

Joy of Christianity

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Introduction

1. 1 John 1:4
2. Hope and faith are fundamental topics that each ought to study
3. The Joy of Christianity ought to come somewhere along the line
4. Our text says that our joy ought to be full
5. Let us consider joy in Christianity

II Discussion

1. The early church was joyful
 - a. Acts 2:46 Gladness of hearts in the early church
 1. Daily in the temple 2:46; 5:42
 2. Consistent living 2:42, 46
 3. Glad hearts 2:46
 - b. Acts 8:5,8 Philip preached Christ in Samaria
 - c. The eunuch went on his way rejoicing after being converted Acts 8:39
 - d. Acts 13:52 Antioch disciples were filled with joy
 - e. Acts 16:34 The jailer rejoiced
2. The brethren had their trials, temptations, burdens, persecutions and pressures of life
 - a. Acts 16 persecutions The church started at Philippi yet Paul told them to rejoice Philippians 4:4
 - b. Acts 17 The church at Thessalonica was born in persecutions yet Paul told them to rejoice 1 Thessalonians 5:16
 - c. The church at Rome could rejoice in hope while they were patient in tribulation Romans 12:12
 - d. One of the characteristics of the fruit of the Spirit is Joy Galatians 5:22
3. They had a right relationship with God and joy was the result
 - a. The Christians were told to "rejoice in the Lord." Philippians 4:4
 - b. These folks were
 1. Meet KJV or Qualified NKJV Colossians 1:12
 2. Redeemed Colossians 1:14
 3. Forgiveness of all sins Colossians 1:14
 4. Delivered from the power of darkness Colossians 1:13
 5. Chosen Ephesians 1:4
 6. Have an inheritance 1 Peter 1:3-6

III Conclusion

1. Do you have the right relationship with God?
2. If you do then rejoice
3. If you do not have joy then put yourself in a position where you can have this kind of relationship with God.
4. Come now

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