

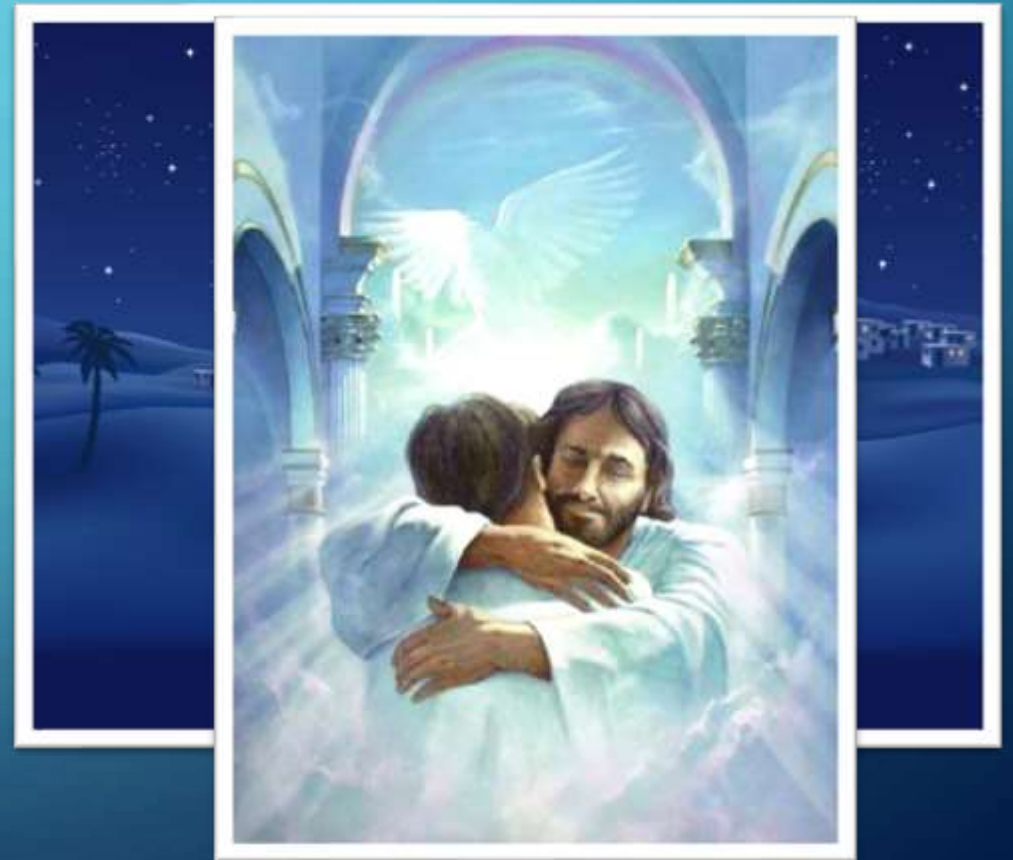
THE JOY OF JESUS

John 15:1-14



THE NEW TESTAMENT IS A BOOK OF JOY!

- It opens with the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:14)
- It Contains the Triumph of His Faith! – Romans 8:28-39
- It Closes With the Heavenly Welcome! – Revelation 21:1-5
- Christian Joys are Incomparable!
Romans 8:18



JOY AND SORROW ARE NOT ANTAGONISTIC

- Jesus Was a “Man of Sorrows”
Isaiah 53:3
- And a Man of Joy – John 15:10-11
- He is Too Often Portrayed Only From
His Cries of Agony – Mark 14:34;
John 12:27
- Joy and Sorrow Are Complementary
and Arise From the Same Capacity.



TRUE JOY IS NOT BASED ON *EXTERNAL* THINGS

- Under the Shadow of the Cross, Jesus Said, “Be of Good Cheer!” (John 16:33)
- He Said the Same to Paul, While He Was a Prisoner. (Acts 23:11)
- He Endured the Cross for the JOY Set Before Him. (Hebrews 12:2)
- He Was Victorious Over Death!



CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE JOYFUL

- My Joy May Be in You. – John 15:11
- Your Joy May Be Full – John 17:13
- A Fruit of the Spirit – Galatians 5:22
- Rejoice Always! – Philippians 4:4
- Rejoice in Persecution – Matthew 5:12
- Rejoice! Your Name is Written in Heaven! – Luke 10:20



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- The New Testament is a Book of Joy!
- Joy and Sorrow are not Antagonistic
- Christians Should be Joyful!



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