INEXPRESSIBLE AND GLORIOUS JOY



Though you have not seen him you love him. And even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are [THEREFORE] filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy for [BECAUSE] you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your soul. (I Peter 1:8)

- ✓ <u>believe</u> in ... <u>love</u> ... THEREFORE
- ✓ JOY (unable to be <u>defined</u>, <u>expressed</u>, or <u>quantified</u>) BECAUSE
- ✓ you are seeing <u>evidence</u> of your <u>goal</u> (salvation) in your daily life

- <u>promise</u> <u>process</u>
- progress

- JOY = <u>happiness</u> (emotion) and <u>hope</u> (anticipation)
- JOY = <u>investment</u> ("believe") and <u>response</u> ("love")
- JOY = certainty of ultimate victory

God's JOY is essentially a <u>result</u> (effect) of his <u>presence</u> and <u>power</u>.

All the <u>badness/sadness/madness</u> is counterbalanced by the <u>gladness</u> of "God within me".

You have made known to me the path of life. You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. (Psalm 16:11)

You have granted him eternal blessings and made him glad with the joy of your presence. (Psalm 21:6)

The Lord is my strength and shield. My heart trusts in him and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song. (Psalm 28:7)

If you obey my commands you will remain in my love ... I have told you this so that MY JOY may be in you and YOUR JOY may be complete. (John 15:9-11)



When your words came, I ate them. They were my joy and my heart's delight. (Jeremiah 15:16)

The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. (Psalm 19:8)

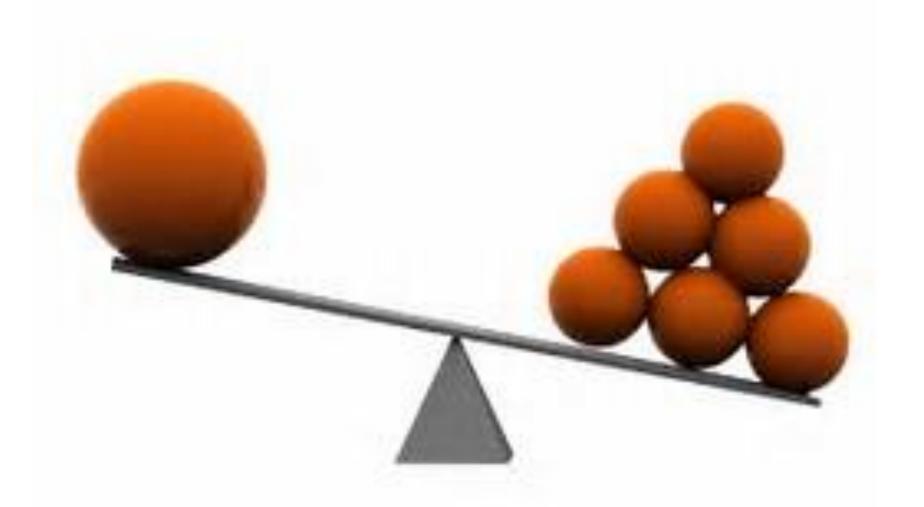
* The JOY of GOD <u>enters</u> my life through the <u>conduit</u> of God's Word.

You have filled my heart with greater joy than when grain and new wine abounds. (Psalm 4:7)

* The JOY of GOD is more rewarding than happy <u>circumstances</u> or material <u>possessions</u>.







GOD'S JOY IS THE **COUNTERWEIGHT**PROVIDING **MOMENTUM** FOR

- hardship and suffering
- growth and maturity
- service and ministry

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