

JOY | MINE IN CHRIST



PART 1

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THE LAST WHILE

✓ **Matthew 5:3** “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

- ✓ **Waiting on God** is active trust and hopeful expectation in His timing, plan, and promises, accompanied by patience, prayer, and faith.
- ✓ Rely on His character, personhood, goodness, love and *HY WEET BETER*
- ✓ **qâvâh** A primitive root; to bind together (perhaps by twisting)

REST [PEACE] AND JOY



GOD'S JOY

Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior. He will rejoice over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy..* / He will delight in you with singing.

2. Joy: Foundation -

2.1 Romans 14:17 basis -

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Context:

Romans 14:19 Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. 20 Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a person to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble. 21 It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall. 22 So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who does not condemn himself by what he approves. 23 But whoever has doubts is condemned if they eat, because their eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.

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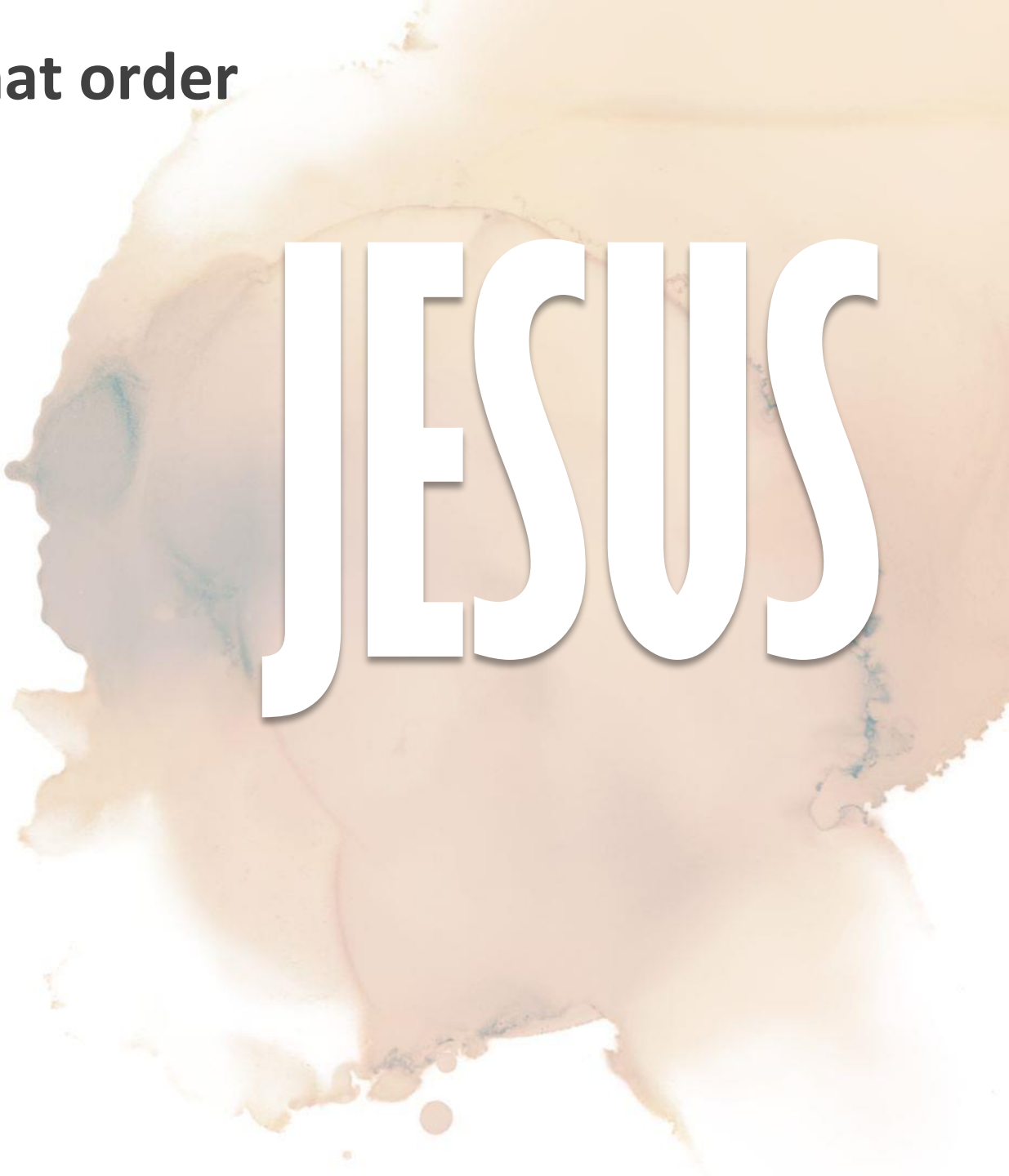
WHO NEEDS MORE JOY ?

Righteousness, peace and joy - in that order

✓ Who gives righteousness?

✓ He is our righteousness

✓ Right standing with God

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JESUS

Psalm 32 The Joy of Forgiveness

1 How joyful is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! 2 How joyful is the man the LORD does not charge with sin and in whose spirit is no deceit!

... 11 Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous ones; shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

The truest, purest joy flows from a discovery of Jesus Christ. He is the hidden treasure that gives such joy to the finder.

ROBERT MURRAY MC'CHEYNE, LETTERS TO A SOUL SEEKING CHRIST



2.2 Definition: Joy -

śimchâh sim-khaw'

From H8056; blithesomeness or glee, (religious or festival): - exceeding (-ly), gladness, joy (-fulness), mirth, pleasure, rejoice

Joy in the Hebrew context is connected to God's presence, salvation, and His works among His people (Psalm 16:11).

Chara khar-ah'

From G5463; cheerfulness, that is, calm delight: - gladness, X greatly, (X be exceeding) joy (-ful, -fully, -fulness)

It is frequently linked with spiritual joy from faith in Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22). This joy is not dependent on circumstances but is rooted in the believer's relationship with God.

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produced by the Holy Spirit, as he causes us to
see the beauty of Christ in the word and in the
world. John Piper



3. Let's think together:

If we say:

“We lack joy”

“We want to live in the fulness of Kingdom joy..”

Yet, we know:

1. Joy is a fruit of the Spirit and joy is not dependent on circumstances but is rooted in the believer's relationship with God.

2. Joy is a good feeling in the soul, produced by the Holy Spirit, as he causes us to see the beauty of Christ in the word and in the world.

Then, we realise: **Joy has a lot to do with how and what we think.**

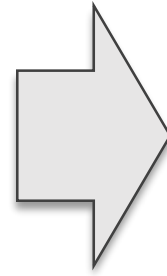
3.1 Scriptural:

Romans 12 | A Living Sacrifice

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be **transformed by the renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what is **the will of God**, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3.2 Practical example -

I have very little to no money



Freak out, fear, no peace, no joy

I turn to God | Word, Spirit, body



Transformation of my thinking over time takes place | *My neurological ways* change because of His Spirit, His truth, His love – He changes me

I have very little to no money, confronted by needs and pressure



I know Him, His Word, His Father heart and ways. I remind myself of His testimonies. I think correctly. I continue in true JOY in spite of circumstances. I see Him come through and be faithful again and again and again...

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TRUTH STATEMENT

LET'S PRAY



ARISE, SHINE

YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

LET'S PRAY

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.