

THE ATTITUDE OF JOY

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus...

Philippians 2:5 (NIV)

❖ Remembering Where Our Joy Comes From:

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:1-4 (NIV)

1. Recognize the JOY that is from our SALVATION.
2. Realize the JOY that comes from SHARING together.
3. Release the JOY that comes through our SUBMISSION to Jesus and each other.

❖ The Example That Reveals Our Hope For Joy:

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself and became obedient to death--even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)

1. A SURRENDERED life.
2. A SERVING life.
3. A SACRIFICING life.

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❖ The Promises That Help Us Experience Joy:

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation," in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life--in order that I may boast on the

day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing. But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

Philippians 2:12-18 (NIV)

1. The GUARANTEE of our SALVATION gives us joy.

"I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand."

John 10:28-29 (NIV)

2. The SPIRITUAL GROWTH through our SANCTIFICATION increases our joy.

But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

2 Thessalonians 2:13 (NASB)

3. The EXPECTATION of our GLORIFICATION seals our joy.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)