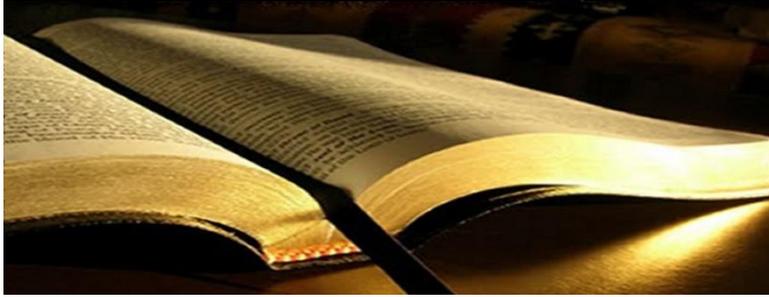


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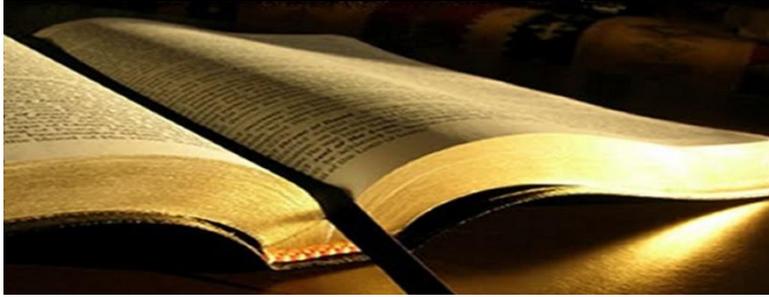
**As the people of God, we should be joyful**



# Philippians 3:1

**Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord.**

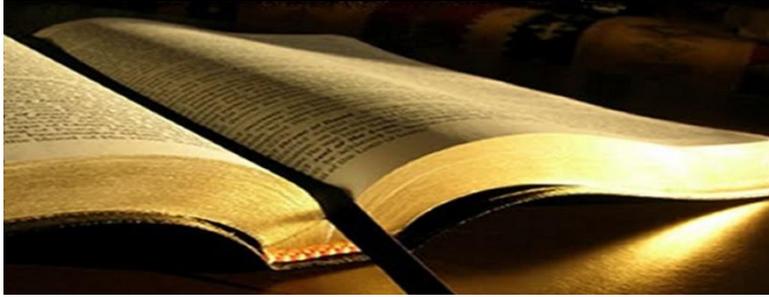




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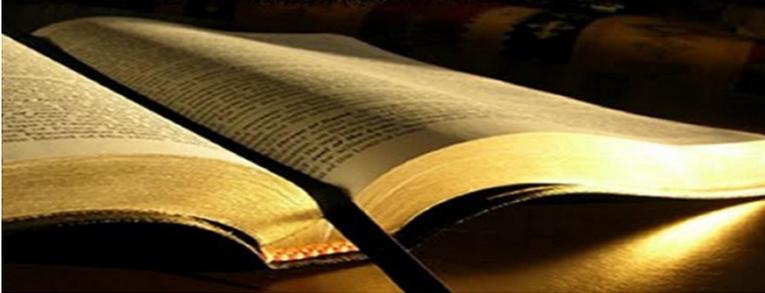


# 1 Thessalonians 5:16

**Rejoice always...**



**God has promised joy to His people**



# Ecclesiastes 2:26

**For God gives wisdom and knowledge and  
joy to a man who is good in His sight...**



**In this lesson, we will focus on the joy that is to be ours as Christians so that we might awaken ourselves to it in order to derive the full measure of joy the Lord offers us**

# Awakening Joy



**The Joy of the Wicked Contrasted  
to the Joy of the Righteous**

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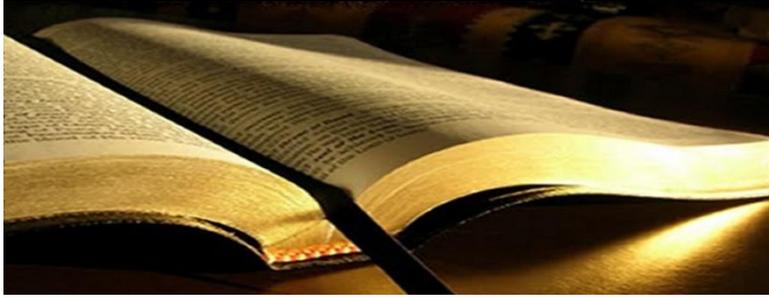


