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Introductory Thoughts

Philippians 4:4

Tomorrow morning someone you know will be told, "Good morning!"

Far worse are those who claim to be members of the body of Christ who go through this life mumbling to themselves.

Mumbling about life robs us of the joy we need.

A collection of various fruits including a pineapple, apples, oranges, and grapes.

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Joy versus Happiness

The world speaks of being happy.

The Christian should also be happy.

In New Testament times "joy" was a common greeting for the disciples

***Matthew 28:9 – Luke 1:28 – Acts 15:23
2 Corinthians 13:11 – James 1:1***



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A Trait of the Lord

We are striving to be more like Christ.

Christ was a man of joy.

John 15:11 - John 16:22 - John 16:24

Notice the "Sermon on the Mount".

Matthew 5



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Early Christians Were Full of Joy

Acts 13:52

Romans 14:17

Philippians 4:4

1 Thessalonians 5:16

The man of sorrows brought us abundant life.

John 10:10



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Early Christians Were Full of Joy

Jesus talked about His followers becoming little children.

We must learn to trust God for blessings and then we'll be happy.

Matthew 6:25-34



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Concluding Thoughts

Christ came to bring true joy to those with troubled hearts.

The concept of joy is found over 800 times in the Bible.

Paul says in Galatians 5 that we are not to be like the world.

That happens when we belong to Christ.

