

# GOD IS JOY

## Introduction

***Joy:** a response of delight, great pleasure, and jubilation to seeing the beauty of Christ in the Word and in the world; produced by the Holy Spirit.*

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<p><b>Psalm 16:11</b>            You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.</p>			
<p><b>Isaiah 55:9-12</b>            As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.  <sup>10</sup> As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,  <sup>11</sup> so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.  <sup>12</sup> You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.</p>			

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<p><b>Luke 15:1-10</b></p> <p>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable:</p> <p><sup>4</sup> "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup> and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup> I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."</p> <p><sup>8</sup> "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins<sup>a</sup> and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' <sup>10</sup> In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."</p> <p><i>a. Luke 15:8 – Greek ten drachmas, each worth about a day's wages.</i></p>			

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<b>Hebrews 12:1-2</b> Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.			
<b>What other scriptures come to mind?</b>			

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Psalm 51:12

Galatians 5:22-23

Describe a time when you were filled with joy.

How do you find joy in the midst of the ups and downs of life?

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### **Lecture Notes**

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