

“Joy to the World”

Purpose: To better understand how Paul was able to find Peace and Joy in spite of the tribulations and trials he endured including his two imprisonments.

Luke 2:8-12

⁸And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of **great joy**, which shall be to all people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

G5479 χαρά chara *khar-ah'* From G5463; *cheerfulness*, that is, calm *delight*:—gladness, X greatly, (X be exceeding) joy (-ful, -fully, -fulness, -ous).

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, **joy**, **peace**, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Psalms 95:2 Let us come before his presence with **thanksgiving**, and make a **joyful** noise unto him with psalms. **Joy comes from being Thankful!**

Thankful:

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye **thankful**.

2 Cor 4:15 For all things *are* for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the **thanksgiving** of many redound to the glory of God. ¹⁶For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perishes, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, works for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory; ¹⁸While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

Eph 5:16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*. ¹⁸And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; ¹⁹Speaking to yourselves in **psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody** in your heart to the Lord; ²⁰Giving **thanks always** for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

G2168 - eucharisteō - to *be grateful*, that is, (actually) to *express gratitude* (towards); specifically to *say grace* at a meal:—(give) thank (-ful, -s).

Joy:

John 16: 20-22 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall **rejoice**: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into **joy**. ²¹A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for **joy** that a man is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall **rejoice**, and your **joy** no man taketh from you.

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John 16:31-33 Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? ³²Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. ³³These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but **be of good cheer**; I have overcome the world.

Acts 20:22-24 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: ²³Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. ²⁴But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with **joy**, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

1 Peter 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye **rejoice with joy** unspeakable and full of glory: ⁹Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.

Peace:

Col 3:14-16

And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness. ¹⁵And let the **peace of God rule in your hearts**, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. ¹⁶**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom**; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Eph 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness, with **longsuffering**, forbearing one another in love; ³Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of **peace**.

Longsuffering - G3115 – makrothumia - *longanimity*, that is, (objectively) *forbearance* or (subjectively) *fortitude*:—longsuffering, patience. Endurance of pain inflicted by others

Rejoicing in Philipians:

Philipians 1:3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with **joy**, ⁵For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; ⁶Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

¹⁸What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will **rejoice**.

G5463 chairō; to be full of “*cheer*”, that is, calmly *happy* or well off; impersonal especially as a salutation (on meeting or parting), *be well*:—farewell, be glad, God speed, greeting, hail, joy (-fully), rejoice.

Philipians 2:16-18 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain. ¹⁷Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸For the same cause also do ye **joy, and rejoice** with me.

Philipians 2:28 I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may **rejoice**, and that I may be the less sorrowful.

Philipians 3:1-3

¹Finally, my brethren, **rejoice** in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed *is* not grievous, but for you *it is* safe. ²Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision. ³For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Philipians 4:4-8

Rejoice in the Lord always: *and* again I say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord *is* at hand. ⁶Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with **Thanksgiving** let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷And the **peace** of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are **true**, whatsoever things are **honest**, whatsoever things are **just**, whatsoever things are **pure**, whatsoever things are **lovely**, whatsoever things are of **good report**; if *there be* any **virtue**, and if *there be* any **praise**, **think on these things**.

Peace G1515 - eirēnē - (to *join*); *peace* (literally or figuratively); by implication *prosperity*:—one, peace, quietness, rest, + set at one again.

Inner peace; knowing we have life through Christ. It is not related to life's circumstances.

From the word comes wisdom which shows us the value of Joy and Thanksgiving which leads to Peace.

Have a Peaceful, Thankful, and Joyful Christmas!