

# 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.”

## Joy in Christ Jesus

- Many rejoice because of His birth and incarnation (Matt. 2:10-11; Luke 1:13-14, 26-28).
- Many rejoice because of His ministry and message (Luke 19:1-10, esp. vs. 6; John 3:25-30, esp. vs. 29).
- Many rejoice because of His miracles and wonders (Luke 13:10-17, esp. vs. 17; 19:37-38; John 11:11-15).
- Many rejoice because of His promise and purpose (John 8:56-58; Rev. 19:6-7).
- Many rejoice because of His resurrection and ascension (John 14:25-31; 16:19-22; 20:19-20).

## The Joy of Salvation

- There is joy in conversion (Luke 10:17-20; Acts 8:35-39; 11:21-24).
- There is joy in restoration (Matt. 18:12-14; Luke 15:1-7, 11-32; 2 Cor. 2:1-4; 7:5-16).

## The Joy of Discipleship

- 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).
- 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).
- Disciples manifest joy in evangelism and preaching (Acts 13:46-49; 15:30-32; 1 Cor. 13:4-7; Phil. 1:15-18).
- Disciples manifest joy in fellowship and benevolence (1 Cor. 16:17-18; Phil. 4:10-14).
- 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).
- 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).
- Disciples manifest joy in communication and greetings (Matt. 28:8-9; Acts 15:22-23; 23:25-27; James 1:1).

## **Sinful Joy**

- 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).
- 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).
- Sinful joy was manifested at the persecution of saints (Rev. 11:1-13, esp. vs. 10).
- Sinful joy is manifested at the betrayal of the cause (2 John 7-11; cf. Ps. 129:5-8).