

# How to *Actually* Enjoy Being a Christian



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**“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”**

**John 15:9-11**

Confess your sins immediately!

1. Because sin disrupts  
your fellowship,

v 3, 5-7



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a)Your fellowship with others,

v 3a

“We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us.”

v 3a



## b) Your fellowship with God,

v 3b, 5-7



“...And our fellowship is with  
the Father and with his Son,  
Jesus Christ.”

v 3b

“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him is no darkness at all.”

v 5

“If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.”

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”

**“Yes, I am the vine; you are  
the branches...for apart from  
me you can do nothing.”**

John 15:5 *NLT*

2. Because sin destroys your joy,

v 4

“We write this to make (y)our  
joy complete.”

v 4



“Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones you have crushed  
rejoice.”

David in Psalm 51:8

“Restore to me the joy of your  
salvation...

Psalm 51:12

**“Now that you know these things, you will be blessed (happy) if you do them.”**

**John 13:17**

3. Because we all have a  
problem with sin,

v 8,10



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Sin deceives us

“If we claim to be without sin,  
we deceive ourselves and the  
truth is not in us.”

v 8

**“Area of strength”  
vs.  
“area of weakness”**



“If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.”

4. Because dealing with sin  
brings forgiveness, cleansing,  
and freedom from guilt,

v 9

**“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”**

“If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness;”

Psalm 130:3-4

“ ‘Come now, let us reason together’, says the LORD. ‘Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be as wool.’ ”

Isaiah 1:18

**“For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.”**

**Psalm 51:3**



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The Choice is Yours



Will you actually enjoy being a Christian?

**“IF we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”**

**1 John 1:9**

**“He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”**

Proverbs 28:13

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