

Joy

- I am full of joy today!!
- Why am I so joyful?
- Maybe it's because Christmas is only 4 days, so many hours, minutes and seconds away!
- Maybe it's because I have a wonderful wife and children!
- Maybe it's because of the love I see here.
- It could be any of those things.
- All those things can change. Where is our source of joy?
- **Psalm 4:7 (NLT) — 7 You have given me greater joy than those who have abundant harvests of grain and new wine.**
- **Philippians 3:1 (NLT) — 1 Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith.**
- **Philippians 4:4 (NLT) — 4 Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!**
- We have joy in God. He is the source of our joy.
- God gives us Joy
- **Job 8:21 (NLT) — 21 He will once again fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy.**
- Why is God the source of joy?
- We receive joy in His presence.
- **Psalm 122:1 (NLT) — 1 I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”**
- We have joy because God is our salvation.
- **Isaiah 25:9 (NLT) — 9 In that day the people will proclaim, “This is our God! We trusted in him, and he saved us! This is the LORD, in whom we trusted. Let us rejoice in the salvation he brings!”**
- **Our salvation is the reason we rejoice!**
- **Isaiah 12: 1-3 1 In that day you will sing: “I will praise you, O LORD! You were angry with me, but not anymore. Now you comfort me. 2 See, God has come to save me. I will trust in him and not be afraid. The LORD GOD is my strength and my song; he has given me victory.” 3 With joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of salvation!**
- In that day you will sing! That day of our salvation.
- In the day of our salvation we realize that God comforts us.
- God has come to save us.

- **Luke 2:15-20**
- **15** When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”
- **16** They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. **17** After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. **18** All who heard the shepherds’ story were astonished, **19** but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. **20** The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.
- The shepherds saw the messiah. Their reaction was praise to God because they knew the salvation of the had come to Earth.
- In **Isaiah 12:3** it says **with joy we will drink from the fountain of salvation!**
- The joy of our salvation is a joy that should never leave us.
- I know of someone that has been given a health diagnoses that was scary. That person was frightened and worried. I went and prayed with this person and assured this person that God is with them. This person had a procedure done and I waited to hear from them but didn’t hear anything that night. The next day I saw Facebook posts of joy from this person. The short version of this story is God took this person from a state of despair to a state of joy. Even though the situation hasn’t changed.
- God gives us a great joy even in the midst of trouble.
- God has given the world joy through the birth of Jesus.
- **Luke 2:10–11 (NLT) — 10** but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. **11** The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!
- **Luke 2:28–32 (NLT) — 28** Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, **29** “Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. **30** I have seen your salvation, **31** which you have prepared for all people. **32** He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!”
- Jesus is the giver of joy.
- **John 17:13 (NLT) — 13** “Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy.
- **John 15:11 (NLT) — 11** I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!

- There is great joy when someone comes to know Jesus as their savior.
- **Luke 15:7 (NLT) — 7 In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!**
- **Luke 15:10 (NLT) — 10 In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents."**
- **Luke 15:22–24 (NLT) — 22 "But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. 23 And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, 24 for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began.**
- There is joy in heaven when a sinner repents. There should be joy among all the believers when that sinner repents. We should have joy in our hearts because of our salvation.
- We shouldn't have scowls on our faces. There is joy as we are in His presence.
- **1 Chronicles 16:27 (NLT) — 27 Honor and majesty surround him; strength and joy fill his dwelling.**
- This joy fills His temple and our bodies are the temple of the Lord, so joy should fill our hearts.
- According to Isaiah we need to tell the nations what He has done.
- **Isaiah 12: 4-6⁴ In that wonderful day you will sing: "Thank the LORD! Praise his name! Tell the nations what he has done. Let them know how mighty he is!⁵ Sing to the LORD, for he has done wonderful things. Make known his praise around the world.⁶ Let all the people of Jerusalem* shout his praise with joy! For great is the Holy One of Israel who lives among you."**
- Let's go tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere! Jesus Christ is born! Jesus is the king of kings, Lord of Lord's' and He is our salvation.
- God Bless and Merry Christmas!