

# Biblical Answers -- Week 24

## JOY

John 16:19 Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'?" 20 I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. 21 A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. 22 So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. 23 In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. NIV

- \_\_\_\_\_ is the greatest fruit of the Spirit.
- Chara (joy) is used some 70 times in the New Testament, always to signify a feeling of happiness that is based on \_\_\_\_\_ realities.

So what is joy to you today?

- Joy is the deep-down sense of \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ that abides in the heart of the person who knows all is well between himself and the Lord.
- Satan's greatest pleasure is to try to \_\_\_\_\_ us from the love of God because of sin and to put an end to any joy we might have in life.
- Joy is the inevitable overflow of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and of the believer's knowing His \_\_\_\_\_.
- Joy sometimes is greatest when those circumstances are the most \_\_\_\_\_ and severe.
- It is not fulfilled in a believer's life except through \_\_\_\_\_ on and obedience to the Lord.
- \_\_\_\_\_ has a human origin based on circumstances.
- Joy is a \_\_\_\_\_ gift who's source is God.

Where does this joy come from?

1. Joy comes and can fill us when times are \_\_\_\_\_ or bad.
2. Joy comes from the Holy Spirit. It's not of our own efforts, or \_\_\_\_\_, or our feelings, or how we were raised.

3. Joy comes from knowing I am a part of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - God must be the \_\_\_\_\_ of my joy.
  - Take advantage of your liberty with joy and \_\_\_\_\_, because it is a precious gift from God.
  
4. The joy we have comes from God's \_\_\_\_\_.  
When God sets someone free \_\_\_\_\_ is in order.
  
5. Joy comes from my ability, by faith, to \_\_\_\_\_ God.
  - It expresses the apostle's deep desire for all believers to have total \_\_\_\_\_ satisfaction in their beloved Savior and Lord.
  - Joy comes when I am \_\_\_\_\_ with the life God has granted me and I live it to the fullest, by faith, as I grow spiritually mature.
  
6. Joy comes from being spirituality \_\_\_\_\_.  
I become \_\_\_\_\_ in God's promises and his presence in my life.
  
7. Joy comes from God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  
8. Joy is the \_\_\_\_\_ that God loves us and wants to give us good things as His children.

What is God showing the world?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ enjoyment is a poor enjoyment.
  2. His \_\_\_\_\_ is the source of all joy.
- As we run the race of the Christian life, we can run in the joyful anticipation of that same reward--the crown of righteousness, which one day we can cast at His feet as evidence of our eternal love for Him.
  - We do not live in our own \_\_\_\_\_ but in His, just as on earth He did not live in His own power, but in the Father's.