

Joy/Full: The Power of Joy

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1 Peter 1:3-8

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1. JESUS CHRIST IS THE SOURCE OF TRUE JOY

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John 15:5

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2. IF IT'S CHRIST'S JOY YOU SEEK, YOU CAN ONLY HAVE IT BY HAVING HIM

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5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

Acts 8:5-8

5 Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ there. 6... 7 With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed. 8 So there was great joy in that city.

3. CHOOSE JOY

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

16 Be joyful always; 17 pray continually; 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 35:10

The ransomed of the Lord ... will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.