

Joy Restored

"Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Nehemiah 8:10 NKJV

“Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.”

Psalm 51:12-13 NKJV

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- **The Joy of the Lord**
 - Experienced by the Ethiopian (**Acts 8:38**)
 - Demonstrated by Paul (**Acts 16:25**)
 - Expressed by the jailer (**Acts 16:34**)

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 - A fruit of the Spirit (**Gal 5:22**)
 - Available by the love of God (**John 3:16, Rom 5:8**)
 - Connected with belief (**1 Peter 1:8-9**)
 - Associated with hope (**Rom 5:1-2**)
 - Contingent on obedience (**Rom 6:4**)

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- **Lost Joy**
 - Example of David (**2 Sam 11-12, Psalm 51**)
 - Lure of the world and sin (**2 Tim 4:10, 2 Pet 2:22, Matt 13:20, 2 Pet 1:9, James 4:4**)
 - Age (**Eccl 12:1-5**)
 - Trials of life (**1 Peter 1:6-9**)
 - Indifference (**Rev 3:14-22**)
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 - Remember the source (**2 Peter 1:3, Rom 15:13, Luke 10:20**)
 - Return to “His presence” (**Psalm 16:11, John 14:1-3, 1 Thes 5:17**)
 - Resume service to the Lord (**Matt 25:31-46, James 1:27**)

“Rejoice in the Lord always.
Again I will say, rejoice!”

Philippians 4:4 NKJV