

Rejoice and Joy

Joy, gladness 5479 *chara*
Rejoice, be glad 5463 *chairō*

Joy derived from observing an action of God

Matthew 2:10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.
Matthew 13:20 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy... (Luke 8:13)
Matthew 13:44 The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a mad found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
Matthew 28:8 They went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy to bring His disciples word.
Luke 1:14 You [Zacharias] will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.
Luke 2:10 Do not be afraid, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.
Luke 6:23 Rejoice is that day [of persecution] and leap for joy, for indeed your reward is great in heaven.
Luke 10:17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."
Luke 24:52 And they worshipped Him [after the ascension] and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.
John 3:29 Therefore this joy of mine [at the success of Jesus] is fulfilled.
John 16:20 – 24 ...but your sorrow [Jesus' death] will be turned into joy [resurrection]
Acts 8:8 There was great joy in that city [due to the message and miracles of Philip]
Acts 15:3 ...describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren.

Adopting a characteristic of Jesus

John 15:11 These things I have spoken to you that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

Generally joyful due to the gospel

Acts 13:52 [In Antioch of Pisidia, after Paul and Barnabas were driven out] And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.
Romans 5:2 ...through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
Romans 5:11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.
Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Philippians 1:18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and I will rejoice.
Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say, rejoice.
Colossians 1:11 ...strengthened with all might according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy.
1 Thessalonians 1:6 And you became followers of us and the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy in the Holy Spirit.
James 1:2 Count it all joy when you fall into various trials.
Hebrews 10:34 ...joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and enduring possession for yourselves.

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- 1 Peter 1:8 ...Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory.
- 1 Peter 4:13 Rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's suffering that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

Joy derived from doing evangelism or edification

- Philippians 1:25 And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith.
- 1 Thessalonians 2:19 For what is our hope or joy or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For you are our glory and joy.
- 1 Thessalonians 3:9 For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God.
- 1 John 1:4 These things we write to you that our joy may be full.
- 2 John 12 ...but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full

Joy due to the successful faith of others

- 2 Corinthians 2:3 I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all.
- 2 Corinthians 7:4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation
- 2 Corinthians 7:13 ...and we rejoiced exceedingly more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all.
- Philippians 2:2 Fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.
- Philippians 2:18 For the same reason, you also be glad and rejoice with me.
- Philippians 4:1 Therefore my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.
- Colossians 2:5 For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith into Christ.
- 2 Timothy 1:4 – 5 ...that I may be filled with joy when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you.
- Philemon 7 For we had great joy and consolation in your love...
- Philemon 20 Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord...
- 3 John 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

Joy produces action

- 2 Corinthians 8:2 ...in a great trial of affliction, the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.
- Philippians 1:4 Always in every prayer of mine making request for you in all joy.
- Hebrews 12:2 ..looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of God.

Note: "Happy" in modern translations misses the point because it is "blessed," as in the Beatitudes, which is "above the cares of this life." TDNT describes joy as "delighted" or "exceedingly glad." This also misses the point. Interestingly, grace (*charis*) is very similar to joy (*chara*) and is more like "an encounter with the glory of God." Joy is a combination of emotions in response to interacting with grace.