Joys Contrasted

**The Joy of the Wicked**

**It is derived from foolish things**

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# Proverbs 15:21

**Folly is joy to him who is destitute of discernment,  
but a man of understanding walks uprightly.**



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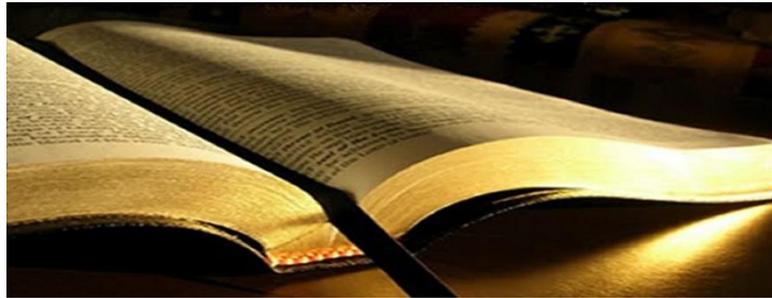


Joys Contrasted

## **The Joy of the Wicked**

**It is short-lived**

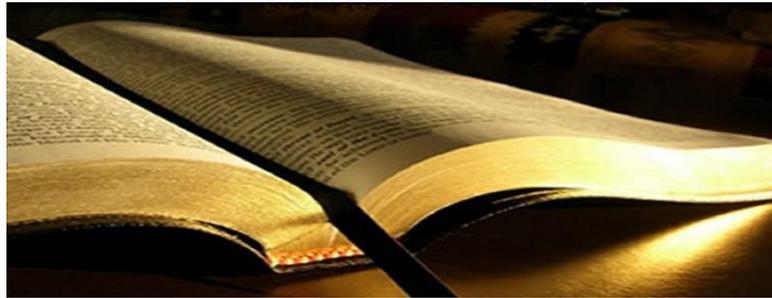
- **The pleasure derived from sin is but passing**



# Job 20:4-5

**“Do you not know this of old, since man was placed on earth, 5 that the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite is but for a moment?”**





# Hebrews 11:24-26

**By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.**



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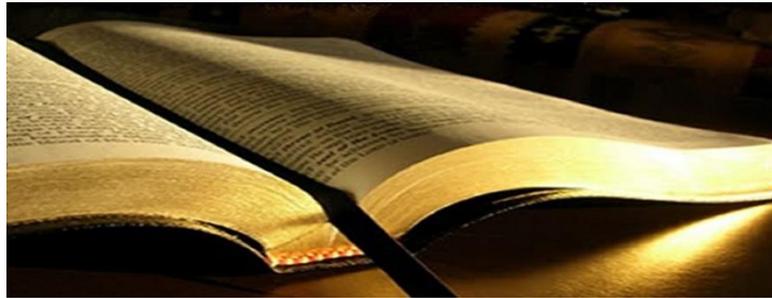


Joys Contrasted

**The Joy of the Wicked**

**It will be turned into mourning**

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# James 4:8-9

**Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.**



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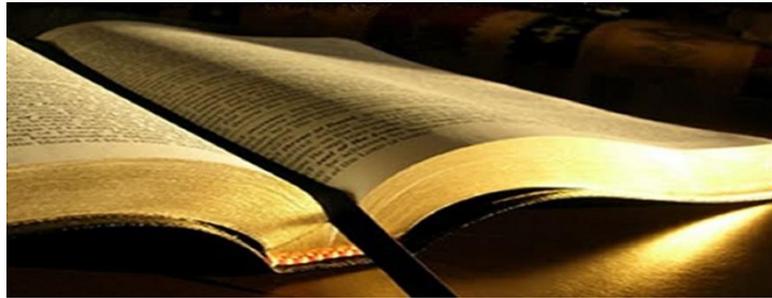


Joys Contrasted

## **The Joy of the Righteous**

**It is inexpressible and full of glory**

- **One must experience it to know it**
- **It is difficult to describe it to someone else**



# 1 Peter 1:8-9

**...whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 receiving the end of your faith – the salvation of your souls.**



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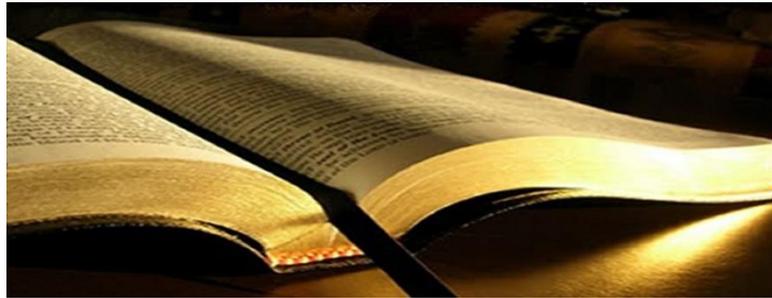


