Fullness of JOY! \o/

Luke 2 – GOOD NEWS

¹⁰ And *so* the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great JOY which will be for all the **people**; ¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is ^[h]Christ the Lord.

Greek - CHARA

Joy Rejoicing Happiness Gladness **Bliss**

But What is This Joy About?

Nehemiah 8:10

Then he said to them, "Go, eat of the fat, drink of the sweet, and send portions to him who has nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the JOY of the LORD is your strength."

Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord your God is in your midst, A ^[a]victorious warrior. He will rejoice over YOU with **JOY**, He will ^[b]be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of JOY!!

In His Presence We Are Filled

I have set the LORD continually before me; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will dwell securely. 10 For You will not abandon my soul to [h]Sheol; You will not [i]allow Your [j]Holy One to [k]undergo decay. ¹¹ You will make known to me the way of life; In Your presence is FULLNESS of JOY; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

John 15 – Abide In ME

⁹ Just as the Father has loved Me, I also have loved you; remain in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and remain in His love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

Organic Spirituality – Gal 5:22

But the fruit of the **Spirit** is love, **JOY**, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

Filled With The Spirit of JOY!

Joy is produced BY the PRESENCE of the Holy Spirit – not something temporal or circumstantial

Not casual happiness, not absence of stress, but the presence of upwelling gladness that HE has over us, for us and shares with us and we reflect back to HIM

Jesus + Nothing = EVERYTHING

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- Iavishly blessed by God,

and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY