

CHRISTIAN JOY

ROMANS 15:13



*Joy is not based on circumstances,
but on relationship with Jesus Christ
and His indwelling Spirit.*

*“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.”*

Romans 15:13

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control**; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”*

Galatians 5:22-24

*Joy does not mean there is always
an absence of sadness or a feeling of
exhilaration.*

Joy is rooted in the knowledge that God loves us unconditionally and has made a way for us to be in unfailing relationship with Him.

*You've heard that God wants you
to be joyful, not necessarily happy.
But the Word teaches us that
God wants us to be joyful **AND** happy.*

*Our happiness should come from
the things that make Him happy.*

“It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”

C.S. Lewis