

A Theology of Rejoicing

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God commands us to rejoice. - 2 Corinthians 13:11; Deuteronomy 28:47; Nehemiah 8:10; Proverbs 17:21

Rejoicing (or joy) is gladness of heart. – Psalm 5:11; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; 2 Corinthians 6:10

We are to rejoice all the time. - 1 Thessalonians 5:16

Take responsibility for being joyful in every situation.

We are to rejoice in the Lord. – Philippians 4:4

Put your eyes on God in Christ!

We are to rejoice in His gracious salvation in Jesus. – Isaiah 61:10

Preach the gospel to yourself.

We are to rejoice that God is our help. – Psalm 63:7

Remember and go to God for help.

We are to rejoice that God is our happiness. – Psalm 16:11

Remember and fix your hope on the joy set before us.

We are to rejoice that God rejoices over us. – Isaiah 62:5

Think on the amazing truth that God is rejoicing and rejoicing over us!

We are to rejoice that God is rejoicing to do us good. – Jeremiah 32:41

Cultivate the faith that God is for you.

We are to rejoice by trusting in God's name. – Psalm 33:21

Get to know God better; to know Him is to trust Him; to trust Him is to rejoice in Him!

We are to rejoice by trusting in His love for us. – Psalm 13:5; Psalm 90:14

Cultivate your belief that God loves you.

We are to rejoice in all that God has promised us in His Word. - Psalm 119:162

Remind yourself of all that God has promised us in Christ.

We are to rejoice because of God's good gifts to us. – Deuteronomy 26:11

Be thankful for what God has given and trace all the good back to God as an imperfect reflection of His infinite goodness and glory.

We are to rejoice because of God's goodness to us and others through people as imperfect as it may be. – 1 Corinthians 16:17; Proverbs 5:18; Philippians 1:18

Let your joy in others translate into joy in God, however imperfect the circumstances may be.

We are to rejoice in our work. – Ecclesiastes 5:19

Take pleasure in your work and trace your joy in your work back to God.

We are to rejoice in God's good sovereignty over everything and every day. – Psalm 118:24

Take each day as a day designed by God and trace the good things back to Him.

We are to rejoice at the favor God has granted us in the eyes of others. – Ezra 6:22

Trace the favor of people back to God.

We are to rejoice because of the evidences of grace in our lives and in the lives of others. -1 Chronicles 29:9; Luke 15:32; Acts 11:23; Romans 12:15; 1 Corinthians 12:26; John 14:28

Look for and be glad about the grace you see in your life and in the lives of others.

We are to rejoice in suffering. - James 1:2; Job 6:10; Matthew 5:12; Luke 10:20; John 16:20; Colossians 1:24; 1 Peter 4:13

We are to rejoice in God's ultimate justice. – Psalm 58:10

Be glad that one day all evil and suffering will be done away with and every wrong made right.

Unbelief (failure to trust) and disobedience (failure to love) rob us of our joy in God. – Romans 15:13; Psalm 45:7; Psalm 51:12; John 15:11; John 16:24; Galatians 5:22

Fight to rejoice by feeding on God's Word and praying that you will trust God's truth and promises and obey His commands more and more.