Joys Contrasted

**The Joy of the Righteous**

**It is increased in the meek and lowly**

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# Isaiah 29:19

**The humble also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.**



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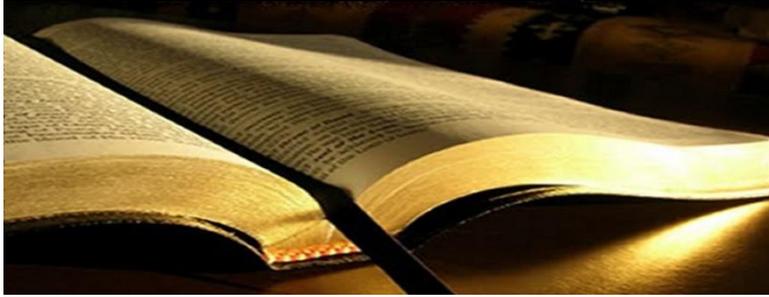


Joys Contrasted

**The Joy of the Righteous**

**It is constant – not short-lived**

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# Philippians 4:4

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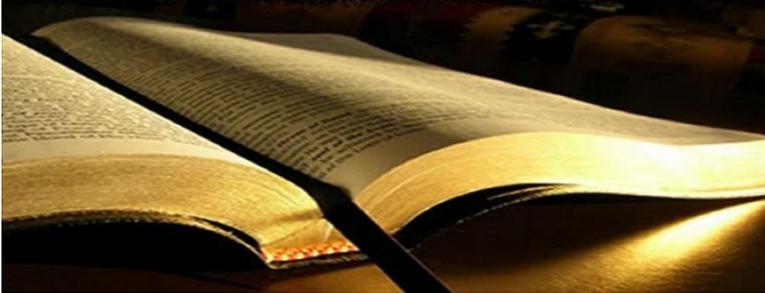


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## **The Joy of the Righteous**

**It is not diminished by trials, persecutions or hardships**

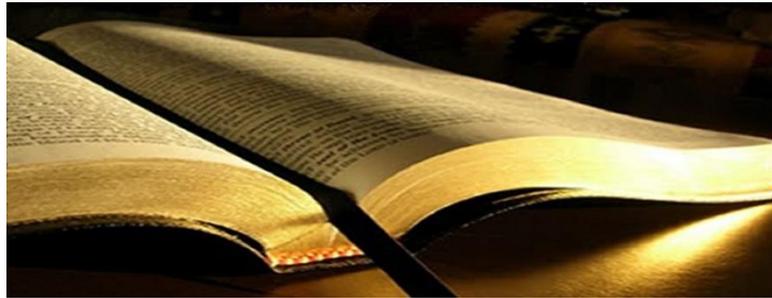
- **As a matter of fact, they can increase it**



# Matthew 5:11-12

**“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”**





# James 1:2

**My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials...**



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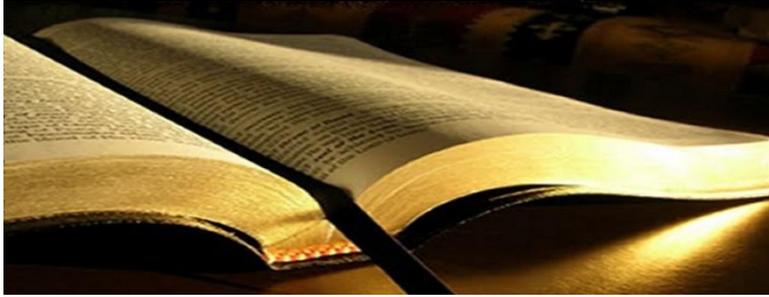


Joys Contrasted

## The Joy of the Righteous

**It is made full by:**

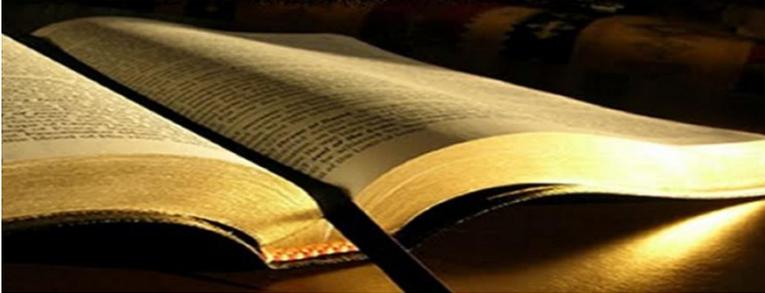
- **Abiding in Christ**
- **The love we have for fellow Christians**
- **Children who walk in truth**



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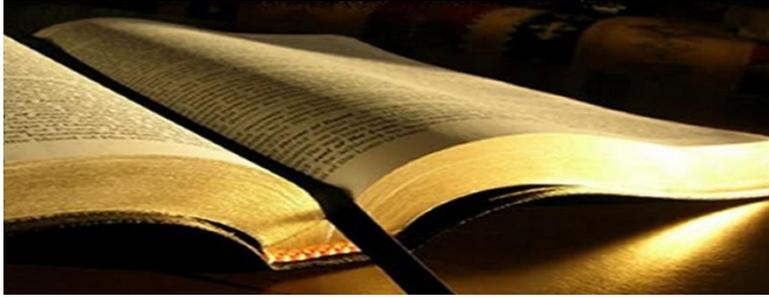




