



November New Year- Joy in the Morning

- **The Bible is loaded with joy**
- **155 verses; 57 in NT; 15 Hebrew words, 8 Greek words**
- **What does the Bible say to us about joy when things are not going the way we want?**

ROMANS 5:1-5

5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; 5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

- **Exult= rejoice/joy; 3 times here**
 - **Rejoice in the hope of the glory of God**
 - **Rejoice in our tribulations**
 - **Rejoice in God through Jesus Christ**

- **We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God because**
 - **We have been justified through Jesus**
 - **We have the keys to grace through Jesus**
 - **Paul talks about grace like its a place where we can live today!**

- **We rejoice in tribulations**
 - **Christianity's joy is rooted in reality**
 - **Christianity's joy is based in Christ's character**
 - **Christianity's joy is fixed in the love of God**

ROMANS 5:5-10

5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

- **How do we know that we can hold on to this joy?**
- **Because of:**
 - **God's love**
 - **Jesus' death**
 - **Our justification**
 - **We've been reconciled**
 - **We will be saved from the wrath of God**

ROMANS 5:11

11 And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

- **We rejoice in God because he is not changed by our circumstances**
- **As he is immovable, so is our joy!**

- **We need to turn over a new leaf of joy in the new year**
- **Christian joy is unique and better bc it allows us to rejoice in our suffering**
- **Joy comes out in our daily and corporate worship**
 - **It doesn't matter how you feel; we worship because God is worthy of our praise whether we feel like it or not!**
- **Since joy is part of the ministry of the Spirit and life in Jesus, it must become part of our daily ministry also**