

# Rejoice

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## Introduction

The Greek word **chairō**, occurring 74x in the NT, means “to rejoice, to be delighted, to be glad, to be in a state of happiness and well-being, to be well, to thrive, etc.”

- **Thomas** defines χαίρω [chairō] as “to rejoice, be glad” [5463].
- **BDAG** say it means “(1) to be in a state of happiness and well-being, rejoice, be glad; (2) in the imperative, a formalized greeting wishing one well, also in indicative, to use such a greeting (in effect, to express that one is on good terms with the other... (a) in spoken address, often on meeting people; (b) elliptically at the beginning of a letter greetings.”
- **Strong/Thayer** define it as “(1) to rejoice, be glad; (2) to rejoice exceedingly; (3) to be well, thrive; (4) in salutations, hail!; (5) at the beginning of letters: to give one greeting, salute” [5463].
- **Swanson** says it means “(1) rejoice, be glad, be delighted; (2) Greetings!, (most versions) Hail!; formally (in the imperative), Rejoice!; in some contexts (as in the mocking of a king), “Long live!,” in other contexts it is a mere “Hello!” [5897].

## Joy in Christ Jesus

### ***His Birth & Incarnation***

Many rejoice because of His birth and incarnation (Matt. 2:10-11; Luke 1:13-14, 26-28).

*Matthew 2:10-11 ... 10 When they [the Magi] saw the star, they **\*rejoiced** exceedingly with great joy. 11 After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (NASB95)*

*Luke 1:13-14 ... 13 But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John. 14 “You will have joy and gladness, and many will **\*rejoice** at his birth. (NASB95)*

*Luke 1:26-28 ... 26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. 28 And coming in, he said to her, “**\*Greetings**, favored one! The Lord is with you.” (NASB95)*

## **His Ministry & Message**

Many rejoice because of His ministry and message (Luke 19:1-10, esp. vs. 6; John 3:25-30, esp. vs. 29).

*Luke 19:1-10 ... 1 He entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich. 3 Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature. 4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way. 5 When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house." 6 And he hurried and came down and received Him **\*gladly**. 7 When they saw it, they all began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." 8 Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much." 9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." (NASB95)*

*John 3:25-30 ... 25 Therefore there arose a discussion on the part of John's disciples with a Jew about purification. 26 And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified, behold, He is baptizing and all are coming to Him." 27 John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven. 28 "You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent ahead of Him.' 29 "He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, **\*rejoices** greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full. 30 "He must increase, but I must decrease. (NASB95)*

## **His Miracles & Wonders**

Many rejoice because of His miracles and wonders (Luke 13:10-17, esp. vs. 17; 19:37-38; John 11:11-15).

*Luke 13:10-17 ... 10 And He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all. 12 When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your sickness." 13 And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she was made erect again and began glorifying God. 14 But the synagogue official, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, began saying to the crowd in response, "There are six days in which work should be done; so come during them and get healed, and not on the Sabbath day." 15 But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites, does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the stall and lead him away to water him? 16 "And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?" 17 As He said this, all*

*His opponents were being humiliated; and the entire crowd was **\*rejoicing** over all the glorious things being done by Him. (NASB95)*

*Luke 19:37-38 ... 37 As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God **\*joyfully** with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, 38 shouting: “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” (NASB95)*

*John 11:11-15 ... 11 This He said, and after that He said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I go, so that I may awaken him out of sleep.” 12 The disciples then said to Him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” 13 Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that He was speaking of literal sleep. 14 So Jesus then said to them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, 15 and **I am \*glad** for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe; but let us go to him.” (NASB95)*

### **His Promise & Purpose**

Many rejoice because of His promise and purpose (John 8:56-58; Rev. 19:6-7).

*John 8:56-58 ... 56 “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was **\*glad**.” 57 So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” 58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.” (NASB95)*

*Revelation 19:6-7 ... 6 Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. 7 “Let us **\*rejoice** and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.” (NASB95)*

### **His Resurrection & Ascension**

Many rejoice because of His resurrection and ascension (John 14:25-31; 16:19-22; 20:19-20).

