

# (Clip) What Is the Christian's Joy

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**Scripture:** John 15:11, John 17:24, Hebrews 12:2, John 14:31, John 17:26

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## Transcript

If you loved me, you would have rejoiced that I am going to the Father. Which means our joy is not the joy that the world gives. He said it about peace explicitly, he means it about joy implicitly.

Not as the world gives do I give to you joy. Oh how different is the foundation of your joy than the world's joy. Infinitely different.

Because your joy is joy in the joy of the Son in the Father. Your joy is being caught up into and participating in the joy that the Father has in the Son and the Son has in the Father. I'm returning to my Father.

I love my Father. I find satisfaction in my Father. I delight in my Father.

I treasure my Father. This is a Vesuvius of joy that is closing now. Would you not partake? The world knows nothing.

Our joy has infinite roots. It is a participation in the very joy of God in God. And mark this.

Remember verse 31. God showed this love between the Father and the Son most clearly at the cross. Let's read verse 31.

I do as the Father has commanded me so that the world may know that I love the Father. We see the love of the Son for the Father in the death of the Son for sinners so that they can participate in the love of the Son for the Father. And the joy between the Son and the Father.

That's the essence of salvation. To draw us out of all lesser joys and bring us into an experience of the very joy of the Son for the Father and the Father for the Son. There isn't a greater joy.

There isn't a greater love than that. And I'm showing it to you now. I want the whole world to know this.

I want the world to know that I love the Father. That's why I'm dying. Wouldn't you rejoice? For the joy set before me, I endure the cross.

Hebrews 12.2 What joy? This joy. I love my Father. I'm going home.

Wouldn't you rejoice with me in that? Yes, you would. If you understood, you would. That's why I'm teaching you all things, John, from these decades later.

Here's the practical meaning of that. Go into bed tonight, okay? Here's what you do. As you get in bed, you say, Father, I praise you for the love that exists between you and your Son, Jesus.

Let's praise you that you love each other. So thankful that you've revealed to me the love between the Father and the Son in the Trinity, in the Godhead. I praise you for the joy that you have in each other.

So I'm mentioning love and I'm mentioning joy. You love each other. You delight in each other.

And I praise you that you are that way. And I realize, because what Pastor John pointed out in verse 31, I realize that this love and this joy is the reason Jesus endured the cross. Because he said he wanted the whole world to know him.

That he loved the Father as he was dying. That's what he wants them to know. So I realize that this love between you and the Son carried him through the cross for my sin.

To bring me up out of my little tiny world of selfishness and groveling around in this world trying to find some satisfaction. You did that for me and therefore my forgiveness, my righteousness, my life utterly depends on this love between you and your Son, Father. And I am glad.

I am glad in your gladness in Jesus and his in you. And I thank you for giving me a taste of it. Amen.

Good night, Jesus. See you in the morning. While I go totally unconscious like a little helpless baby all night long.

And you can be God for me.

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