

## Enter into the Joy of Your Lord

*Hebrews 1-2 Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,<sup>2</sup> looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame....*

### Rejoice in your faith

**Psalm 5:11** Let all those rejoice who put their trust in You;

**1 Peter 1:8** Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory....

### Rejoice in your repentance

**Luke 15:7** There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

**Luke 15:10** There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

### Rejoice in your confession

**Matthew 16:15-17** But who do you say that I am?"<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."<sup>17</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you....

**Matthew 10:32** [Jesus said,] Whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

### Rejoice in your obedience, after your baptism

**Acts 8:39** When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

**Acts 16:33-34** [The jailer had heard the word of the Lord, and had shown his repentance.] Immediately he and all his family were baptized.<sup>34</sup> Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

### Rejoice in your relationship with Christ

**Luke 10:19-20** [Jesus, to the 70] I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

**Rev 19:7** Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

## **Rejoice in your life of service**

**Psalm 100:**1 Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! <sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. <sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. <sup>4</sup> Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. <sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

## **Let others rejoice in your faithfulness**

**Hebrews 13:17** Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

## **Rejoice in your eternal reward**

**Matthew 25:14-30** Parable of the talents (Responsibilities were assigned “to each according to his abilities,” then judgment was made based on their diligence and stewardship.)

**Matthew 25:21** His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' (See also verse 23)

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, <sup>9</sup> receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of *your* souls. (1 Peter 1:6-9)

“My heart rejoices in the LORD; ... I smile at my enemies, because I rejoice in Your salvation. (Hannah, 1 Sam 2:1)

***There’s joy in following the Lord, every step of the way.***

***What will you do for the joy that is set before you (the hope of heaven)?***