

8. Guilt

"Everyone who believes in him is freed from all guilt and declared right with God--something the Jewish law could never do."
Acts 13:39 (NLT)

"And I am convinced and sure of this very thing, that He Who began a good work in you will continue until the day of Jesus Christ [right up to the time of His return], developing [that good work] and perfecting and bringing it to full completion in you."
Philippians 1:6 (AMP)

Small Group Questions:

1. When are you most naturally joyful?
2. When is it hardest for you to be filled with joy?
3. How are the Holy Spirit and joy interrelated?
4. List ways that Satan tries to steal our joy.
5. Pray for one another to receive more of God's joy.

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Please feel free to come down to the front for prayer after service.

"...pray for one another..." James 5:16

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"Joyology"

"...The joy of the Lord is your strength."

Nehemiah 8:10

I. Joy - described

1. Joy is a gift from God...

"...In Your presence is fullness of joy..."

Psalm 16:11

2. Joy is a gift from God to those who believe the Gospel (Good News)...

"...Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

Luke 2:10 (NIV)

3. Joy is a gift from God to those who believe in the Gospel being produced in them by the Holy Spirit...

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy..."

Galatians 5:22

4. Joy is a gift from God to those who believe in the Gospel being produced in them by the Holy Spirit as the believer receives and obeys the Word...

"...Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart..."

Jeremiah 15:16

5. Joy is a gift from God to those who believe in the Gospel being produced in them by the Holy Spirit as the believer receives and obeys the Word being mixed with various trials...

"...count it all joy when you fall into various trials." James 1:2

*"In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials."
1 Peter 1:6*

6. Joy is a gift from God to those who believe in the Gospel being produced in them by the Holy Spirit as the believer receives and obeys the Word being mixed with various trials and set their hope on future glory.

*"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."
Jude 24*

The Believer's Joy –

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II. What will steal your joy?

1. Playing church

*"Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith..."
2 Corinthians 13:5*

2. Satan will try to steal your joy

*"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."
1 Peter 5:8*

3. Worry – not trusting that God is in control

*"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."
Philippians 4:6*

4. Dissatisfaction with current circumstances

*"I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need."
Philippians 4:12*

5. Ingratitude

*"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
1 Thessalonians 5:18*

*"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."
Psalm 103:2*

6. Fear of the future

*"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."
Matthew 6:34 (NIV)*

7. Self-Centeredness

*"Don't be selfish; don't live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself. Don't think only about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and what they are doing."
Philippians 2:3-4 (NLT)*