

## The Spirit of The Gospel is JOY!

The spirit of the gospel is optimistic; it trusts in God and looks on the bright side of things. The opposite or pessimistic spirit drags men down and away from God, looks on the dark side, murmurs, complains, and is slow to yield obedience.

Orson F. Whitney

Isn't that the truth, when we are truly abiding in Christ we really should be optimistic and joyful, shouldn't we?

**"This is the very day of the Lord that brings gladness and joy, filling our hearts with glee."**

**Psalms 118:24 TPT**

The Bible tells us over and over to be joyful and rejoice. Do you ever stop to ask yourself why? Why should I be so happy like the Bible tells me? What reason do I have to always be joyful?

**"Be cheerful with joyous celebration in every season of life. Let joy overflow, for you are united with the Anointed One!"**

**Philippians 4:4 TPT**

We should rejoice because we know Christ and have Him living in us, and we have salvation through Him...

**"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels."**

**Isaiah 61:10 ESV**

Even Jesus himself tells us to rejoice and why...

**"However, your real source of joy isn't merely that these spirits submit to your authority, but that your names are written in the journals of heaven and that you belong to God's kingdom. This is the true source of your authority."**

**Luke 10:20 TPT**

There are SO many reasons to rejoice in Christ. We really should be able to bring a smile to our faces even on the darkest of days simply by focusing on Him and what he has done for us...

**"We may suffer, yet in every season we are always found rejoicing. We may be poor, yet we bestow great riches on many. We seem to have nothing, yet in reality we possess all things."**

**2 Corinthians 6:10 TPT**

I truly believe that Jesus wants us to be happy. He didn't come to earth to die on a cross so that we may live miserable lives filled with worries and fears, that's what the Devil wants...

**"The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)."**

**John 10:10 AMPC**

Jesus came to earth and died in our place and rose again, so that we may have joyful lives here as we focus on Him and what's to come...

**“but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!”**

**Luke 2:10-11 NLT**

I truly believe when we are trusting in God and our faith is strong in Jesus Christ, that we can't help but be filled with the Peace and Joy of knowing Him...

**“I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!”**

**John 15:11 NLT**

My prayer for us today is that we allow the Spirit of the Gospel to fill us to overflowing with Joy, as we put all our Hope and Trust in Jesus and His promises to us....

**“Now may God, the inspiration and fountain of hope, fill you to overflowing with uncontainable joy and perfect peace as you trust in him. And may the power of the Holy Spirit continually surround your life with his super-abundance until you radiate with hope!”**

**Romans 15:13 TPT**

**Amen**