

# JESUS: GOD OF JOY

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- Happiness is a feeling **dependent on you** and/or your circumstances.
- Joy is dependent on the reality of and connection with something or someone transcendent.

Luke 1:13-14, 41-49, 57-58; 2:1-12

*“Christian joy is a good feeling in the soul, produced by the Holy Spirit, as he causes us to see the beauty of Christ in the Word and in the world” (John Piper)*

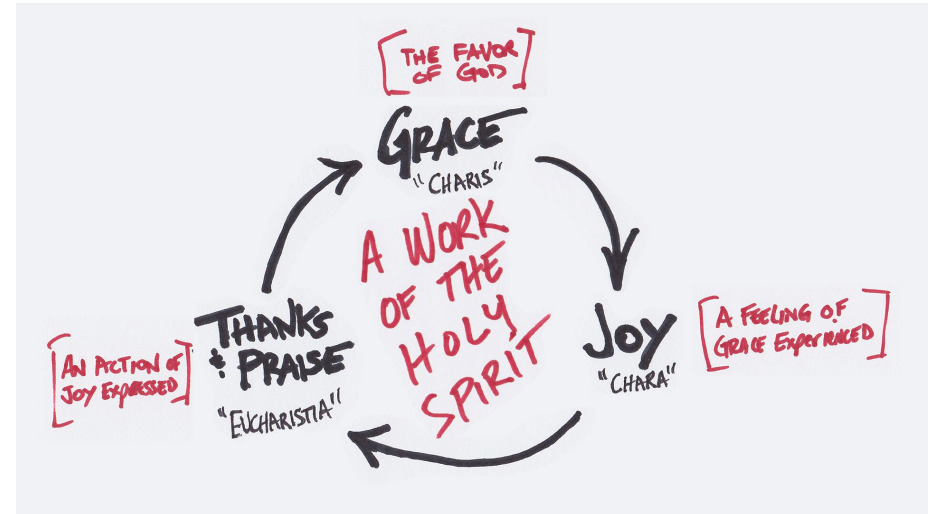
Joy is the emotional satisfaction of knowing, loving and following Jesus.

1 Peter 1:8-9; 1 Thes 5:16-18

## JOY: HOW TO RECEIVE IT

1. **Have a relationship with Jesus** (Phil 4:4; John 15:10-11)
2. **Have a correct view of God** (Zeph 3:17; Jas 1:17-18; Matt 7:9-11)
3. **Have a high view of Grace** (Eph 2:4-9; Rom 12:2-3)

CHARA	(χαρά)	Joy
CHARIS	(χαρις)	Grace
EUCHARIST	(ευχαριστία)	Thanksgiving & Praise



4. **Realize we can never attain it on our own** (Gal 5:22-23a; Rom 15:13; 2 Cor 6:10)

Claiming joy is an act of faith

Living with joy is an act of revolution

## JOY: HOW TO KEEP IT

The way of lament!

- Pray God's promises back to Him
- Confess the mystery
- Wrestle hard with your pain and sorrow
- Trust the Lord

# QUESTIONS

1. How would you explain the difference between “happiness” and “joy”
2. What is our role in cultivating joy (or greater awareness of grace)?  
What is God’s role in cultivating joy?
3. What robs you of joy? What would be required to find joy in these situations?