# 2 Timothy 1:3-4

**I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, 4 greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy...**

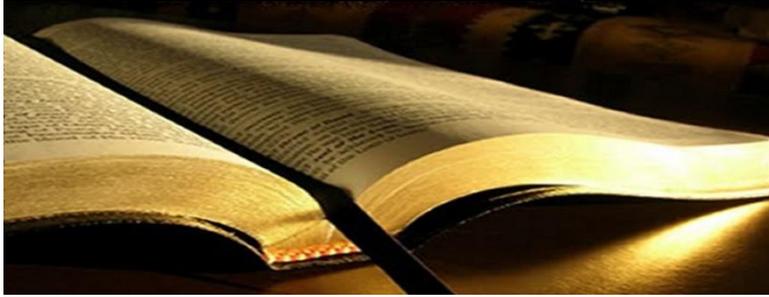




# Philippians 4:1

**Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.**

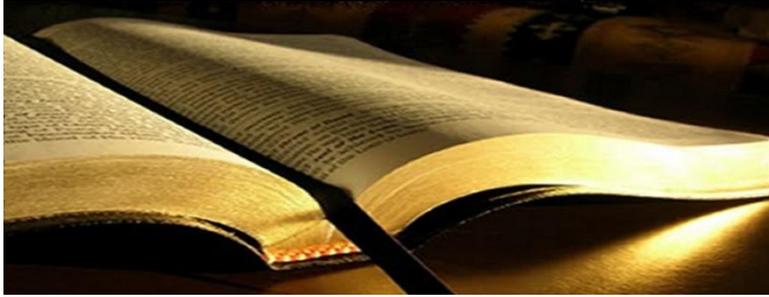




# 3 John 4

**I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.**





# Proverbs 23:24

**The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, and he who begets a wise child will delight in him.**



# Awakening Joy



**Reasons for Rejoicing**

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Reasons for Rejoicing

**The inspired Scriptures gives the  
Christian many reasons to rejoice**

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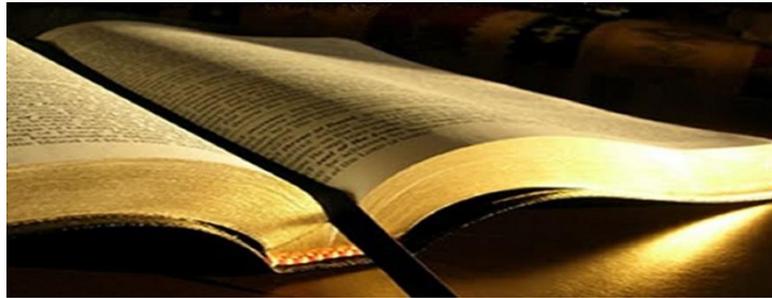
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Reasons for Rejoicing

**Temporal blessings**

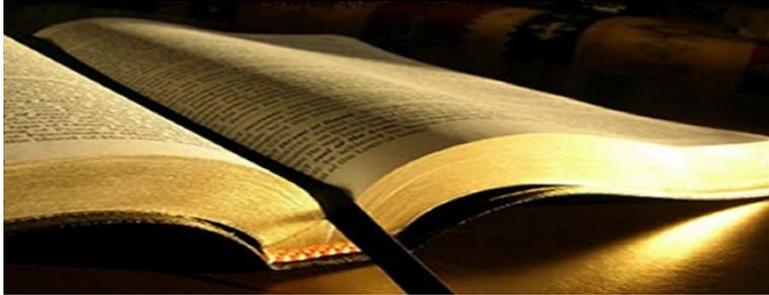
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## Joel 2:23-24

**Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God; for He has given you the former rain faithfully, and He will cause the rain to come down for you – the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. 24 The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.**





# Luke 6:38

**“Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”**



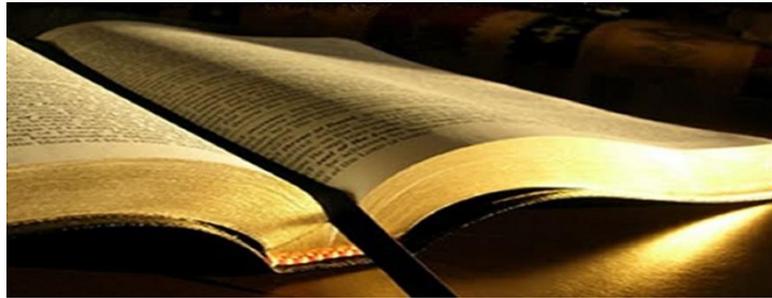
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Reasons for Rejoicing

