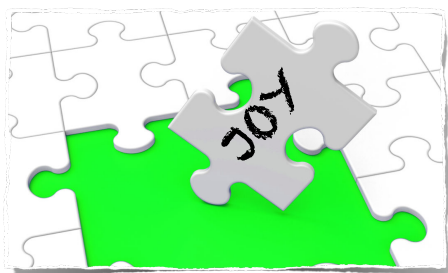


A More Joyful You in '22



1 John 1:1-10

"We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life. This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us. We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy. This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts. **1 John 1:1-10 (NLT)**

"... Don't be dejected and sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!"

Nehemiah 8:10 (NLT)



"We are praying, too, that you will be filled with his mighty, glorious strength so that you can keep going no matter what happens—always full of the joy of the Lord, **Colossians 1:11 (The Living Bible)**

We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy.
1 John 1:4 (NLT)

Joy _____ from
Certainty about Jesus



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How to be more Certain

- Deal with your _____
- Know _____ your faith is believable
- _____ your Bible
- _____ or _____ your faith

"But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. **John 20:31 (NIV84)**

Joy _____ Spiritual
Honesty



“... God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. **1 John 1:5-6 (NLT)**

“If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. **1 John 1:8 (NLT)**

How do we know?

- C _____
- God's W _____
- C _____ of the Holy Spirit

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. **2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)**

“But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. **1**

John 1:9 (NLT)

“Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty! **Psalms 32:1-2 (NLT)**

Joy is fully _____
in Fellowship with others



“But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. **1 John 1:7 (NLT)**