

救恩之樂

The Joy of Salvation!

1 Thessalonians 5:16, Psalm 51:12

帖撒罗尼迦前书5:16, 诗篇51:12

...The only person in the world who has the right to be truly happy at any given moment is the Christian .

Joy vs. Happiness?

Jeremiah 31:13

*“I will turn their mourning into gladness (happiness);
I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.”*

No distinction according to the biblical authors.

*Joy is an emotion that starts in the heart and often reaches to
bodily experience.*

The Source of Joy?

Isaiah 51:11

*“And the ransomed of the Lord shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
EVERLASTING JOY shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”*

The Source of Joy?

Luke 2:10b-11

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause GREAT JOY for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”

The Source of Joy?

The Joy of Salvation in Jesus Christ is the Christian Joy!

The Command to Rejoice!

1 Thessalonians 5:16 - "Always be Joyful."

The 3 reasons for rejoicing in Salvation

1. Salvation in Christ assures that our sins are taken away. (John 19:30)
2. Salvation in Christ assures our relationship with God as sons united with Christ. (Ephesians 1:5)
3. Salvation in Christ assures transformation by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Philippians 1:6)

We can be joyful always because Salvation is forever MINE!!

Be sorrowful, but rejoice always.

2 Corinthians 6:10

“Sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.”

The Christian Joy should always triumph!

Where did my joy go?

1. Unconfessed sin - Go and confess!
2. We forget - Go and meet with Jesus in the Word!
3. We don't ask for it - Go and pray without ceasing for it!

*Give what you command, and then command
whatever you will.*

Prayer of our despairing heart:

Restore to me the joy of Salvation.