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- Do we worship here expecting something to happen?
- Do we desire deep loving relationship with each other ...
- overflowing to the unbelieving world outside our doors?
- Will we seek relationship with intention?

How do you describe what is THE JOY OF THE LORD?

What is your experience receiving THE JOY OF THE LORD?

What is your experience reflecting THE JOY OF THE LORD?

Joy is 'the serious business of heaven'. It is a consequence of being preoccupied with the living and indwelling Christ, confident that He will complete His redeeming work in us and through us. Are we there yet? No, but God isn't finished either, so let's pay attention?

(see Philippians 1:3-6)

**Idle Christians get the false impression that God's joy
comes from making them happy.**

That God is there to "help" them be what they want to be.

Am I a "retired Christian" or a Christian retiree?

Happiness is fleeting, joy is permanent.

Joy in a believer is just as permanent as His salvation!

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(a) of men amongst themselves, benignity, benevolence, as shown in mutual benefits; mercy, pity, when referring to those in misfortune, to act kindly

towards, "I will act kindly towards him like unto God." turn, or incline, kindness upon any one, turned kindness upon me before the king," and "and God caused that Daniel should obtain favour."

(b) piety of men towards God.

(c) the grace, favour, mercy of God towards men, constant or abiding favour, mercies or benefits. the sure mercies of David (abiding mercies such as were bestowed on David [or rather, which were securely promised to David]. it seems to signify grace in the sense of beauty)

- (2) in a bad sense, zeal, ardour against any one, envy, hence **reproach**.
- (3) [Hesed], 1 Ki. 4:10. One of Solomon's deputies.

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zeal, love, kindness, benignity, benevolence,

mercy, pity, "turn to", "incline towards"

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mercy 149,

kindness 40,

lovingkindness 30,

goodness 12,

kindly 5,

merciful 4,

favour 3,

good 1,

goodliness 1,

pity 1,

reproach 1,

wicked thing 1

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Do we have a "Hesed" relationship here with each other?
.... With those we are discipling?



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- Relationship (covenantal) that connects the joy in our hearts we have received from the face of God - to one another, to other believers, to the world , and to those we disciple.

(b) **piety** of men towards God.

**Do we seek God's face to make Him happy?
.... Or to receive His joy into ourselves?**



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Are we abiding in the “Joy Of The Lord” in an on-going full-time relationship?

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Ministries

love-based

Is Joy present?