**Our names are written in heaven**

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# Luke 10:20

**“Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”**



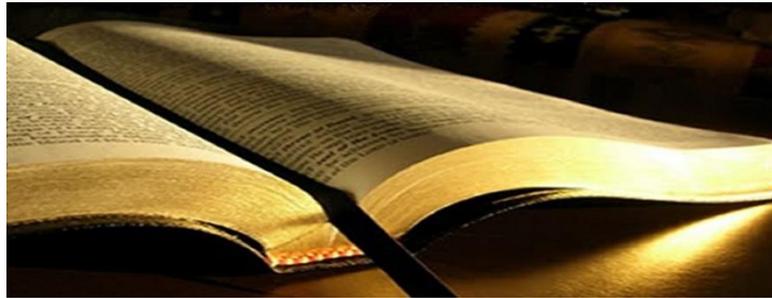
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Reasons for Rejoicing

**Salvation**

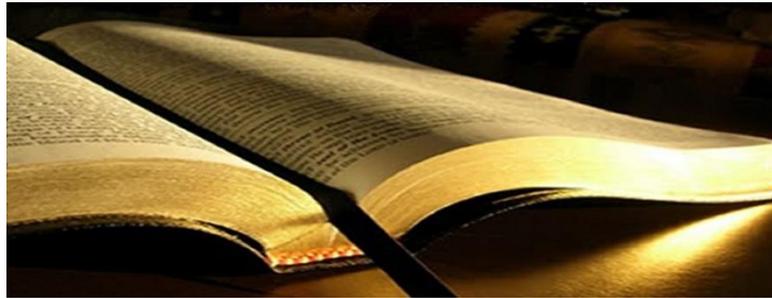
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# Psalm 21:1

**The king shall have joy in Your strength, O LORD;  
and in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!**

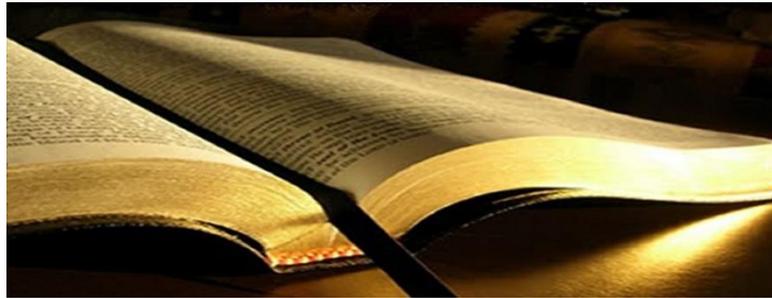




# 1 Peter 1:3-6

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ↓**





# 1 Peter 1:3-6

**who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials...**



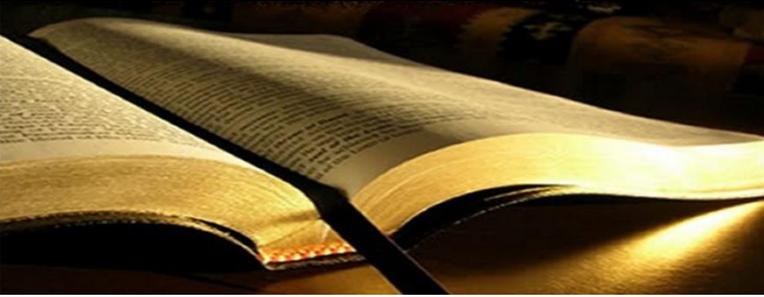
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Reasons for Rejoicing

**The hope of glory**

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# Romans 5:1-2

**Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**



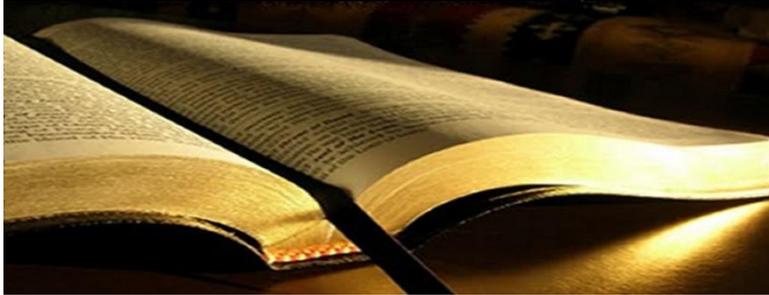
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Reasons for Rejoicing

**The success of the gospel**

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# Acts 15:3

**So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren.**



# Awakening Joy



**Sources of Joy**

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Sources of Joy

**What are the sources or powers that bring joy?**

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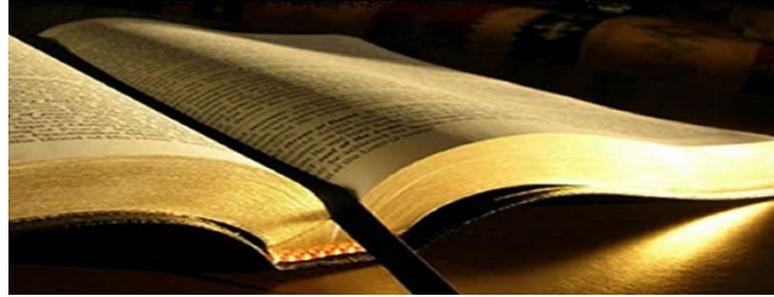
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Sources of Joy