*John 14:25-31 ... 25 “These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. 26 “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. 27 “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful. 28 “You heard that I said to you, ‘I go away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved Me, you would have **\*rejoiced** because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29 “Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe. 30 “I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me; 31 but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. Get up, let us go from here. (NASB95)*

*John 16:19-22 ... 19 Jesus knew that they wished to question Him, and He said to them, "Are you deliberating together about this, that I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me'?" 20 "Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will **\*rejoice**; you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy. 21 "Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world. 22 "Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will **\*rejoice**, and no one will take your joy away from you. (NASB95)*

*John 20:19-20 ... 19 So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then **\*rejoiced** when they saw the Lord. (NASB95)*

## **The Joy of Salvation**

### **In Conversion**

There is joy in conversion (Luke 10:17-20; Acts 8:35-39; 11:21-24).

*Luke 10:17-20 ... 17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." 18 And He said to them, "I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. 19 "Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you. 20 "Nevertheless do not **\*rejoice** in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but **\*rejoice** that your names are recorded in heaven." (NASB95)*

*Acts 8:35-39 ... 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. 36 As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" 37 [And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." ] 38 And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way **\*rejoicing**. (NASB95)*

*Acts 11:21-24 ... 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord. 22 The news about them reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch. 23 Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he **\*rejoiced** and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord; 24 for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord. (NASB95)*

## **In Restoration**

There is joy in restoration (Matt. 18:12-14; Luke 15:1-7, 11-32; 2 Cor. 2:1-4; 7:5-16).

*Matthew 18:12-14 ... 12 “What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying? 13 “If it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he **\*rejoices** over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray. 14 “So it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish. (NASB95)*

*Luke 15:1-7 ... 1 Now all the tax collectors and the sinners were coming near Him to listen to Him. 2 Both the Pharisees and the scribes began to grumble, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” 3 So He told them this parable, saying, 4 “What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? 5 “When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, **\*rejoicing**. 6 “And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ 7 “I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. (NASB95)*

*Luke 15:11-32 ... 11 And He said, “A man had two sons. 12 “The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me.’ So he divided his wealth between them. 13 “And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living. 14 “Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be impoverished. 15 “So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 “And he would have gladly filled his stomach with the pods that the swine were eating, and no one was giving anything to him. 17 “But when he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger! 18 ‘I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.” ’ 20 “So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. 21 “And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ 22 “But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet; 23 and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24 for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’ And they began to celebrate. 25 “Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 “And he summoned one of the servants and began inquiring what these things could be. 27 “And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has received him back safe and sound.’ 28 “But he became angry and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and began pleading with him. 29 “But he*

answered and said to his father, 'Look! For so many years I have been serving you and I have never neglected a command of yours; and yet you have never given me a young goat, so that I might celebrate with my friends; 30 but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him.' 31 "And he said to him, 'Son, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 'But we had to celebrate and **\*rejoice**, for this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found.' " (NASB95)

2 Corinthians 2:1-4 ... 1 But I determined this for my own sake, that I would not come to you in sorrow again. 2 For if I cause you sorrow, who then makes me glad but the one whom I made sorrowful? 3 This is the very thing I wrote you, so that when I came, I would not have sorrow from those who ought to make me **\*rejoice**; having confidence in you all that my joy would be the joy of you all. 4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears; not so that you would be made sorrowful, but that you might know the love which I have especially for you. (NASB95)

2 Corinthians 7:5-16 ... 5 For even when we came into Macedonia our flesh had no rest, but we were afflicted on every side: conflicts without, fears within. 6 But God, who comforts the depressed, comforted us by the coming of Titus; 7 and not only by his coming, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted in you, as he reported to us your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me; so that I **\*rejoiced** even more. 8 For though I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it—for I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while— 9 I now **\*rejoice**, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. 10 For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death. 11 For behold what earnestness this very thing, this godly sorrow, has produced in you: what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what avenging of wrong! In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter. 12 So although I wrote to you, it was not for the sake of the offender nor for the sake of the one offended, but that your earnestness on our behalf might be made known to you in the sight of God. 13 For this reason we have been comforted. And besides our comfort, we **\*rejoiced** even much more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. 14 For if in anything I have boasted to him about you, I was not put to shame; but as we spoke all things to you in truth, so also our boasting before Titus proved to be the truth. 15 His affection abounds all the more toward you, as he remembers the obedience of you all, how you received him with fear and trembling. 16 I **\*rejoice** that in everything I have confidence in you. (NASB95)

## **The Joy of Discipleship**

### ***In Attitude & Demeanor***

Disciples manifest joy in attitude and demeanor (Rom. 12:10-13, 15; 2 Cor. 13:11; Phil. 3:1; 4:4; 1 Thess. 5:16-18).

