

“And these things write we unto you, that your Joy may be full.” 1 John 1:4 KJV

We hardly ever hear someone say, “I’m so joyful!” What you will hear is, “I’m so happy! Happiness is an emotion dependent on earthly experience. Joy is a condition of KNOWING you have a Heavenly possession. *“Rejoice, because your names are written in Heaven. BELIEVING, ye rejoice with Joy Unspeakable and full of Glory.”* Joy is an attribute of the Holy Spirit possessed only by those He quickens to eternal life. *“The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace...”* I only have Joy when I walk in the Spirit,” that is, obey God’s Word. Our Joy is full when we trust AND obey. Obedience walks with God; rebellion walks with self. Christ, our example, *“for the Joy that was set before Him endured the Cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the Throne of God.”* Who sits on the King’s right? No one! The King sits on the right. His Joy becomes our Joy if *“we walk in the Light (think and do God’s Word) as He is in the Light.”* By doing so, we *“have the Mind of Christ; fellowship, one with another.”* Fellowship is enjoyment of a common interest. Joy is, literally, fellowship with God! You can be happy on earth and joyless in spirit if you are not *“born-again of the Spirit.”* The more of God’s Word directing our thoughts the greater our Joy. *“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.”* I cannot *“Joy in the Lord”* if I do not obey Him. Joy is not feeling, it is knowing. *“Hereby we do KNOW that we KNOW Him, if we keep (obey) His Commandments.”* God’s Word is supernaturally preserved in written form *“that ye may know that ye have Eternal Life, and that ye may BELIEVE on the name of the Son of God.”* It is the Written Word hidden in your heart/soul/mind that translates the Joy of Jesus to you. As He said, *“Without Me, ye can do nothing!”* What cripples the human spirit more than despair and doubt? What eradicates hope more than ignorance? *“Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things NOT seen. Faith cometh by...the Word of God. Without faith, it is impossible to please [God]. For by Grace are ye saved, through faith: And that not of yourselves, it is the Gift of God.”* Obedience is the evidence of faith; faith is the evidence of God! What strengthens trust and hope more than God’s faithfulness? Joy and Hope bloom in the Garden of Obedience if you love God and His Word.



My Life! My Love! Emanuel!
El Shaddai! My Friend!
Peace and Joy unspeakable!
Pleasures without end! -CGP

God’s Joy gives you the confidence to stare death in the face without blinking! *“There is no fear in Love; but perfect Love casteth out fear: God is Love.”* If you HEAR and obey God’s Voice, you have Peace and Joy!

“He restoreth my soul: He (His Word) leadeth me in the Paths of Righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of Death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.” Psalms 23:3-4 KJV