**God gives joy**

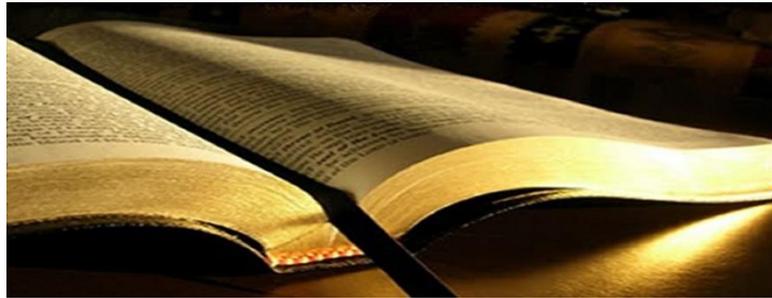
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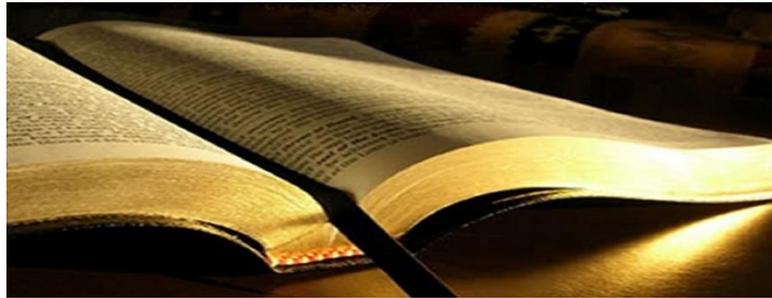




# Psalm 4:7-8

**You have put gladness in my heart, more than in the season that their grain and wine increased. 8 I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**





# Romans 5:11

**And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.**



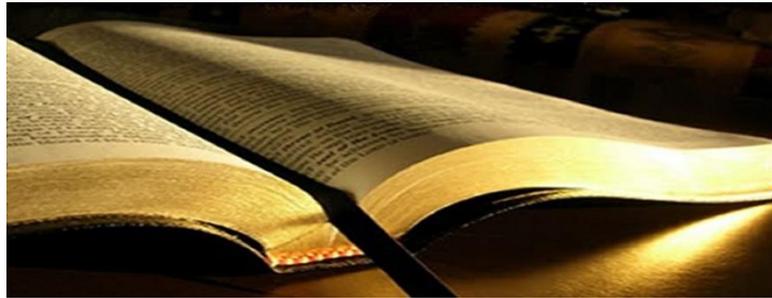
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Sources of Joy

**Jesus Christ gives joy which allows us to rejoice in the Lord**

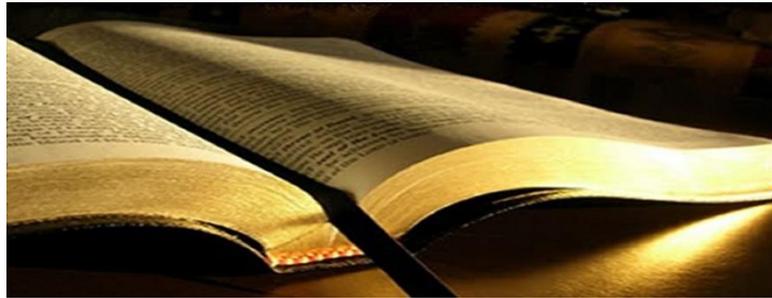
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# Isaiah 61:3

**“To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.”**

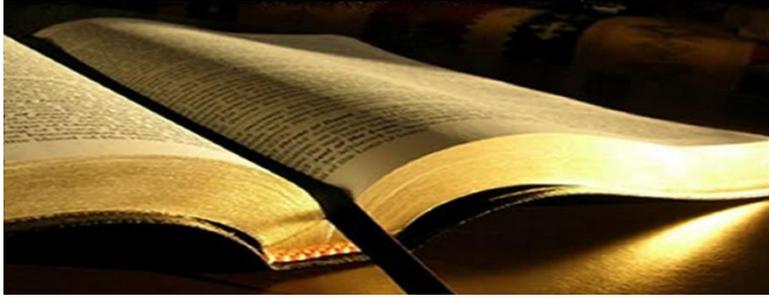




# Luke 2:10-11

**Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”**





# Philippians 3:3

**For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit,  
rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the  
flesh...**



