruit***

Hope bears the fruit of joy  
Hope bears the fruit of love  
Hope bears the fruit of boldness  
Hope bears the fruit of endurance

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***Romans 12:12***

12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,  
be constant in prayer.

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***Joy***

1. Not affected by circumstance
2. Not an act of will-power
3. Not natural but spiritual

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**Matthew 13:20-21**

As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.

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**Joy is Resilient**

Suffering	Romans 5:3 We rejoice in our sufferings
Affliction	1 Thessalonians 1:6 You received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit
Sorrow	2 Corinthians 6:10 he describes himself "as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything."

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**Hope Attracts the Holy Spirit**

Spiritual hope attracts the Holy Spirit to produce fruit of joy, love, boldness and endurance. The world has a natural form of joy and love and courage and endurance but these are not graces that are the fruit of the spirit and glorify God.

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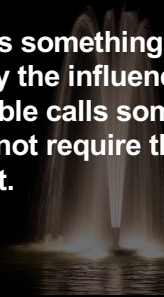
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***Spiritual vs Natural***

The Bible calls something spiritual because it is caused by the influence of the Holy Spirit. The Bible calls something natural when it does not require the influence of the Holy Spirit.



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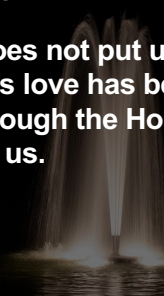
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***Romans 5:5***

5 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.



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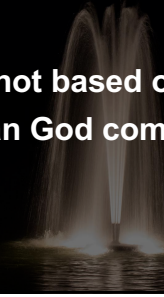
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If Joy is not based on will-power  
how can God command joy?



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**Joy**

a spontaneous, emotional response of the heart



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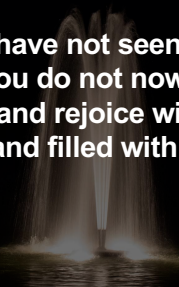
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**1 Peter 1:8**

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



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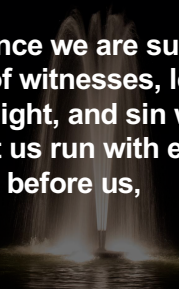
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**Hebrews 12**

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,



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**Hebrews 12**

2 looking 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. 3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

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**Romans 15:13**

13 May the God of hope [fountain of hope] fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in [super-abundance] hope.

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*Hope Eternal*

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