*Romans 12:10-13 ... 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; 11 not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 **\*rejoicing** in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, 13 contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality. (NASB95)*

*Romans 12:15 ... 15 **\*Rejoice** with those who **\*rejoice**, and weep with those who weep. (NASB95)*

*2 Corinthians 13:11 ... 11 Finally, brethren, **\*rejoice**, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. (NASB95)*

*Philippians 3:1 ... 1 Finally, my brethren, **\*rejoice** in the Lord. To write the same things again is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you. (NASB95)*

*Philippians 4:4 ... 4 **\*Rejoice** in the Lord always; again I will say, **\*rejoice!** (NASB95)*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ... 16 **\*Rejoice** always; 17 pray without ceasing; 18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (NASB95)*

## **In Action & Obedience**

Disciples manifest joy in action and obedience (Rom. 16:19; Col. 2:5; 1 Thess. 3:6-10; 2 John 4; 3 John 2-4).

*Romans 16:19 ... 19 For the report of your obedience has reached to all; therefore I am **\*rejoicing** over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil. (NASB95)*

*Colossians 2:5 ... 5 For even though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, **\*rejoicing** to see your good discipline and the stability of your faith in Christ. (NASB95)*

*1 Thessalonians 3:6-10 ... 6 But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always think kindly of us, longing to see us just as we also long to see you, 7 for this reason, brethren, in all our distress and affliction we were comforted about you through your faith; 8 for now we really live, if you stand firm in the Lord. 9 For what thanks can we render to God for you in return for all the joy with which we **\*rejoice** before our God on your account, 10 as we night and day keep praying most earnestly that we may see your face, and may complete what is lacking in your faith? (NASB95)*

*2 John 4 ... 4 I was very **\*glad** to find some of your children walking in truth, just as we have received commandment to do from the Father. (NASB95)*

*3 John 2-4 ... 2 Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers. 3 For I was very **\*glad** when brethren came and*

*testified to your truth, that is, how you are walking in truth. 4 I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth. (NASB95)*

## ***In Evangelism & Preaching***

Disciples manifest joy in evangelism and preaching (Acts 13:46-49; 15:30-32; 1 Cor. 13:4-7; Phil. 1:15-18).

*Acts 13:46-49 ... 46 Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first; since you repudiate it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. 47 "For so the Lord has commanded us, 'I have placed You as a light for the Gentiles, That You may bring salvation to the end of the earth.' " 48 When the Gentiles heard this, they began **\*rejoicing** and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region. (NASB95)*

*Acts 15:30-32 ... 30 So when they were sent away, they went down to Antioch; and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. 31 When they had read it, they **\*rejoiced** because of its encouragement. 32 Judas and Silas, also being prophets themselves, encouraged and strengthened the brethren with a lengthy message. (NASB95)*

*1 Corinthians 13:4-7 ... 4 Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, 5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, 6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but **\*rejoices** with the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (NASB95)*

*Philippians 1:15-18 ... 15 Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will; 16 the latter do it out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel; 17 the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my imprisonment. 18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I **\*rejoice**. Yes, and I will **\*rejoice**, (NASB95)*

## ***In Fellowship & Benevolence***

Disciples manifest joy in fellowship and benevolence (1 Cor. 16:17-18; Phil. 4:10-14).

*1 Corinthians 16:17-18 ... 17 I **\*rejoice** over the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have supplied what was lacking on your part. 18 For they have refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. (NASB95)*

*Philippians 4:10-14 ... 10 But I **\*rejoiced** in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned before, but you lacked opportunity. 11 Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. 12 I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how*

*to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. 13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. 14 Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my affliction. (NASB95)*

## **In Persecution & Suffering**

Disciples manifest joy in persecution and suffering (Matt. 5:12; Luke 6:22-23; Acts 5:40-42; 1 Cor. 7:29-31; 1 Pet. 4:12-14).