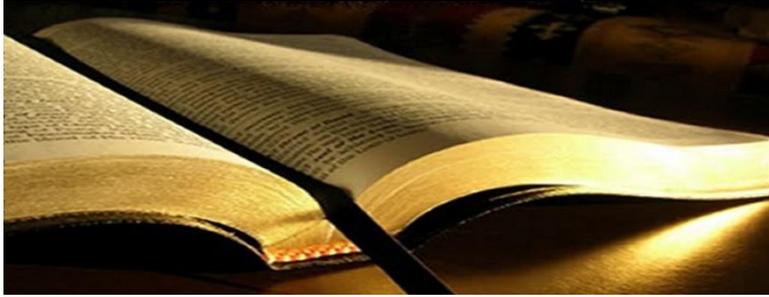
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Sources of Joy

**Joy is to be found in the Holy Spirit**

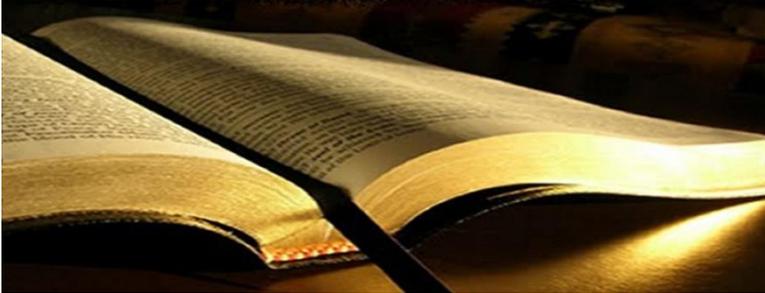
- **Joy is a fruit of the Spirit**



# Romans 14:17

**...for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.**





# Galatians 5:22-23

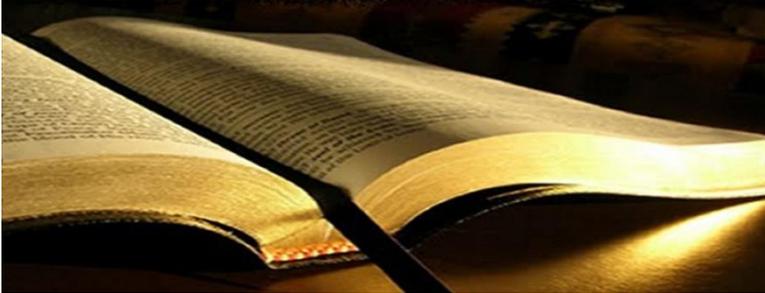
**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.**





## **The word of God gives us joy**

- **To know and understand God's word brings great joy to our hearts**
- **This blessing, a great treasure, can fill us with joy every time we read it**



# Jeremiah 15:16

**Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.**



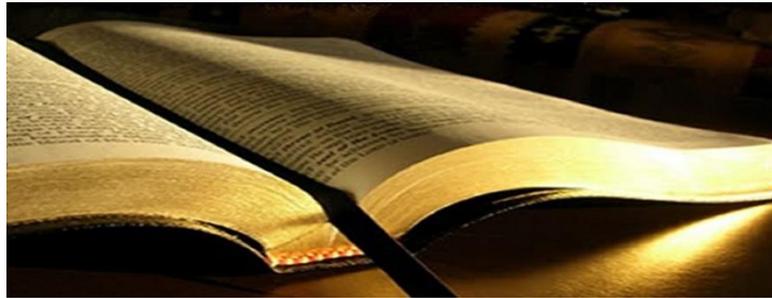
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Sources of Joy

**The benefits of prayer brings joy**

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# John 16:24

**“Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”**





# Awakening JOY

**Exhortations to Rejoice and Be Joyful**



- **Let the righteous rejoice (Psa. 68:3; 32:11)**
- **Rejoice and be happy for we have received manifold spiritual blessings (Isa. 61:10)**
- **Serve God with gladness (Psa. 100:2-5)**
- **Engage in all worship services with rejoicing (Ezra 6:22)**



- **Rejoice in all our undertakings (1 Thess. 5:16-18)**
  - **Express our joy, especially in song (Jas. 5:13)**
  - **Promote joy in other people (2 Cor. 1:24; Phil. 1:25)**
  - **Pray for joy in others (Rom. 15:13)**
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# Awakening Joy



**Conclusion: The Great Eternal Joy**

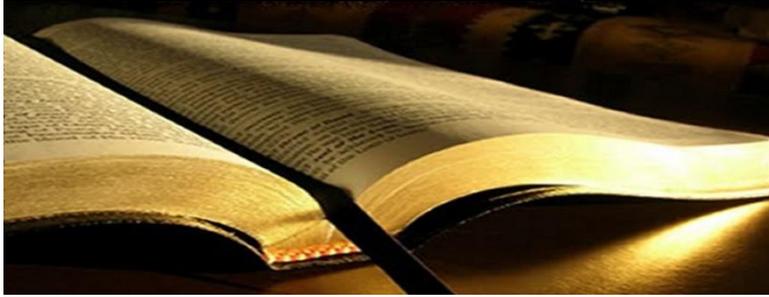
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The Great Eternal Joy

