

A PEOPLE OF JOY
Not of This World - Pt 8
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1. As believers, should we expect to be happy or joy filled while living in this sinful and broken world?

1 John 2:15-17 ESV ¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

2. How are we to live as a Joy filled people while still living in this world that is passing away?

Nehemiah 8:10 And Nehemiah continued, “Go and celebrate with a feast of rich foods and sweet drinks, and share gifts of food with people who have nothing prepared. This is a sacred day before our Lord. **Don’t be dejected and sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!**”

1 Peter 1:3-9 ³All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, ⁴and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. ⁵And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see. ⁶So be truly glad. **There is wonderful joy ahead**, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. ⁷These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. ⁸You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, **inexpressible joy**. ⁹The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

3. How do we remain motivated and enthusiastic about living the Christian life and serving others?

There is a chorus from an old spiritual song that has these lyrics:

Happiness Happens
But Joy Abides

John 15:11-12 ¹¹ I have told you these things so that you will be **filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!** ¹² This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.

Romans 5:2 Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we **confidently** and **joyfully** look forward to sharing God's glory.

Psalm 30:4-5

⁴ Sing to the Lord, all you godly ones!

Praise his holy name.

⁵ For his anger lasts only a moment,
but his favor lasts a lifetime!

Weeping may last through the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

Joy Robbers:

1. Sin
2. Satan
3. Sickness
4. Self