*Matthew 5:12 ... 12 “\*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (NASB95)*

*Luke 6:22-23 ... 22 “Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and insult you, and scorn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. 23 “Be \*glad in that day and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. For in the same way their fathers used to treat the prophets. (NASB95)*

*Acts 5:40-42 ... 40 They took his advice; and after calling the apostles in, they flogged them and ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and then released them. 41 So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, \*rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name. 42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ. (NASB95)*

*1 Corinthians 7:29-31 ... 29 But this I say, brethren, the time has been shortened, so that from now on those who have wives should be as though they had none; 30 and those who weep, as though they did not weep; and those who \*rejoice, as though they did not \*rejoice; and those who buy, as though they did not possess; 31 and those who use the world, as though they did not make full use of it; for the form of this world is passing away. (NASB95)*

*1 Peter 4:12-14 ... 12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; 13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on \*rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. 14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. (NASB95)*

## **In Sacrifice & Service**

Disciples manifest joy in sacrifice and service (John 4:34-38; 2 Cor. 6:4-10; 13:9-10; Col. 1:24; Phil. 2:17-18, 25-30).

*John 4:34-38 ... 34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work. 35 “Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are*

white for harvest. 36 “Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may **\*rejoice** together. 37 “For in this case the saying is true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ 38 “I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labor.” (NASB95)

2 Corinthians 6:4-10 ... 4 but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, 5 in beatings, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger, 6 in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love, 7 in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left, 8 by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; regarded as deceivers and yet true; 9 as unknown yet well-known, as dying yet behold, we live; as punished yet not put to death, 10 as sorrowful yet always **\*rejoicing**, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing yet possessing all things. (NASB95)

2 Corinthians 13:9-10 ... 9 For we **\*rejoice** when we ourselves are weak but you are strong; this we also pray for, that you be made complete. 10 For this reason I am writing these things while absent, so that when present I need not use severity, in accordance with the authority which the Lord gave me for building up and not for tearing down. (NASB95)

Colossians 1:24 ... 24 Now I **\*rejoice** in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions. (NASB95)

Philippians 2:17-18 ... 17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I **\*rejoice** and share my joy with you all. 18 You too, I urge you, **\*rejoice** in the same way and share your joy with me. (NASB95)

Philippians 2:25-30 ... 25 But I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger and minister to my need; 26 because he was longing for you all and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick. 27 For indeed he was sick to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, so that I would not have sorrow upon sorrow. 28 Therefore I have sent him all the more eagerly so that when you see him again you may **\*rejoice** and I may be less concerned about you. 29 Receive him then in the Lord with all joy, and hold men like him in high regard; 30 because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was deficient in your service to me. (NASB95)

## **In Communication & Greetings**

Disciples manifest joy in communication and greetings (Matt. 28:8-9; Acts 15:22-23; 23:25-27; James 1:1).

*Matthew 28:8-9 ... 8 And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and **\*greeted** them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. (NASB95)*

*Acts 15:22-23 ... 22 Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas— Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren, 23 and they sent this letter by them, “The apostles and the brethren who are elders, to the brethren in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia who are from the Gentiles, **\*greetings**. (NASB95)*

*Acts 23:25-27 ... 25 And he wrote a letter having this form: 26 “Claudius Lysias, to the most excellent governor Felix, **\*greetings**. 27 “When this man was arrested by the Jews and was about to be slain by them, I came up to them with the troops and rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman. (NASB95)*

*James 1:1 ... 1 James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad: **\*Greetings**. (NASB95)*

## **Sinful Joy**

### **Betrayal of Christ**

Sinful joy was manifested at the betrayal of Christ (Mark 14:1-11, esp. vs. 11; Luke 22:1-6, esp. vs. 5; cf. John 12:1-8; Matt. 26:47-50).

*Mark 14:1-11 ... 1 Now the Passover and Unleavened Bread were two days away; and the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to seize Him by stealth and kill Him; 2 for they were saying, “Not during the festival, otherwise there might be a riot of the people.” 3 While He was in Bethany at the home of Simon the leper, and reclining at the table, there came a woman with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume of pure nard; and she broke the vial and poured it over His head. 4 But some were indignantly remarking to one another, “Why has this perfume been wasted? 5 “For this perfume might have been sold for over three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they were scolding her. 6 But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you bother her? She has done a good deed to Me. 7 “For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them; but you do not always have Me. 8 “She has done what she could; she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial. 9 “Truly I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her.” 10 Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went off to the chief priests in order to betray Him to them. 11 They were **\*glad** when they heard this, and promised to give him money. And he began seeking how to betray Him at an opportune time. (NASB95)*