**Saints will be presented to God with exceeding joy**

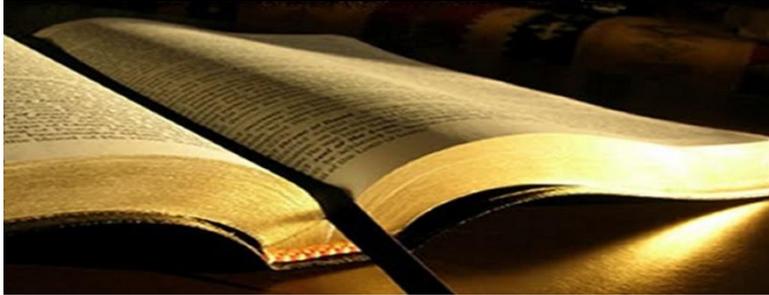
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# 1 Peter 4:12-13

**Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.**





# Jude 24

**Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy...**



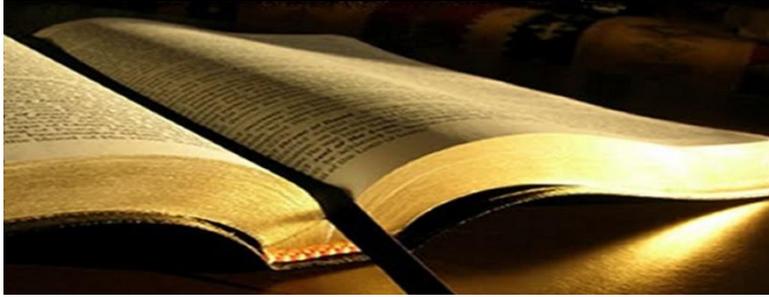
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The Great Eternal Joy

**Entering the joy of the Lord will be the  
reward of saints at the judgment day**

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# Matthew 25:21

**“His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’”**



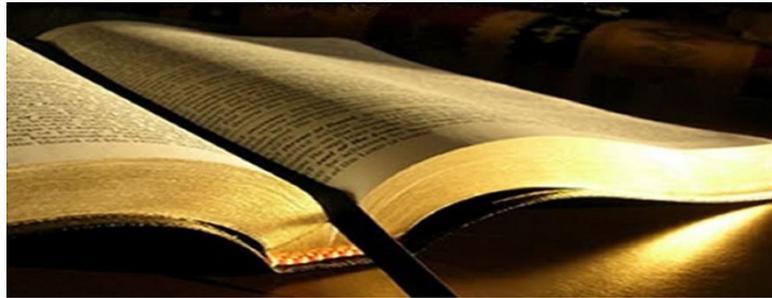
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**Heaven is pictured as a marvelous place of happiness and joy**

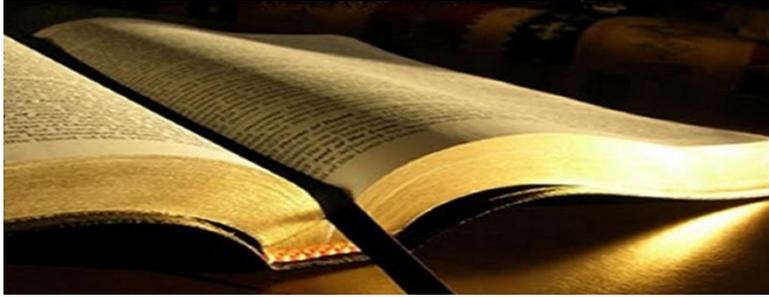
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# Psalm 16:11

**You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is  
fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures  
forevermore.**





# Revelation 21:4

**“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”**



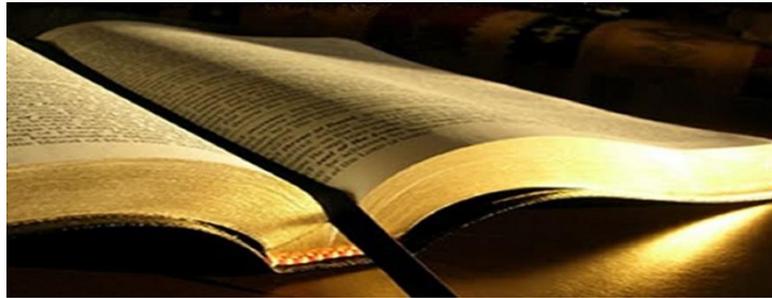
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The Great Eternal Joy

**Following the example of the apostle Paul, through faithfulness, we can finish our course on earth with joy**

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# Acts 20:24

**“But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.”**

