

Bearing The Fruit Of Joy

"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full." John 15:11 (New King James Version)

Galatians 5:22,23 - If we are to be _____, we must have _____.

Examining The Fruit

A. Joy is an _____ that comes from well-being, _____ or _____ fortune, or by the _____ of possessing something.

B. Joy that is distinctively Christian:

1. **Our joy is centered on Christ:**

- a. Luke 2:10 - When Jesus was _____, the _____ announced _____ tidings of _____ joy.
- b. John 15:10,11 - Jesus' stated _____ was to give us joy that would _____ in us and be _____.

2. **Our joy is based on our salvation:**

- a. Psalm 51:12 - _____ lost that joy, and prayed that it might be _____ to him.
- b. Isaiah 61:10 - Our _____ will be joyful when God _____ us with the _____ of salvation.
- c. Acts 8:39 - The _____ went on his way _____.

3. **Our joy is based on anticipated blessings:**

- a. Matthew 25:21 - Those who are found _____ will _____ into the _____ of their _____.
- b. Colossians 1:27 - _____ in us, the _____ of glory!

Serious About Bearing The Fruit Of Joy

A. **Joy is the strength that keeps the Christian going:**

1. Nehemiah 8:10 - The joy of the _____ is your _____.
2. Hebrews 12:2 - _____ endured the _____ for the joy that was set _____ Him.

B. **Joy is borne when we choose to express it:**

1. Habakkuk 3:17,18 - Though the prophet saw _____ times ahead, yet he would _____ in the _____.
2. Matthew 5:11,12 - Even when _____, we must choose to rejoice; our _____ will be great!
3. Philippians 4:4 - Rejoice in the Lord _____!

Beecher: "... of all the _____ which you kindle on the _____, joy will reach _____ out to _____ ..."

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