*Luke 22:1-6 ... 1 Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. 2 The chief priests and the scribes were seeking how they might put Him to death; for they were afraid of the people. 3 And Satan entered into Judas who was called*

*Iscariot, belonging to the number of the twelve. 4 And he went away and discussed with the chief priests and officers how he might betray Him to them. 5 They were \*glad and agreed to give him money. 6 So he consented, and began seeking a good opportunity to betray Him to them apart from the crowd. (NASB95)*

*John 12:1-8 ... 1 Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 So they made Him a supper there, and Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with Him. 3 Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, said, 5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor people?" 6 Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it. 7 Therefore Jesus said, "Let her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial. 8 "For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me." (NASB95)*

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*Matthew 26:47-50 ... 47 While He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, came up accompanied by a large crowd with swords and clubs, who came from the chief priests and elders of the people. 48 Now he who was betraying Him gave them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him." 49 Immediately Judas went to Jesus and said, "\*Hail, Rabbi!" and kissed Him. 50 And Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you have come for." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him. (NASB95)*

## **Passion of Christ**

Sinful joy was manifested at the passion of Christ (Matt. 27:24-32, esp. vs. 29; Mark 15:15-21 , esp. vs. 18; John 19:1-3; Luke 23:8-12, esp. vs. 8).

*Matthew 27:24-32 ... 24 When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see to that yourselves." 25 And all the people said, "His blood shall be on us and on our children!" 26 Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified. 27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole Roman cohort around Him. 28 They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. 29 And after twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they knelt down before Him and mocked Him, saying, "\*Hail, King of the Jews!" 30 They spat on Him, and took the reed and began to beat Him on the head. 31 After they had mocked Him, they took the scarlet robe off Him and put His own garments back on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him. 32 As they were coming out, they found a man of Cyrene named Simon, whom they pressed into service to bear His cross. (NASB95)*

*Mark 15:15-21 ... 15 Wishing to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified. 16 The soldiers*

took Him away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium), and they called together the whole Roman cohort. 17 They dressed Him up in purple, and after twisting a crown of thorns, they put it on Him; 18 and they began to acclaim Him, “\*Hail, King of the Jews!” 19 They kept beating His head with a reed, and spitting on Him, and kneeling and bowing before Him. 20 After they had mocked Him, they took the purple robe off Him and put His own garments on Him. And they led Him out to crucify Him. 21 They pressed into service a passer-by coming from the country, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), to bear His cross. (NASB95)

John 19:1-3 ... 1 Pilate then took Jesus and scourged Him. 2 And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and put a purple robe on Him; 3 and they began to come up to Him and say, “\*Hail, King of the Jews!” and to give Him slaps in the face. (NASB95)

Luke 23:6-12 ... 6 When Pilate heard it, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. 7 And when he learned that He belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who himself also was in Jerusalem at that time. 8 Now Herod was very \*glad when he saw Jesus; for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some sign performed by Him. 9 And he questioned Him at some length; but He answered him nothing. 10 And the chief priests and the scribes were standing there, accusing Him vehemently. 11 And Herod with his soldiers, after treating Him with contempt and mocking Him, dressed Him in a gorgeous robe and sent Him back to Pilate. 12 Now Herod and Pilate became friends with one another that very day; for before they had been enemies with each other. (NASB95)

## **Persecution of Saints**

Sinful joy was manifested at the persecution of saints (Rev. 11:1-13, esp. vs. 10).

Revelation 11:1-13 ... 1 Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, “Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it. 2 “Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months. 3 “And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.” 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. 5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way. 6 These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire. 7 When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them. 8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. 9 Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb. 10 And those who dwell on the earth will \*rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets

*tormented those who dwell on the earth. 11 But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them. 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them. 13 And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. (NASB95)*

## **Betrayal of Cause**

Sinful joy is manifested at the betrayal of the cause (2 John 7-11; cf. Ps. 129:5-8).

*2 John 7-11 ... 7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. 8 Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward. 9 Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a **\*greeting**; 11 for the one who gives him a **\*greeting** participates in his evil deeds. (NASB95)*

*Psalm 129:5-8 ... 5 May all who hate Zion Be put to shame and turned backward; 6 Let them be like grass upon the housetops, Which withers before it grows up; 7 With which the reaper does not fill his hand, Or the binder of sheaves his bosom; 8 Nor do those who pass by say, "The blessing of the Lord be upon you; We bless you in the name of the Lord." (NASB95)*